

The Network

July 2020

From the President Janet Ferreira

While being holed up with our partners and children in lockdown, escaping for a game of tennis even with just one other human being was a welcome reprieve! Although we sailed pretty close to the wind at times, only closing our courts for a week and being haunted by the constant fear of a Nedlands Tennis Club cluster developing, we managed to navigate keeping our courts open for members to varying degrees through the Covid restrictions. With very little else to do and nowhere to go, members embraced the opportunity to get out into the fresh air and relieve their lockdown frustrations. Being one of few clubs to remain open we were even lucky enough to secure a number of new members.

As one of the first Clubs to officially reopen we were asked by Tennis West to be part of their 'Back to Tennis' campaign'.

THE COURT IS CALLING AS TENNIS REOPENS ACROSS WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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From left Carolyn Chhong, David Mofflin, Janet Ferreira, John Detwiler, Rob Kennedy(Regional Tennis Manager), Michael Roberts (CEO Tennis West), Rachel Palmer.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that your committee hasn't been sitting on their laurels during this period but quietly working in the background to 'Make Nedlands Tennis Club Great Again'. As I hope some of you have noticed a fair bit of titivating has gone on with the launching of our new website <https://nedlandstennisclub.com.au/> kindly designed by Rachel Palmer and landscaping our garden spearheaded by Judy King. Judy managed to secure sponsorship from Empire Landscapes who provided all the plants, irrigation and labour. Thanks to Neil for organising some of our strong men to do the heavy work and to Ian Love and Richard.

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Dates to Remember

Dinner off the Green
25 July

Annual Dinner
5th September

Busy Bee
10 October

Open Day
17 October

Committee 2020

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)



FROM THE PRESIDENT Cont....

Over and above this we are in negotiations with the City of Nedlands, our Lessor, to make some improvements and undertake some structural repairs to the Club House prior to renegotiating our lease which expires in just over a year. Unfortunately, patience is the name of the game and there are umpteen hoops to jump through before anything is likely to happen. We have also developed a strategy for the eventual redevelopment of our synthetic courts, 10 & 11 which is dependent on obtaining funding through grants and member donations. These courts, which are presently synthetic grass laid on a sand base, have reached the end of their designed life and the plan is to either replace them with plexipave courts or synthetic grass laid over bitumen. We intend conducting a survey to ascertain member preferences after our AGM in August once we have done the costings and have a clearer idea which option is more likely to attract funding. To kick start this project we have launched an Australian Sports Foundation page to facilitate tax deductible donations from members <https://asf.org.au/projects/nedlands-tennis-club/>.

As soon as Tennis West gave the greenlight, we were ready and waiting to strike with the launch of our inaugural Ladies Wednesday and Thursday Night Intra Club competitions and our already tried and tested and very popular Men's Wednesday Night Comp. Thanks to Helens outstanding organisational skills and hard work juggling 8 day and 6 night teams, both the ladies comps were a rip roaring success and a positive experience for the club. I would like to take some of the credit for this for consistently and persistently nagging Helen to do it, which in my mind is the art of delegation. The windup function was attended by about 50 and hilariously hosted by Helen in a similar vein to the Oscars. Thanks go to Neil for once again putting together the Men's Comp which I have been told his team is favoured to win!

We managed to sneak in one last Round Robin event, our Open Mixed, which proved very popular and was extremely closely contested with Mel and her son Sam taking out the top division by 1 game! We are very pleased to advise that we have decided to reschedule our much anticipated Awards Night which was due to take place in May to September 5th, see the attached flyer for more information and please save the date. Don't miss this opportunity to strut your stuff and celebrate or commiserate with fellow members!

Sadly all good things must come to an end as has our 19/20 grass court season. However, with 2 extra hard courts and by keeping 3 grass courts open throughout the winter, we should have sufficient courts to carry us over.

I would like to thank John our amazing Manager for keeping you all in the loop through these unprecedented times, guiding you through the new territory of our online booking system and for everything else he does to keep the ball rolling!

Janet Ferreira



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Club Captain's Report

Carolyn Choong

Since the last time I wrote the Club Captain's column, Covid 19 restrictions set in and a lot has changed within a short period of time. Our club stayed open whilst many other tennis clubs in Western Australia temporarily shut their doors. Some members got fitter from playing singles when only 2 were allowed on court and a few took the lead to organise little social group plays on Saturdays when 4 people were allowed on court. All that was missing was a venue to socialise post play.

It is no surprise once our clubhouse was allowed to operate again that the number of people who drop in for Saturday social play are as good as a good summer's day turn out. It is also no surprise that our wonderful volunteers for bar and afternoon tea did not make much of a fuss about having to complete the government required Covid 19 Hospitality Hygiene Course. In fact afternoon tea got even better! There's been yummy chicken sandwiches, home baked muffins and even petit four being served up. Ken Houston made sure the bar fridge hasn't been abandoned, stocking it up with members' favourite beverages to ensure bar sales flourished. Our wonderful team of duty captains play a vital role ensuring all tables and chairs are appropriately sanitised prior to packing them away at the end of night.

I cannot think of another tennis club which operated the way our club did in this very challenging time. Can you? The committee have come together to make sure our club remained open and there was competitive and social play available. Our members banded together and made social Saturday play something to look forward to. We are indeed in this together.

THANK YOU TO EMPIRE LANDSCAPES

FOR OUR CONTEMPORARY GARDEN AND ELEGANT LOOK



If you have been around the club lately you could not have helped notice our much improved garden area and beautiful contemporary looking pot plants on the veranda.

This is courtesy of a generous sponsorship from **Mark Morrison**, director of **Empire Landscapes and Zerascapes in North Fremantle**. Mark is a qualified horticulturist who has been working for the past twenty years as a landscape specialist.

Mark and his team of contractors have generously sponsored the Nedlands Tennis Club with their labour, expertise and donation of plants to upgrade our outdoor area and make it look much refreshed and beautifully inviting.

The club also thanks **Judy King** for having organised this sponsorship and for coordinating the job with Mark and his team of contractors.

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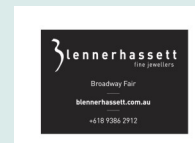
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League News

Helen Morgan

Many of us were relieved that the summer league season was cut short by Coronavirus restrictions preventing yet another inevitable defeat at the hands of our higher ranked opposition.

However it was unfortunate for the Saturday ladies open division 2 (Jacqui Morgan, Jen Cooke, Indu Jacob and Janet Ferreira) and the Wednesday ladies open division 4 (Liz Eadie-Mirams, Direshni Bennett, Michelle Smith, Lana Grobler, Titia van Kranenburg and Cecile Leach) teams who had to be content with Minor Premiership status rather than having the opportunity of cementing their leading position and being awarded a winning shield.

The men are once again in the midst of their fiercely contested Wednesday night winter intra club competition that has been successfully run over the last few years.

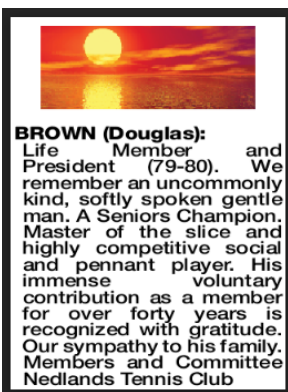
In a first, this year, as a consequence of the Coronavirus disruption to the Tennis West league season, over 40 women participated in 6 week Wednesday morning and Thursday night intra club competitions. Eight teams played on the Wednesday mornings with Pip's Fist Pumps being victorious (Pip Micalizzi, Direshni Bennett, Trish Heath and Lucia Agnello) whilst the 6 team Thursday night competition was won by Janet's Juggernauts (Janet Ferreira, Pip Micalizzi, Rachel Palmer, Deb Lord and Penny Oldfield). The rest of us had fun fiercely competing away trying to reassure our regular league team mates that we were in fact quite daunting to face as opponents. Newcomers Erika McGreal and Penny Wong are to be congratulated, not only for their rapidly improving games, but for participating in both competitions, seemingly unscathed. After such a "baptism of fire" they should find any league competition a breeze in comparison. It was also good to see my old team mate from the seventies, Nerida Charles, back on the court after a number of years. Nothing much seemed to have changed on the one occasion that we played together and I could hear Muffie Roger's and Pat Barblett's words of advice (which we still do not heed) ringing in my ears.



Two players worthy of particular mention for their outstanding performance in the competitions are Trish Heath and Rachel Palmer. Trish Heath, a long term member, seems to have unleashed new found skills and energy in recent times winning 21 out of the 24 sets played over the course of the 6 week Wednesday morning competition. The best anyone else could manage was 19/24 sets (Pip Micalizzi and Janet Ferreira). Rachel Palmer was the MVP (most valuable player) in the Thursday night competition winning all but a couple of sets over the 6 Thursdays.

Four ladies teams have been entered into the revised Tennis West winter league competition, one Wednesday, two Thursday night and one Saturday afternoon team. Good luck ladies.

Another ladies Thursday night intra club is planned to start after the school holidays.



BROWN (Douglas):
Life Member and President (79-80). We remember an uncommonly kind, softly spoken gentle man. A Seniors Champion. Master of the slice and highly competitive social and pennant player. His immense voluntary contribution as a member for over forty years is recognized with gratitude. Our sympathy to his family. Members and Committee Nedlands Tennis Club

Vale Douglas Brown

Douglas was a member of Nedlands Tennis Club for at least four decades. He was an uncommonly kind, softly spoken and gentle man who was nonetheless an extremely good tennis player and a highly competitive pennants team stalwart who also represented the State as a Senior and knocked Paul Healy out of the Men's Singles in the Club Championships in the 1990s. This alone endeared him to dozens of members, and Paul's team mates in particular, all of whom were almost thirty years younger than Douglas. Douglas (Doug) made a very substantial contribution to the Club and his achievements and relentless pleasantness will long be remembered and revered.



Men's Intra-club Competition

The Men's Wednesday night doubles winter competition received a record 31 entries which allowed for the selection of five fiercely competitive squads captained by wily veterans Frank Sweeney, Jack Richardson, Dave Mofflin, Rob Lilburne and, relative youngster, Suresh Sakar. As per past years matches have been very even with 2 fixtures tied.

As we near the mid point of the competition Dave's team has a fragile lead, while Jack's team is propping up the table but still not without hope.

Club Championships

The 2020 Club championships kicked off on the Feb 29 long weekend, which now seems a life time ago.

Thirty two members entered seeking to join the illustrious list of the past winners. The singles continued our recent trend to young champions.

In the Men's final Jon Darmago, one of NTC's successful junior players, comfortably defeated veteran past winner Scott Van Heurck.

In the Ladies final Lara Tovitch defeated Indu Jacob in a close contest. The Ladies doubles champions are Liz Schmitt and Tricia Herkess, who triumphed over Janet Ferreira and Pip Micalizzi in the final with an impressive display of tactics and shot making.

The Mixed doubles champions are Warren Vickers and Indu Jacob after a narrow win over Jon Darmago and Lara Tovitch.

Round Robin Mixed Competition Results

Woylies	Mel & Sam English
Bilbys	Frank Sweeney and Ruhi
Potoroos	Peter & Liz Schmitt
Quolls	Peter Barratt and Cecile



A special thanks to Les Hollier a member of the 'Thursdays' group for all his time and effort in repairing and painting the benches on court 22.



From left John Kollosche, Les Hollier, Tom Thomas members of the Thursday group who play every Thursday morning.

Coaches Corner

The COVID Edition



TENNISHQ

Well it certainly is a different world that we live in since my last edition in March. I read through my last blurb and it was full of playing opportunities for all players. Junior League season was heading to finals, club champ events were being organised, junior club was in full swing and we were promoting the plethora of coaching options.

Firstly I want to say thank-you for the support we received through the heights of this difficult period. Tennis coaching is my livelihood, as well as the majority of my coaches who don't have other employment. The uncertainty we felt during the shutdown was certainly a feeling I don't wish to have again, fortunately for us it was reasonably short lived, my best wishes certainly go out to all business still unable to operate at a normal capacity. I know I have since gone out of my way to support small businesses that have been able to re-open.

I would like to thank the club for being very open with communication and following the protocols which allowed NTC to open quickly again. This gave us all an opportunity to get back to work. I need to thank my staff, Linda and the coaches who were willing to work in uncertain circumstances and with plausible risk factors. Lastly to all our wonderful clients who trusted us to follow the rules, that gave everyone an opportunity to play, exercise, relieve stress and have social interaction (at a safe distance).

Much Appreciation, Warren

Onto the tennis stuff!

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Summer season got wrapped up immediately on lockdown. The season was abandoned and the ladder leaders at the time were ruled to be the minor premiers for the season. In this case we were lucky enough (or skilled enough?) to have one of our junior teams take down the title. Congratulations to the boys green ball division 4 team which consisted of Oscar Schmiede, Tom Freitag, Antoine Lureau, Flynn Roughan and Mahidar Mohan. Along with expert managing from Megan Schmiede!

We were also fortunate to be able to congratulate two of our juniors for their great seasons in taking out the MVP for their league. Both Oscar Schmiede and Isaac Agnew went undefeated in both singles and doubles, an amazing achievement of skill and focus. Super job gentlemen!

Winter league has now commenced in a modified format for the current environment, we have entered eight teams which is a massive jump from last winter so that is a fantastic sign of the dedication to tennis from our players.

TERM 3

While we could easily define this term as "winter" we are seeing some beautiful days to still get out and play. We are taking enrolments for groups, squads and private lessons for next term. Don't forget that league nominations for summer happen this coming term. Do not drop out of the loop!

We are aiming to restart Friday Fun Club and Team Tennis this term, please keep an eye on your inbox for all details. We hope you and your family are all safe, well and managing the new world the best you can. We sincerely appreciate all your support and hope our coaching can provide a little spark to your world

Warren & staff at Tennis HQ

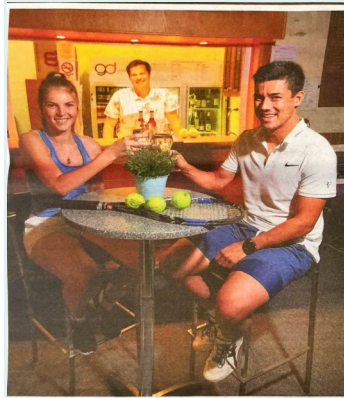
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Duty Roster and Social Calendar

2020

	Afternoon Tea	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
18-Jul-20	Lyn Power	Ali Webster	
25-Jul-20	Jack Richardson	Barb Nowak	Winter Warmer/Dinner off the Green
1-Aug-20	Suresh Sakar	Annie Bull	
8-Aug-20	Nigel Shaw	Di Bowman	AGM Tuesday 11th August
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	ANNUAL DINNER
12-Sep-20	Julian Goldsworthy	Deb Lord	
19-Sep-20	Dave Mofflin	Jenny Jones	
26-Sep-20	Peter Morgan	Trish Heath	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
3-Oct-20	Tom Walsh	Alan Bruce	
10-Oct-20	Committee Members	Committee	Busy Bee (to be confirmed)
17 Oct 20			Open Day (to be confirmed)
Any problems, please swap with another member and advise Carolyn Choong on 0412 818 845 or email carolyn_choong@me.com			
			*School Holidays
			* Social Events



Courting interest

GETTING to know neighbours and making new friends over the tennis net attracted a rush of young recruits to Nedlands Tennis Club during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Perth Children's Hospital cancer survivor Izy Palmer signed up to the club with his girlfriend and housemate last month, after admiring its views of the Swan River and mixture of hard and grass courts.

"I joined because the club actually did well during the COVID shutdown by following the Government protocols and being proactive with the playing public, whereas, everywhere else just shut up shop," Dr Yap said.

He said he and his housemates were now playing at the club up to four times each week and meeting people they may have previously passed in the street.

Reaffirming old friendships and creating new ones was an attraction for newly minted member and 32-year-old marketing manager Mark Dodd, who lives three minutes away.

Mr Dodd joined with three mates, also in their early 30s, who found the club's management of the shutdown easy to navigate.

And joining the club during the shutdown maintained family relationships for 23-year-old university student Izy Palmer.

Ms Palmer hits the courts with her mother, who is a long-standing member.

"It allows for some quality time with her rather than just passing each other at the dining table," Club president Janet Ferreira said about 25 players aged under 35 bolstered the club's 300-strong membership in the past couple of months.

"They didn't have pubs or restaurants to go to, and come here," she said.

Cottleson Tennis Club membership director Amelia Grey said about 20 members aged under 40 joined in the past two months.

"I would agree it was because of the shutdown ... tennis was one of the few sports the government said you could play safely."

Izy Palmer and Cameron Yap with Mark Dodd. Picture: Andrew Ritchie

- Robert Tucker
- Penny Wong
- Callum & Chloe Shaw
- Richard Pearce
- Dan Arachchige & Malindu Perera
- Bindu Kumar & Vasanth Govindappa
- Jacques Prudent
- Steph Smalberger
- Grey Johnston & Fiona Davis
- Oliver Morgan
- Edward Souti
- Shona Curtin
- Yuben Moodley
- Linda Blatchford
- Tim Morgan
- Susan Tay
- Regan Dent and Elle Crockett
- Mark Dodd
- Cameron Yap and Aisling Woods
- Nick and Christopher Agnew
- Mark Ossolinski
- Harry Breidahl
- Nicholas Davidson
- Erica Ho



SAVE THE DATE

**NEDLANDS
TENNIS CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER**

'Bollywood'

**SATURDAY, SEPT 5TH, 2020
NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB**

Indian food, DJ and dancing



NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB

THE LOCAL
ON WARATAH

Saturday 25th July 2020

TO START

Selection of Mediterranean Antipasto to share

MAINS

Pizza: Margherita| Mozzarella, Roma Tomato and Fresh Basil [V]

Pizza: New Yorker| Sliced Pepperoni and Cacciatore Sausage and Mozzarella

Penne Chicken Alfredo, with peas

Fish & Chips, Beer Battered Snapper with slaw, tartare sauce & lemon

Butter Chicken, Jasmin rice

Scotch Fillet 200gms, Roasted baby onions, kipfler potatoes, herbed chimichurri sauce

DESSERTS

Chocolate Brownie, raspberry puree & vanilla ice cream

Panna Cotta, Orange blossom and mango jelly