



The Network

March 2020

From the President Janet Ferreira

Well 6 months into my Presidency I have not yet completed what Helen told me, in no uncertain terms, was my first and most important task, to find myself a successor! So if any of you have Trump like presidential aspirations please let me know as soon as possible.

With the bush fires in the rest of the country and the coronavirus taking a strong hold it feels pretty good to be having another day in isolated but glorious WA! What better place to be in WA than the Nedlands Tennis Club, flogging a ball or having a drink with friends new and old.

Our GDRE Nedlands AMT and Junior Classic 2020, Australian Money and Ranking Tournament, ran from the 19th to 22nd of January. This was once again a huge success with 300 entries and 400 matches played over the 4 days which exceeded our numbers last year. A number of members once again rallied, volunteering their time to support the tournament committee, to ensure the smooth running and particular thanks go to Mel English, Nathalie Smalberger and Barb Nowak (our dazzling dinner lady) for their huge commitment and effort during this event. Last and certainly not least, I would like to extend a huge thanks and our appreciation to Gordon Davies, Gordon Davies Real Estate, who was the naming rights sponsor for the Tournament and provided the prize money for the Australian Money events.

We celebrated Australia Day with a Play and Stay with best dressed being awarded to a visitor Fiona Mofflin, the wife of our Treasurer Dave. So Dave that dress was worth every penny! Our very own Karen Jackson was however hot on her heels!

Our second Round Robin event the Men's and Ladies Open Doubles was held on Sunday the 16th of February and as always was a pleasant afternoon followed by pizza and pints. If you haven't yet pitted yourself against fellow members in one of these highly contested events, rest assured you still have the opportunity with our remaining 2 events the Vets Mens and Ladies Doubles and the Open Mixed Doubles coming up on Sunday 15th March and 5th April. Don't be shy and grab yourself a dance partner or we can set you up.



Our Club Championships were held over the March Labour Day weekend with a strong field of over 30 players and more than 60 entries! All finals are scheduled for Saturday 4th of April so there should be some good tennis on display for those members who are keen to watch them fight it out for those coveted trophies and the chance to have their name in gold!

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Dates to Remember

- 15 March Vets Mens & Ladies
Doubles Round Robin
- 4 April Club Championship
Finals
- 5 April Open Mixed Doubles
Round Robin
- 16 May Awards Night

Committee 2019/20

President:	Janet Ferreira
Vice President:	Neil Croker
Treasurer:	Dave Mofflin
Manager:	John Detwiler
Assistant Manger:	Lucia Agnello

General Committee:

- Helen Morgan (League Coordinator)
- Carolyn Choong (Club Captain Liaison)
- Suresh Sakar
- Nathalie Smalberger (Sponsorship)

Don't forget to get your entries in for the Round Robin Competition



FROM THE PRESIDENT Cont....

In the past couple of weeks we have Installed 'Book a Court' Tennis Australia's online booking platform, albeit without a few teething problems, we have now gone live! Please see the attached letter explaining the finer details. Any change to the old way of doing things always takes some time to get our heads around but this is definitely the way forward and we hope to see an increased income from public court hire in the near future and trust that this transition will be one embraced by members. Any questions about the system can be directed to me or Neil Croker.

Another exciting prospect on the horizon is the launching of our new state of the art website being ably designed by the remarkable Rachel Palmer. So watch this space!

Our Annual Awards night is once again being organised by the incredible team of Rachel and Monika who will be supported by a band of merry helpers! Please save the date 16th May and dust off your dancing shoes for what promises to be another bumper bash! This is also an opportunity for a moment of fame for those who have been placed in one of our Round Robin events or the Club Championships who will receive their prizes.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome John and Lucia aboard as our new manager team and thank Julia Lawrence who stepped up over the summer but could no longer continue due to her University commitments.

Good Luck to all our league teams as we reach the pointy end of the season and remember to keep the prospect of that winning 'Blue Towel' dangling before you! For those less competitive players enjoy the beautiful sunny Saturday afternoons as our summer draws to a close!

Look forward to seeing you all out on court soon.

Janet Ferreira

Club Captain's Report

Carolyn Choong

There is always something for everyone on Saturday afternoons at Nedlands Tennis Club. For those who would like to sit under the shade to watch some competitive tennis being played out between pennant players, for those who have come down to get their daily step counts up at social tennis play, for those who have decided to stop by for a cup of tea and cake and for those who simply want a pre dinner drink or two at twilight. In order for this to happen, there are hardworking elves behind the scenes functioning like a well oiled machine. The duty captains who have come down diligently on time to set out tables and chairs, the set coordinators who have put aside their teenage social lives for an afternoon to make up players sets on court, the person who has made an effort to purchase afternoon tea and make something like 35 cups of tea if not more and wash up all the cups and finally the responsible bar person who stays to serve everyone their drinks, wash up the wine glasses, put them away and lock up the clubhouse. I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers who have always so promptly responded to my duty reminder emails and come together and make our wonderful Saturday social tennis happen week after week!

For those newer members of the club who have yet to come and experience a Saturday afternoon at the club, I urge you to give it a go. It is a lot of fun and be warned .. you will be looking forward to that cup of tea and cake as well as the drink or two every Saturday from then on.

SPONSORS

With the start of the season well underway we have some great sponsors onboard, with other sponsorship opportunities still up for grabs. The Club works with companies to ensure sponsors achieve their sponsorship goals within their budget. Our base packages range from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for Sponsors and Advertisers can have their business logo promoted through our newsletter and website for \$500.

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League News

Helen Morgan

Following a successful first half of the season many teams have suffered from the inevitable injuries which take their toll on players in the second half of the season. The men's Wednesday night Division 3 side has been so debilitated by injury that it led Captain Dave Mofflin, on having an enjoyable game of golf with his aging father, to remark "that it was wonderful to organise a game of sport with someone who was actually fit enough to play".

The Saturday Ladies Division 2 side (Jen Cooke, Jacqui Morgan, Indu Jacob and Janet Ferriera) is the only team sitting in first place on the ladder with the Wednesday Men's Division 2 side and the Wednesday Ladies' Open Division 4 side sitting nicely in second spot. Six other teams are in the top half of the ladder and looking very likely to make the final rounds. The remaining 6 teams although not in the top half of the ladder have so far avoided being relegated to the bottom of the ladder (even the incapacitated and decimated Mofflin team) and with a bit of luck or a miracle some of these teams still have a chance of making it to the final rounds.

Good Luck to all teams that do make the finals and hopefully we will come home with at least one or more Summer shields.

WINTER LEAGUE NOMINATIONS

Although the Summer League competition has not finished and Winter League does not get going until May if you wish to play competition in the winter season you need to return your form by **18th March**.

Winter league nomination forms for the Tennis West Winter League are attached. The links below provide details of the winter league dates and the various competitions offered by Tennis West including some new leagues on offer for the first time.
<https://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2019/06/2019-2020-Tennis-League-Calendar-V3.pdf>
https://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2020/02/2020-Winter-League-Tennis-Formats_.pdf

Please have nominations in by the **18th of March 2020** to allow the League Committee (Warren Vickers, Helen Morgan, Neil Croker, Mel English, Dave Mofflin and Janet Ferriera) to meet to finalise the teams to be submitted to Tennis West by the due date. In order to allow new members to play at the appropriate level and so that players who improve can have the opportunity to move into higher teams, selection at NTC is based primarily on a player's Tennis Australia rating.

If you have any queries or are interested in fielding a team in any competition in which the club has not previously entered teams please discuss with either Helen (0418906997, morgs1@iinet.net.au) or Neil (0438016548, neil.croker@bhpbilliton.com).

MEN'S WEDNESDAY EVENING WINTER INTRACLUB COMPETITION

Once again the highly popular Wednesday evening winter intracub competition will be run for NTC men wishing to play on Wednesday evenings (rather than entering teams in the Tennis West Wednesday night men's competition).

Members interested in participating please contact Neil Croker on 0438016548 or at neil.croker@bhpbilliton.com.

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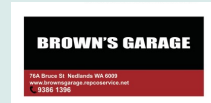
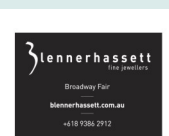
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Summer of Tennis

What a Summer of Tennis it was. The ATP Cup, the Aussie Open and the 2020 Australian Seniors Tennis Championships. Whilst most club members were ensconced in watching the ATP Cup a stalwart band of around a dozen NTC members joined over 1000 players competing in the latter tournament held in Busselton in early January.

Frank Sweeney, Dave Mofflin, Steve Hollier, Tony Morgan and Mike Nowak (referred to as "The Men's team") competed in the Men's over 60s team event. Nathalie Smalberger, Janet Ferreira, Ruhi Lacey, Barbara Nowak and Helen Morgan (referred to as "The Women's team") competed in the Ladies over 50s team event. Peter Schmitt (rather bravely) joined a group of men largely unknown to him to compete in the Men's over 70s team event and Kon Kozak is to be congratulated for supporting his more talented half, Judy, through the teams event and all the way to the semi-final of the Ladies over 60s singles. The 'Men's' and 'Ladies' teams could not have been more different in all aspects.

The men were led by the laconic, but highly organised and experienced team captain of 3 previous Australian Seniors Championships campaigns, Frank Sweeney, whereas the women had to rely on the inexperienced but highly focused (some would say bossy) yours truly to lead them in their campaign.

The men had a large team of 9 including an injured Richard Clarke whose job it was to look after the PR and media commitments of the team. The team chose a strategy of focusing on golf, playing at a different golf course each day, in order to take the pressure off their tennis performances.

The women, with a small team of 5 (we all know President Janet never likes to sit off) could not afford any injury and focused single mindedly on the tennis. Nathalie Smalberger competed in just about every set on every day and arguably played the most tennis out of any entrant in the team's competition. The expression in the photo tells it all.



The men chose to stay in a secluded location deep in the heart of the Ludlow forest (think "Deliverance") much to the amazement of a number of eastern states players who had just managed to escape the rampant bushfires in the east in order to attend the tournament.



The Ladies also chose a secluded location but one situated on the coast to allow for post-match ocean cool downs and strenuous beach running activities (as illustrated) to maintain their fitness in the little time they had off.



Winding Wildwood road had the team "in the zone" for playing winning tennis by the time they arrived at the venue each day. They were sufficiently psyched up with the adrenalin pumping but in no danger of succumbing to nerves on account of being so relieved to have arrived safely at the courts – playing tennis seemed like a breeze in comparison to the nerve racking drive.

When not playing the men chose to live in seclusion, not attend any of the official events and to use their culinary skills to prepare all of their own meals.

The women on the other hand attended official functions (well at least one) making an effort to doll themselves up with you know who looking spectacular in "Camilla" and on the advice of club member Jane Edwards chose a healthy vegan diet mostly prepared by others.



The women being in an 8 pool event where it was imperative to win most matches to be able to compete in the playoff between the first and second team focused on winning every match from the get go.

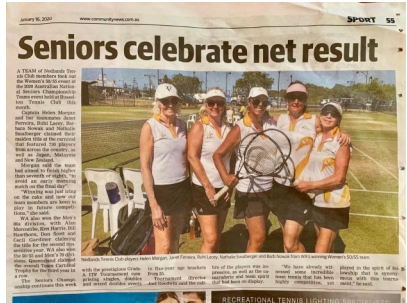
The competition in which the men played allowed Captain Frank the luxury of tanking early matches by playing his weakest team thereby lulling the opposition into a false sense of security so that they were completely overcome later in the week in the replay match when Frank fielded his strongest team. This strategy allowed them to somehow make the finals.

This was very disconcerting for the women who having won every match faced the prospect of losing the finals and having the men end up victorious. It was this fact plus loud cajoling and encouragement by Kon Kozak during their final that gave the women great resolve and led them to be victorious if only by a few games.



Unfortunately the men lost their final!

After "hacking around" and having a jolly time in the first week those in the team events went home and left those more skilful players to compete in the more prestigious individual events held in the second week of the tournament.



Coaches Corner

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Summer season has two rounds remaining before finals and we are hoping our teams make a big push for the end of season glory!

Winter league nominations are now open, in winter we do nominations via sign up sheets rather than formal enrolments. They are in the clubhouse and we require names in by Friday March 20th! Matches are Sunday morning, half at Nedlands and half at opposing clubs. There are competitions for orange ball through to 18/Unders. Please email Warren if your child is interested in playing junior league this winter season and hasn't played before. warren@tennishq.com.au.

JUNIOR CLUB

Friday afternoon is the time to be down at the club if you are a junior tennis player or parent! Our ever popular Junior Club is in full swing and is free for our members and just \$7 for visitors. We also provide food for an additional cost for those wanting the full works! Heaps of parents are having picnics on the lawn or getting some tennis of their own hiring out the spare grass courts. Thanks as always goes to our hardworking coaches who keep the kids entertained and to the NTC volunteers who provide the bar service for the end of week refreshments.

CLUB CHAMPS JUNIOR DOUBLES

We trialled running the singles at the end of term four and we were positive with the response from players. We still have our doubles events which will be round robin, running on Sunday April 5th. Sign up sheets are in the clubhouse. \$10 entry fee.

PARENT CHILD EVENT*

We host an annual parent/child event at the end of term 1, running this year on Friday night April 3rd from 5.30-7.30pm. This is a fun end of season event, we have different ball levels for the kids so we'd love to have as many teams as possible join in. This is a free event, sign up sheets are in the clubhouse. *parent = guardian, uncle, grandma, older sibling, long lost cousin, anyone keen!

PRIVATE GROUPS

In our busy schedules it isn't always possible to juggle activities across multiple formats and multiple kids into one workable week! If our group class times don't quite fit you, why not see if we can fit to your schedule? If you have three or more kids wanting to share a lesson we will do our best to fit in with a time that suits you! We get lots of kids at junior club every Friday who don't do our weekly classes due to clashes. Why not grab your friends and pick a time that suits you, we have information about costs and times for private groups on our website.

ADULT CLASSES

We have been getting loads of new adults joining in this term and we have spaces in a few programs, if you have been delaying getting back into tennis or giving tennis a go, why not now? Autumn is a beautiful time to play, no more hot hot weather but plenty of warm days and perfect nights to be out on court. We have cardio tennis and adult beginner and intermediate lessons available

We hope you have had a great summer of tennis and are looking forward to seeing you on court again soon!

Warren & staff at Tennis HQ

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NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB

Mens & Ladies Vets Round Robin

*Sunday 15th March
1:45pm for a 2pm start
Followed by drinks and food
(\$10 for food)*

*Entries must be in by 5pm
Fri 13th March*

Mixed Open Round Robin

*Sunday 5th April
1:45pm for a 2pm start
Followed by drinks and food
(\$10 for food)*

*Entries must be in by 5pm
Fri 3rd April*

**If you can't find a partner we'll match you up with someone
Cost \$10 per player
Send your entries to nedlandstennis@bigpond.com*



Our new Club Managers



Club Championship Results

Finalists Club Champs

Men's Singles	-	Jon Darmago vs Scott/Dean winner (yet to be played)
Women's Singles	-	Indu Jacobs vs Lara Tovich
Mix Doubles	-	Warren Vickers and Indu Jacobs vs Jon Darmago and Lara Tovich
Men's Doubles:		Warren Vickers and Ducan McLellan vs Scott Van Huerck and Dean Hannell
Women's Doubles:		Janet Ferreira and Pip Micalizzi vs Tricia Herkess and Liz Schmitt

Ladies and Men's Open Round Robin Results

Ladies – Emu's and Quokkas
Overall winner: Liz and Tricia
Runner up: Helen and Rosie
Third: Nat and Jan
Fourth: Jacqui and Jodie

Mens – Kanga's Winner: Warren and Albin, Runners up: Suresh and Neil
Mens – Koala's Winner: John Detwiler and Jack Richardson,
Runners up: Mike Nowak and Ian Love

Welcome
New Members!

A warm welcome to all
our new members.

Nick Middleton & Annabelle Bushell

- Family Membership

Chris, Tyler & Cameron Chi

- Hit with your child, junior & sub junior

Duty Roster and Social Calendar

2019/2020

	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty
7-Mar-20	Thea Hannell	Ken Houston
14-Mar-20	Karen Jackson	Jenny Jones
21-Mar-20	Annette & Ken Johnson	Judy King
28-Mar-20	Ruhi Lacey	Ruhi Lacey
4-Apr-20	Steve Kerr	Deb Lord
11-Apr-20	Tricia Herkess	Rachel Palmer
18-Apr-20	Pat Jonklaas	Carolyn Choong
25-Apr-20	Mark Lawrence	Yasuko Nagai
2-May-20	Lisa Boynton	Anne Love
9-May-20	Cecile Leach	Rosie McCallum
16-May-20	Senq Lee	No bar
23-May-20	Kon Kozak	Steve Duncan
30-May-20	Leslee Mourdant	Frank Sweeney
6-Jun-20	Doug George	Steve Hollier
13-Jun-20	Ian Love	Julie Lilburne
20-Jun-20	Neville Opie	Noel Lacey
27-Jun-20	Leslee Mordaunt	Pip Micalizzi
4-Jul-20	Ying & Thibaut Mortier	Helen Morgan
11-Jul-20	Monika Peterson	Mandy Thomas
18-Jul-20	Lyn Power	Ali Webster
25-Jul-20	Jack Richardson	Barb Nowak
1-Aug-20	Suresh Sakar	Annie Bull
8-Aug-20	Nigel Shaw	Di Bowman
15-Aug-20	John Taylor	Noel Hart
22-Aug-20	Flick York	Noel Lacey
29-Aug-20	Neil Croker	Peter Schmitt
5-Sep-20	Ross McCallum	Rosie McCallum
12-Sep-20	Julian Goldsworthy	Deb Lord
19-Sep-20	Dave Mofflin	Jenny Jones
26-Sep-20	Peter Morgan	Trish Heath
3-Oct-20	Tom Walsh	Alan Bruce
10-Oct-20	Committee Members	Committee



Women's singles winner Natasha Camer-Pesci with sponsor Gordon Davies from Gordon Davies Real Estate



Volunteers give it their best shots

Volunteers played a big part in the success of the Australian Money Tournament at Nedlands Tennis Club last month. Nearly 300 players, seeking to boost their rankings, played about 400 matches. Pictured are club president Janet Ferreira, Downey, runner-up in the men's singles, Jake Robinson, winner of the men's singles, and tournament sponsor Gordon Davies, of Gordon Davies Real Estate. Winner of the ladies event was Natasha Camer-Pesci.



Nedlands acing it

Singles meeting

NATASHA Camer-Pesci and Jake Robinson won the women's and men's singles events at the Australian Money Tournament held at Nedlands Tennis Club last week.

The club hosted the event alongside the Junior Australian Ranking Tournament (Silver Series) with the competitions attracting players from WA, Australia and as far away as New Caledonia.

There were nearly 300 entries with close to 400 matches played over four

JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN RANKING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 10 and under boys Singles - James Dwyer
- 10 and under girls singles - Julia Pedrini
- 12 and under boys Singles - Liam McDowell
- 12 and under girls Singles - Yvonna Dass
- 14 and under boys Singles - Nathan Schepeluis
- 14 and under girls Singles - Yelena Kelleher
- 16 and under boys Singles - Heremana Courte



A big thankyou to the following members who helped at the Tournament.



Tony Morgan
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Hot Shots



Christmas Party 2019





SAVE THE DATE

**NEDLANDS
TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER**

'Bollywood Nights'

**MAY 16, 2020
NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB**

Indian buffet, DJ and dancing



Dear Members,

On behalf of the Committee I am pleased to advise we have implemented Tennis Australia's online court booking software 'Book a Court'.

The system allows members and casual players to book courts and ensures lights automatically turn on for night bookings. This system is aimed at increasing the utilization of the courts by improving the ability of casual players to hire and access courts at times when they are not booked by members, coaches or reserved for club events such as Saturday social tennis, junior tennis and League tennis.

While the system represents a change to how we currently manage the courts, we believe it will be of benefit to our members with increased revenue re-invested in facilities or club programs. For the club to maintain a solid financial position we need to broaden its revenue base and grow its court hire revenue.

To be able to book a court, you will need to register with Book a Court. Over the next week you will receive an invitation to register via email. Please ensure you register using the link in the invitation, as this is how the system will recognise you as a member and ensure you receive discounted member pricing (member court bookings are free other than a \$5/hr hire fee for night play under lights).

We encourage all members to get in the habit of booking their courts to avoid disappointment and allow us to better monitor court use and hire by non-members.

Effective immediately members (one per any playing group) will need to book courts to be certain of having access to a court at peak times - especially hard courts for evening or night use. Where a member or casual player has a court booked at an allotted time they take precedence, irrespective of whether players on the court have finished.

You will not need to book courts for organized club events or League Tennis, the courts will be reserved for those times by the relevant club coordinator.

The Book-a- Court system will also automatically activate the lights where courts are booked after sunset. When a court is booked a 4 digit pin number is issued to the person making the booking. When the pin number is entered for a court booking with lights, the lights will come on automatically after sunset. If the pin is not entered the lights will not go on.

The pin pad is located on the front wall of the clubhouse, to the right of Men's Toilet door, as shown in the photo below. For play under lights it is important to enter the pin number issued with the booking prior to commencing play, even if the courts are already in use, otherwise the lights will go off automatically.



For members would like a demonstration of the system we will provide these on Saturday 7th March and Saturday 14th March at the end of social tennis.

If you have any issues please contact me or contact the customer support team at Tennis Australia on 1800 752 983.

Regards,

Janet Ferreira
President Nedlands Tennis Club
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NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB INC

SENIOR LEAGUE NOMINATION FORM

WINTER SEASON 2020

Please tick the competition/s you would like to play in:

- Monday Night Men's Open S/D Fast4
- Wednesday Ladies Doubles Open 45+
- Thursday Night Women's Doubles
- Saturday Afternoon Women's Open Men's Open

Other competitions please specify & list team below _____

For league dates and details of all competitions please consult:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2019/06/2019-2020-Tennis-League-Calendar-V3.pdf>

https://www.tennis.com.au/wa/files/2020/02/2020-Winter-League-Tennis-Formats_.pdf

PLAYER DETAILS

NAME _____ DOB _____

Mobile _____ E-Mail _____

Are you prepared to be captain of your team? Yes No

COMMENTS (please note dates unavailable and any other considerations)

Forms to be submitted by Wednesday 18th March 2020 via email to:

Helen Morgan: morgs1@inet.net.au (women) Neil Croker: neil.croker@bhp.com (men)

All league players must be **financial members** of the Nedlands Tennis Club and a **winter league fee** (approx. \$80) will be invoiced to team members at the commencement of the season.

If you have any queries please contact either Helen or Neil.