



The Network

October 2020

From the President Janet Ferreira

Spring is in the air and there is a sense of anticipation around the club as we prepare for the start of a fresh new season. What better time to come down to the club, brush up on your game and get the body into gear for what promises to be an exciting Summer of Tennis! Warren and his team of very competent coaches are on hand to provide you with a private lesson or have a variety of drills to join in if you feel the need for a tune up.

It has been an incredibly unusual year and although we were spared the brunt of the global pandemic in WA, we nonetheless had to navigate our way through various restrictions and guidelines at the club. Thank you to the members for your understanding and cooperation through this period and it was great to see many of you making good use of our facilities under modified conditions. As Covid restrictions were eased in WA, we once again began to socialise at the club with a great attendance at our 'Dinner off the Green' held at 'The Local' in Dalkeith and proving to be a good night. Thanks to Carolyn and John for organising this. This was followed by our very successful Awards Night organised by Rachel and her team, thoroughly embraced and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our AGM held in early August ran anticlimactically smoothly and those who attended were rewarded with culinary delights courtesy of Nathalie. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mike Nowak onto the committee and we are in no doubt he has a great deal to bring to the table. All other committee members, who I would like to thank for their various contributions and support, have agreed to endure another year.

We have our annual Busy Bee, which is an opportunity to spruce up the Club House and grounds, coming up on 3rd October and look forward to a healthy turnout. Some of our members namely John Detwiler, Peter Schmitt, David Mofflin, Neil Croker, Richard Ferreira and John Kollosche have already been hard at work tackling maintenance projects around the grounds. The following weekend is our major event of the year and my personal favourite, our **Opening Day** on Saturday 10th October. This is a great opportunity to catch up with members new and old and join in the festivity. I strongly encourage you all to bring along a neighbour, friend or family member or two to introduce them to the club and its warm welcoming culture. Please bring a plate to share for afternoon tea or post play celebrations. Play will begin at 1.30pm and our official opening will start around 5pm.

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Dates to Remember

BUSY BEE

Saturday October 3

OPEN DAY

Saturday October 10

JUNIOR OPEN DAY

Friday October 16

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Tuesday November 3

VETS MIXED ROUND ROBIN

Sunday November 29

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 12

New Committee 2020/21

President:	Janet Ferreira
Vice President:	Neil Croker
Treasurer:	Dave Mofflin
Secretary/Manager	John Detwiler
Sponsorship	Nathalie Smalberger
Club Captain	Carolyn Choong
Men's League	Neil Croker
Women's League	Helen Morgan
General Committee:	Suresh Sakar
	Michael Nowak
	Warren Vickers

This will be followed by our **Junior Open Day** on Friday 17th October from 4pm. This event has become bigger than Ben Hur over the past couple of years and we anticipate another bumper turnout. It is always a fun, family afternoon with parents, siblings and players enjoying the relaxed, friendly environment at Nedlands. A sausage sizzle will be provided and the bar will be open so bring along your friends and enjoy a convivial afternoon.

The grass courts are starting to look promising and after all receiving a heavy vertimowing and top dressing, we trust they will come up well for this summer. We are very fortunate at Nedlands to have grass to play on all year round, seven days a week and we thank our Groundsman, Rob Firms, for his commitment to maintaining our courts at a high standard. The opening up of the grass courts is always a very thrilling time of year as we start the new season with the naive hope it'll be better than the last or couldn't possibly be worse.

Not only is tennis a great social activity but it boosts brain power; prevents disease; improves agility, flexibility and balance; aides weight loss and relieves stress so start getting yourself on court regularly and reaping these benefits.

My advice to those of you playing league or social tennis over the summer is never to pre judge or underestimate your opponents based on their age, size, shape or the number of braces they have attached to their appendages, as appearances can be deceiving.

Now is the time to get your racket restrung and invest in a sassy new outfit for Opening Day so that you at least look the part even if your tennis leaves a bit to be desired!



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Captains' Report

Carolyn Choong



It was a bit of a challenge for me to think of what to write in this quarterly column without sounding repetitious over time. Saturday social tennis continues to be a hit even with rain, thunderstorms and strong wind hovering around. I am ever thankful and grateful to everyone who puts up with my weekly harassment emails and texts, reminding them it is their turn to be duty captain, to serve afternoon tea and to do bar duty for that week. Thank you all for always responding so promptly!

I love reading reviews in general. Movie reviews, book reviews, product reviews especially! For this quarter's report, I thought it would be a good change to hear from a few of our members about their Saturday social tennis experience:

' Personally I very much enjoy my Saturday afternoon tennis and it has been a part of my life for many years. Nedlands is such a great club - friendly, always welcoming to visitors, our grass courts are well maintained and a joy for me, and I always look forward to my weekend and the familiar smiling faces at the club '

- Lyn Power

' I enjoy the great fellowship and friendliness of social tennis and a glass of wine afterwards. Recently while my wife was in hospital three members of the club invited me to join them for dinner. Great fellowship and friendliness off the court as well as on the court '

- Rob Storer

' A good standard of play - always something with which to challenge yourself. A good time to practise new strategies and shots in a relaxed atmosphere. Everyone is polite and positive, even when you're a beginner. It's good fun. Love the mixed. Enjoy catching up with other's everyday news '

- Nerida Allen

'My Saturday social experience at Nedlands to date:

After being encouraged by my sister in law (Peggy) to join the Nedlands crowd for a Saturday social hit, I soon realized that although all but the last set was scored the other sets were a long way from being just social in that they were quietly scored. I fronted up for mixed matches unprepared for the vigour and return of ball by some of the best women players I have ever encountered, in my second mixed match of the day I approached the net for return of serve only to be meet by a forehand drive from the author of this article CC the ball was I'm sure unintentionally hit full bodied at my head, a lucky duck and I only lost my hat !From then on caution and respect for the ladies at Nedlands TC. I was told by Peggy that NTC was a very friendly and relaxed club, this has certainly been my experience to date, and I thank you all for making myself and my wife feel welcome to your club '

- Rob Tucker

' Saturday social has been a very enjoyable experience with great sets and competitive games highlighted by a friendly n welcoming crowd. I truly have enjoyed my Saturdays at social tennis

- Daniel Arshad (visitor)

' I've only been twice and had a great time with most people. The one that caught my eye was Steven Kerr - what a gentleman he is! Even lets u pick which side to serve on so the sun is not in your eye ☺'

- Tina Choo

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League News

Helen Morgan

The winter season saw a great deal of interest in the men's and ladies' intra club competitions and four ladies teams competed in the shortened Tennis Winter league competition.

With the summer season approaching all competitive players look forward to the opportunity of competing against players from other clubs in the Tennis West inter club league competition with the first matches getting underway on October the 17th.

NTC has entered 18 senior teams, 4 Wednesday ladies', 6 Wednesday night men's, 5 Thursday night ladies', one Saturday men's and 2 Saturday ladies' teams.

With over 80 members playing league tennis for the club league tennis has become an important part of club activity.

Welcome to those ladies and men who have not played league before. You will find it provides some interesting after dinner stories, should lead to an improvement in your tennis and will mostly be a lot of fun.

Also welcome to those players playing for Nedlands Tennis Club for the first time in particular the group of men playing in the Wednesday night Dodd team. The addition of this team has resulted in a considerable lowering of the average age of the men's Wednesday night playing group.

Teams should consider having some team coaching from Warren and his Tennis HQ crew as even if you feel that it is 'too late to teach old dogs new tricks' and you are never going to master a top spin backhand it is never too late to brush up on effective team play and strategy.

The two ladies teams that were minor premiers in the 2019/20 Tennis West competition, the Saturday ladies open division 2 team (Jacqui Morgan, Jen Cooke, Indu Jacob and Janet Ferreira) and the Wednesday ladies open division 4 team (Liz Eadie-Miramis, Direshni Bennett, Marjanne van Lent, Michelle Smith, Lana Grobler, Titia van Kranenburg, and Cecile Leach) will be presented with their blue towels on Opening Day. Unfortunately due to the abandonment of the competition as a result of COVID19 these teams were denied the opportunity of playing in the finals, cementing their leading positions and being awarded a winning shield. However the NTC towel is as much sort after as a shield with many league players never managing to obtain one during their league career.

Congratulations also to Mark Lawrence who will be presented with his award for The Most Valuable Player in the 2019/20 men's Wednesday night division 3 competition on Opening Day.

Thank you to those players who have agreed to be team captains for the coming summer season and Good Luck to all players.

Men's Wed Night Intra-club League

Neil Croker

The 2020 winter event involved 5 team squads with 31 players competing over 14 rounds and a final was then played between the top 2 teams.

The winning team featured Dave Mofflin capt, Mark Lawrence, David Micallizi, Ian Hobson and James Nicholson who defeated Suresh's team 5-3 in an upset. The final was in the balance when veteran Steve Hollier was struck a fierce blow below the belt when attempting a volley. While Steve managed to play on after a lengthy injury break his impact after that was understandably limited.

James Nicholson took out the competition's MVP award in a great effort of improved consistency and power hitting.

BIG SUMMER AHEAD

Welcome back to some sense of normality (fingers crossed), winter sports have wrapped up and it is on to summer in the great outdoors. Enrolments for term four are already underway and coming in fast! Please ensure you do enrol early to guarantee your spot.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The COVID adjusted winter season went ahead and with a few wet Sundays, we didn't quite get in as much tennis as we would have hoped. However the new format proved popular with shorter mornings a bonus that has been continued on to our summer formats.

Well done to all players for competing and a special mention goes out to our Girls 14s team who lost in the grand final to the undefeated Lesmurdie side.

We had many new players giving league a go which is fantastic for the future of tennis at our club. This summer we have nominated 18 junior teams which is a big jump up from last summer, welcome to all of our new players and welcome back to our committed Neddies gang.

MORE COMPETITION OPTIONS FOR OUR PLAYERS

Our Tennis HQ coaches have regular training and staff meetings, one of the recurring themes that gets brought up is the lack of matches that our players play. We all strongly believe that matches are the culmination of developing tennis skills, without matches players have no reference for what is being taught in lessons. Every team sport that is played has training and game day, unfortunately we don't always have that opportunity for all our players.

In Term 4 we are going to start offering a Singles ladder for our players, this will hopefully create more opportunities for our league players to train in matches, our squad players to practice point play and our players who have other obligations on Sunday mornings, a chance to play competition. Further details will be out at the end of this term.

Team Tennis is our entry level doubles competition embracing modified rules for new players and providing coach feedback on positioning and basic tactics to enable our new league players and our new to matchplay HotShots kids, a great stepping stone into tennis matches. Check out our Facebook page for score updates or check the clubhouse window to see which team is winning!

UNDERSTANDING OUR PATHWAYS

Here at Tennis HQ our goal is to share our passion for the sport of tennis with as many players as we can, our coaches have grown up playing and loving the game and we look forward to sharing that with our players. We are also dedicated to striving to help players get to whatever competitive level they aspire to achieve, as such we have a pathway system to enable progression for our players

At the junior level we have Hot Shots programs for all players who are new to the sport or are playing for the social, fun and skill learning aspects that tennis provides. Tennis is a great sport to play alongside your team sports, as an individual sport it allows players to take ownership of their own performance without influence of others. This is a wonderful life lesson for their futures as they take on the ownership of academic performance, social skills and future career success.

For those players who are looking to take their tennis to a more competitive level we offer our Talent programs which are invitation only classes for those Hot Shots players who are showing improving skills and enthusiasm for the sport. These talent players are usually starting to compete in league teams or introductory level tournaments.

This year we introduced our Academy programs for hand selected juniors at orange, green and yellow ball level for players for whom tennis is their priority sport and are looking to compete in points tournaments. The term so far has exceeded expectations on the hard work and effort put in by our first batch of players. We are really excited about this new program and are looking forward to seeing more competitive tennis at NTC

Coaches Corner cont...

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 don't just cater for kids, we love coaching adults and getting players of all ages and abilities out on court. Linda has been offering a new "tennis match-making service" for adults who need some help finding suitable players to share tennis lessons with. We know that the social side of tennis is one of the biggest draw cards of the sport, we want our players to improve but meet new people to share the journey. If you have played previously and getting back in to it or never picked up a racquet and want a go, we are gathering up other suitable tennis buddies for you to get on court with. Please contact Linda to get involved. Linda@tennishq.com.au

NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

We are keen to provide a night social tennis option for both members and non-members, if there is interest we are considering a Monday night option. If you would be interested, please send Warren an email and if we get enough people to make it viable we will look to kick it off this summer. There would be a nominal nightly fee to cover lights and a coach to organise sets. Warren@tennishq.com.au

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Duty Roster and Social Calendar

2020/2021

	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
10-Oct-20	Carolyn Choong	Committee Members	Committee	Opening Day - Bring A Plate
17-Oct-20	Penny Oldfield	Karen Jackson	Alan Bruce	
24-Oct-20	Peter Schmitt	Annette and Ken Johnson	Judy King	
31-Oct-20	Alan Boynton	Richard Clarke	Ruhi Lacey	
7-Nov-20	John Detwiler	Steve Kerr	Deb Lord	3 Nov - Melbourne Cup Tennis, Lunch & Sweep
14-Nov-20	Peter French	Tricia Herkess	Rachel Palmer	15 Nov - NTC vs Reabold Bi Club Match
21-Nov-20	Rob Storer	Pat Jonklaas	Anne Love	
28-Nov-20	Gordon Royle	Mark Lawrence	Trish Heath	29 Nov - Vets Mixed RR
5-Dec-20	Carolyn Choong	Kon Kozak	Carolyn Choong	
12-Dec-20	Penny Oldfield	Senq Lee	Mandy Thomas	Christmas Party - Afternoon Tea & BBQ
19-Dec-20	Peter Schmitt	Cecile Leach & Lyn Powell	Yasuko Nagai	
26-Dec-20	Alan Boynton	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Boxing Day
2-Jan-21	John Detwiler	Peter Barrett	Lucia Agnello	
9-Jan-21	Peter French	Suzanne Berry & Ann Solar	Nathalie Smalberger	10 Jan Open Men's & Ladies RR*
16-Jan-21	Rob Storer	Susan Tay	Janet Ferreira	
23-Jan-21	Gordon Royle	Rob Tucker	Helen Morgan	
30-Jan-21	Carolyn Choong	Tim Gattorna	Alison Gattorna	26 Jan Australia Day Breakfast & Play
6-Feb-20	Penny Oldfield	Jim English	Mel English	Summer Cooler
13-Feb-21	Peter Schmitt	Peggy Darmago	Pip Micalizzi	
20-Feb-21	Alan Boynton	Lisa Boynton	Frank Sweeney	21 Feb - Open Mixed RR
27-Feb-21	John Detwiler	Jacques Prudent	Ken Houston	Labour Day Long Weekend - Club Championship
6-Mar-21	Peter French	Nerida Allen & Steve French	Di Bowman	
13-Mar-21	Rob Storer	Peter Ammon	Bridget Ammon	14 March - Vets Men's & Ladies RR
20-Mar-21	Gordon Royle	Mike Nowak	Barb Nowak	
27-Mar-21	Penny Oldfield	Lisa McCusker	Steve Hollier	Club Championship Finals
3-Apr-21	Carolyn Choong	Marian Aylmore	Carolyn Choong	Easter Weekend
10-Apr-21	Peter Schmitt	Liz Schmitt	Peter Schmitt	T1 School Holidays
17-Apr-21	Alan Boynton	Frank Woodmore & Penny Oldfield	Ali Webster	T1 School Holidays
24-Apr-21	John Detwiler	Mike Glynn	Ruhi Lacey	Anzac Day Long Weekend
1-May-21	Peter French	Peter French	Noel Hart	
8-May-21	Rob Storer	Thea Hannell	Judy King	
15-May-21	Gordon Royle	Ian Love	Anne Love	Awards Night
22-May-21	Carolyn Choong	Ying Mortier & Thibaut Mortier	John Detweiler	
29-May-21	Penny Oldfield	Tony Morgan	Rob Lilburne	
5-Jun-21	Peter Schmitt	Jack Richardson	Deb Lord	WA Day Long Weekend
12-Jun-21	Alan Boynton	Jenny McGillvray	Alan Bruce	
19-Jun-21	John Detwiler	Monika Peterson	Rachel Palmer	
26-Jun-21	Peter French	Gordon Royle	Mandy Thomas	Winter Warmer
3-Jul-21	Rob Storer	Tom Walsh	Lucia Agnello	T2 School Holidays
10-Jul-21	Gordon Royle	Rachel Palmer	Trish Heath	T2 School Holidays - Wimbledon Day*
17-Jul-21	Carolyn Choong	Peter Morgan	Helen Morgan	T2 School Holidays
24-Jul-21	Penny Oldfield	Flick York	Steve Hollier	
31-Jul-21	Peter Schmitt	Gillian Webb	Barb Nowak	
7-Aug-21	Alan Boynton	Karen Jackson	Frank Sweeney	
14-Aug-21	John Detwiler	Julie Lilburne	Pip Micalizzi	
21-Aug-21	Peter French	Sian Evans	Janet Ferreira	
28-Aug-21	Rob Storer	Suresh Sakar	Carolyn Choong	
4-Sep-21	Gordon Royle	Nigel Shaw	Mel English	Dinner Off The Green
11-Sep-21	Carolyn Choong	Rob Storer	Noel Hart	
18-Sep-21	Penny Oldfield	Neil Croker	Ken Houston	
25-Sep-21	Peter Schmitt	Leslee Mourdant	Nathalie Smalberger	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
2-Oct-21	Alan Boynton	Annie Bull	Yasuko Nagai	T3 School Holidays
9-Oct-21	John Detwiler	Ross McCallum	Rosie McCallum	T3 School Holidays - Busy Bee
16-Oct-21	Peter French	Committee Members	Committee Members	Opening Day - Bring A Plate

Any problems, please swap with another member and advise Carolyn Choong on 0412 818 845 or email car-olyn_choong@me.com

*School Holidays

* Social Events / Long Weekends

NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB





Time to give the Clubhouse a spring clean.

Cleaning products will be provided but bring your own gardening tools.

Many hands make light work.

Morning Tea provided

BUSY BEE
Saturday 3rd October
from 9am




NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB






OPENING DAY 2020

SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER

PLAY STARTS AT 1:30PM
OFFICIAL CLUB OPENING AT 5PM

Bring a friend/colleague/neighbour and introduce them to Nedlands Tennis Club.

All standards of play welcome.
Babysitting and kids activities available.

Bring a plate to share for afternoon tea or post play celebrations.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR FRIENDLY VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO SHOW YOU AROUND



Welcome New Members! A warm welcome to all our new members. We hope you have an enjoyable year of tennis and look forward to seeing you on the courts.

- Erika McGreal
- Les Hollier
- Tina Choo
- Gary Hing

Annual Awards Night – Saturday 5 September 2020

Theme – Bollywood Night 2020

The well attended Bollywood Awards Night was a great success thanks to the huge efforts of our social committee – Rachel Palmer, Monika Peterson, Leslee Mordaunt, Deb Lord, Mel English and Lucia Agnello, who put in many hours of planning and creating to bring us this wonderful event.

Rachel's talented crew created a beautiful backdrop for our night, with curtaining, saris and other colourful props. The clubhouse was transformed into a twinkling Diwali-like ambiance with an abundance of fairy lights and the continual on screen showing of the Bollywood movie, completing the scene.

Thank you very much to all those who donated homewares, decorations, saris and costumes. All added to the Bollywood atmosphere.

Upon arrival, guests with G&Ts/sparkling wine in hand, enjoyed mingling while admiring the sensational decor and variety of fabulous costumes. Delicious cheese platters provided by Ruby (Deb Lord's daughter) catered for early grazing. Photographer Pat Jonklaas was on hand to record the outstanding event. The men looked resplendent, dressed in kurtas, headgear and turbans, while the ladies were bedazzling in their lehenga cholis, kurtis, scarves and saris. There was certainly a fantastic variety of colourful attire on show. Ken Houston was again our exceptional barman, superbly dressed in a gold kurta. Thank you Ken, a very important role. Ken was ably assisted by Janet's daughter Tessa.

The arrival of the Bollygood Food Truck, serving tasty Indian cuisine, encouraged everyone outdoors, where a firepit, couches and intimate gazebo provided comfort, for more socialising to continue.

The important part of the evening, being the awarding of trophies to our Club Champions and Round Robin winners and runners up, was lead by our energetic and enthusiastic President, Janet Ferreira. Janet's "identities/hats speech" confirmed that she brings new dimensions to the presidency.

She was ably assisted on the night by Mel and Deb. Thank you to Bill Marmion, our local Member and Club Patron for attending and presenting the trophies.

Congratulations to our Ladies' Singles Champion, Lara Tovich and to our Men's Singles Champion Jonathan Darmago. Lara's family are members of our club and she has participated in our annual Australian Ranking and Money Tournaments over the past few years, making the semi-finals this year. Jonathan's parents, Peggy and Bing no doubt had a proud moment. Jonathan has a long association with our club.

The Ladies Doubles Champions were Liz Schmitt and Tricia Herkess and the Mixed Doubles Champs were Warren Vickers and Indu Jacobs. Congratulations to you all. The Men's Championship Doubles is still to be played, the finalists being Warren and Duncan McLennan and Scott van Heurck and Dean Hannel. Congratulations to all other Round Robin winners, runners up and competitors for joining in the fun of competing.

The President's Award went to Helen Morgan for her outstanding and continual contributions to our club. These included the organising of the inaugural Ladies Intra Club competitions for Wednesdays and Thursday evenings, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During the night, the Best Dressed Lady's Award was presented to Michelle Smith who looked stunning in her beautiful bejewelled apparel, including head adornment. The Best Dressed Man's Award went to Dave Mofflin. Well done Dave. Very brave and very handsome.

With all the formal proceedings over, it was time to 'party', dance and renourish later with pizzas. A Bollywood exhibition dance was performed by the social committee – Leslee, Lucia, Deb, Mel, Monika, Rachel and Anne Love to get the dancing started. They had impeccable moves, being so well co-ordinated with their timing today Nedlands, tomorrow Australia's Got Talent! The dancing music, by enthusiastic DJs, was provided by Ken Tovich. Many danced under the stars 'til the last note was played at midnight.

Thank you to all who helped with the evening. A big thank you to Lucia and John for preparing the premises, assisting with decorating and for spearheading the cleaning up on Sunday morning.

Attendees opinions re the best parts of the night were congratulating the winners and competitors, dressing up and partying into the night, the creative decor, plentiful and tasty food, the Bollywood dancers, the continuous and friendly bar service, plus the music and dancing, dancing, dancing! Sums it up really. Already looking forward to next year's event.

Nerida Allen



DINNER OFF THE GREEN

