



The Network

January 2022

FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEIL CROKER

Happy New Year.

The last term of 2021 was a busy period for the club, culminating in our successful hosting of the State Seniors championships.

Other notable events included:

- completing the rectification and heritage related works on the club house including the reinstatement of the roof flag-pole
- securing State Government Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Funding grant towards the court 10/11 resurfacing/lighting upgrade
- reinstatement/extension of court 16 limestone block retaining wall and adjoining garden and path (with the court facing block wall due to be completed soon)
- City of Nedlands final approval for our kitchen upgrade and contract awarded
- Tennis HQ successful hosting of junior tournament in December

Obviously none of this can be achieved without the hard work of our Committee, John’s great work as the club manager and our strong network of member volunteers.

As we reflect on 2021 and look forward to 2022 I am sure we are in for more challenges and surprises.

Our start to the year is very busy with the club hosting the Nedlands Junior and Open Series Tournament on Jan 14-16, the return of the traditional Tri-club challenge (with Dalkeith and Claremont tennis clubs hosted at Dalkeith Tennis Club) on Jan 16 and the our Mixed Veterans Round Robin/Summer Cooler event on Jan 23. I encourage all eligible members to participate in the round robin event as it is a great opportunity to mix and remind us of the friendly competitive spirit that is at the heart of our club.

The Committee is closely monitoring the COVID situation as we prepare for border re-opening on Feb 5. It seems inevitable we will be faced with some level of restrictions. We will typically follow Tennis West directions in addition to Government regulations. Given expectations for wider community transmission we believe the best protection for all our members and guests is to ensure vaccination in addition to other physical measures.

The Committee recently committed to proceed with the court 10/11 project (refer separate article).

This project is badly needed and requires substantial financial commitment from the club over the first half of 2022. So we are looking for those members that are in position to contribute financially to please help through your support for the project.

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Coming Events

Junior & Open Series Tournament – Jan 14-16

Tri Club Challenge – Sun 16 Jan

Mixed Vets Round Robin & Summer Cooler – Jan 23

Club Championships – Mar 5

Committee 2021/22

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Court 10/11 Upgrade Article

Dear Members

As you are aware courts 10/11 (synthetic grass courts) are in very poor condition and require replacement.

For the past few years the Nedlands Tennis Club committee has tried to secure grant funding for the project to ensure courts 10/11 are high quality courts - suitable for juniors, night league tennis and tournaments.

The estimated cost for the upgrade project with the LED lighting upgrade is around \$190k.

Unfortunately it is impossible to meet criteria for grant funding with a like-for-like synthetic grass replacement, this surface is not supported by Tennis Australia for the reasons that it is expensive for clubs to replace synthetic court surfaces every 10 to 15 years and the surface is considered less suitable for juniors development and higher level competition. After an unsuccessful effort in 2020 to secure a grant based on synthetic grass replacement the Committee took the necessary decision to re-apply in 2021 for funding based on a hard court replacement. This latest grant application was successful, we now have grants from the State Government and City of Nedlands for 50% of the estimated cost of the project. This leaves a balance of approximately \$96,000 (including 10% GST) to be funded by Nedlands Tennis Club.

The Committee have considered the financial position of the club and has resolved to proceed with the project while we have access to these grants. Through the Australian Sports Foundation project donors the club has already raised ~ \$35,000, which leaves a funding gap of circa \$60,000.00 that needs to be bridged.

The Committee is seeking assistance from members who are financially able to make a contribution to help fund the project.

Tax deductible donations may be made at [Nedlands Tennis Club | Upgrade of Courts 10 and 11 \(asf.org.au\)](https://www.nedlandstennisclub.com.au/upgrade-of-courts-10-and-11)

We will also be running various fund raising initiatives to try reach our target and encourage you to be involved.

The court 10/11 project represents the last important piece of our ongoing capital intensive development program which has included:

- Lighting of courts 4/5
- Redevelopment of courts 17/18 with lighting
- LED lighting upgrade of courts 15/16
- Club house repairs (required by Nedlands City Council as a condition of our lease)
- Kitchen upgrade (project is now fully approved by council and budgeted with works commencing early in the new year)

Thanks for your ongoing assistance and support.

Nedlands Tennis Club Committee

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It's True... We Need Every Man and His Dog

Since our last newsletter, much has happened at the club, from the Busy Bee, the week before Open Day, where club volunteers traditionally descend onto the club to spruce up the grounds and the club house in preparation for our Open Day, when we showcase our beautiful and much loved NTC to all and sundry. Barely had Open Day finished this year, that we proudly played host club to The Women in Tennis Gala Day the following Wednesday; over 40 ladies from many local tennis clubs in their brightest and best gear took to the courts to dust their tennis cobwebs ahead of the new season. Of course, then followed the start of the new summer pennants season, where hopes run high for a top four finish, and all seems possible, before reality likely sets in the latter part of the season! In addition, this year we hosted the very big Tennis Seniors WA Tournament which ran from 16th -19th December. In between all that we have our wonderful Saturday social tennis, where each set played takes the importance of a premier event and mingling and silly banter is de rigueur!

Of course, none of these activities would be possible without the help of our steadfast volunteers, may it be the pennants coordinator, grounds coordinator, the club captains, each of those that carry out their once-a-year bar service and/or tea duty, not to mention the Busy Bee and Open Day volunteers, those that run the round robins, entertain us with *"The Network"* or create magic for our Annual Dinner; then there are those than run the canteen and man the bar or the BBQ when we host fund raising events, those that refill the bar and the essential supplies, and the list goes on and on.

Sport is part of the fabric of Australian life. It helps build strong, connected and socially cohesive communities, one of which we are so fortunate to have at NTC. So, a very BIG THANK YOU to all of you who give your time willingly for the common good and without financial gain. The club simply would not be able to run without volunteers filling many critical roles, or else our annual fees would be prohibitively high, and our club would not feel so homely.

Without much ado, let's get out the diary and pencil in our dates when we are next on tea or bar duty, and if the date is not suitable (when is it ever!), please arrange for a swap in good time.



The meaning of "social" according to Cambridge Dictionary is 'relating to activities in which you meet and spend time with other people and that happens during the time when you are not working'

As such, social tennis at Nedlands Tennis Club is an organised event which happens each Saturday afternoon whereby members come together to play tennis. We have relied on a program called MatchoPro for many years now. Unfortunately it is an ancient program which came with programming disc which never developed into an app and I suspect that is due to lack of demand. Because of that, the set coordinators that sit behind the desk on Saturdays have had to endure repetitive computer breakdowns particularly on hot days. After all when was the last time you have seen an old styled CPU still in use? It wasn't as easy as just changing the computer system; new computer systems will not accommodate disc programming for MatchoPro. So John have had to take the computer for repairs after repairs.

The good news is, we have now switched over to a new online program. Which means not having to just rely on one particular piece of computer equipment. It has taken time and it is still taking time for our set coordinators to continually familiarise, improvise and improve their knowledge with this system. We have three set coordinators on rotation, so that we won't have a Saturday whereby no one can work. Therefore, user fluidity with the new system is taking a little longer. Add this to a Saturday afternoon whereby club's mobile phone is ringing hot, people are streaming into the office to write their names down for sets and having to finalise names in the system for play on time on top of deciding which courts to put players on. For these reasons, we ask social players to be patient with us, the set coordinators, and the system. We are trying really hard at making each Saturday social play an enjoyable day for all.

This brings me back to Saturday social tennis. It is social, relaxed and meant to have players mingling around with others. It is also an environment whereby players can practice what they are trying to improve without much pressure. For example, one of my partners decided she wanted to implement more serve volleys into her game and this is exactly what she did when it came to her service games at each point. Another wanted to improve serving with using his non dominant arm and so he served with his right instead of his left arm. Some others sometimes decide they want to practice down the line shots (watch out, net person!) or serve every ball into the T. Myself personally, I try and play as much as possible on a side I don't get to play as much on in pennants. So instead of coming down with an expectation of grand slam level tennis (in our minds), be disappointed and grizzle when it doesn't happen because sets are 'bad', how about we all adjust our mental attitude? The world is currently full of bad covid news. We are incredibly privileged to be living in Western Australia with very little restrictions and being able to play tournaments, league tennis and social tennis.

Happy New Year to all of you. May 2022 bring you lots of fun and laughter on court!

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Our league teams are enjoying the mid-season break and hopefully recovering from any niggling injuries which may have been hampering performance towards the end of the year. Competition for mid-week teams is due to resume in the week beginning Monday 31 January 2022. Our weekend teams start the year's campaign on the weekend of 29th Jan.

Our Ladies' Thursday team Bull (div 7) are sitting on top of the ladder, and we have 5 other ladies' teams in the top 4. The mens' teams are also competitive with 4 of 7 Weds night teams currently placing in the top 4.

TEAM:	Ladder Position
Mon Evening Women's Fast 4 - Mortier (div 2)	3
Mon Evening Men's Fast 4 - Sakar (div 2)	7
Saturday Ladies (Cooke - div 3)	2
Saturday Ladies (Morgan - div 4)	2
Wed Morning Women's 8s Doubles - Morgan div 1	7
Wed Morning Women's 8s Doubles - Bennet div 2	5
Wed Morning Women's 8s Doubles - Oldfield div 4	2
Sun Mixed - Palmer div 1	5
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Stead div 1	4
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Sweeney div 2	2
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Dodd div 3	6
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Lilburne div 4	4
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Lee div 4	5
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Mofflin div 6	5
Wed Evening Men's Doubles - Walsh div 7	3
Thurs Evening Women's Doubles - Morgan div 2	5
Thurs Evening Women's Doubles - English div 3	3
Thurs Evening Women's Doubles - Bull div 7	1

2022 marks the transition of the use of UTR (Universal Tennis Rating) for Australian tennis competitions. The CTR and Australian ranking points will be phased out. Watch this space for further updates...

COACHES CORNER

Welcome back to another year of tennis! With the new world that we are ever coming to terms with, it is great when you have places and activities which allow you to feel like “normal”. Tennis has been a great steady ship in the storms, with our ability to stay socially distant whilst playing, it has allowed us to stay connected with our tennis families.

Here at TennisHQ we are passionate about all aspects of tennis and for every player to get the most out of our sport. We will always aim to provide a comfortable, safe environment for you to play tennis. During the various stages of lockdown and restrictions in 2021, we were able to tailor our coaching programs and services to maximise playing opportunities for all of our members, clients and the general public. As we have seen recently, the changes can be sudden and we hope to always be able to find flexibility and adaptability to the conditions we are under and always provide a reliable outlet for your sporting options.

TERM 1 “THE BUSY TERM”

As a parent, I understand how hectic term one can be! Here at the club we will be restarting our coaching programs after our six weeks of holiday programs. Finding time for your children’s out of school activities is always challenging at the start of the new year as class times change, school obligations are outlined and juggling taxi runs for multiple kids at a time!

Summer is our busy time and despite having no Hopman Cup or ATP Cup in Perth this year, we trust that you will still be watching the summer of tennis on TV and cheering on your favourite Aussie players and marvelling at the best player in the world.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Junior league kicks off again for the second half of the season and I’m sure winter sports will start their sign ups and pre-season training this term too. We will of course be opening our Winter Junior League nominations during this term in preparation for terms two and three.

If you are looking for more court time and match practice, make sure you sign up for Singles ladder for green and yellow players and Team Tennis for Orange, Green and Yellow players.

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPS

The end of the summer of tennis always culminates in our Club Championships, we hope all of our junior league players will participate in this event. There will be round robin singles and doubles events for all levels of players. Stay tuned for more details about playing dates and sign ups

JUNIOR CLUB

Once school starts, we will be back on Fridays, 4.30 – 5.30pm, all players welcome! Remember that Junior Club tennis is free for members! Non members are most welcome too at a cost of \$12 per child, this includes tennis and food! The bar is always cheerfully manned by one of our club volunteers, it's the best way to end the week and kick off the weekend.

FAREWELL COACH PETE

It has come to the sad time where we must say goodbye to one of our popular coaches; Pete Crossman. Pete has been a wonderful asset to our coaching team over the years and we will miss his energy and passion for coaching. In 2021 he moved up in the world in his alternate career as a plumber and as such has had to let coaching go. You may still catch him around the club helping us out with coaching when time permits, but for now send him your best regards.

TIP OF THE MONTH – ONE STEP AHEAD

Do you remember playing those really strong opponents? The ones who always seem to be in the right place at the right time? Seemingly knowing where you are going to hit the ball and be in position waiting for the opportunity!

Annoying right! Well why not become one of those players? It's not as hard as it sounds. The first step is to just try to put yourself in your opponent's shoes. What shot would you normally hit there? Chances are they would choose something similar to you. If they don't then try to learn from it, was it an opportunity elsewhere that led them to choose the different shot or was it perhaps a pattern and it is a shot they just love to play.

Next time you are out on court in a more "social" set, have a go at guessing where the next shot will go, if you are right you will get one step ahead, if you aren't right you get a chance to do a little bit of analysis and learn something new, either way it's a win!

HAPPY HITTING

Warren & Team at TENNISHQ

Meet Our New Groundsman – Brendon Thomas

Our previous groundsman Rob Firms only gave us 1 months notice to terminate his contract.

There aren't many tennis groundsman-- in Perth – let alone those who are available to take on a big club like Nedlands.

After a quick panic by the committee, we managed to interview two prospective contractors.

We chose Brendon Thomas who is also in charge of Hensman Park tennis Club in South Perth.

He took over the contract on 1/11/21.



We immediately put him under the pump by telling him that we were running 2 tournaments in quick succession.

First was the State Seniors Tennis Championship from December 16-19.

He had the courts in great condition with almost all participants praising the courts.

The tournament was a great success.

Next is the Junior & Open Tournament to be held as we go to press from January 14-16.

Brendon has done everything I have asked of him so I am confident that we have picked a winner here.

Cheers

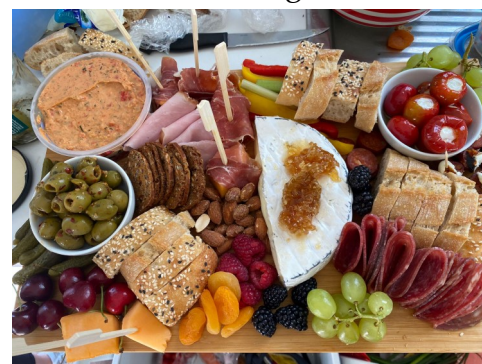
Frank Sweeney (Committee)

2021 WA State Senior Championships

Thanks to a successful attempt by Frank, Nat and myself to hobnob with the Tennis Seniors WA (TSWA) committee at their 2020 AGM, we were presented the opportunity to host the 2021 WA State Senior Championships. This event, which was a huge success, was a year in the planning and attracted 270 players from a variety of clubs across Perth ranging in age from 30 to 80+.

It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our club and unique volunteer culture which was on display throughout. The tournament subcommittee of Neil, Frank, Nat and myself were graciously and ably assisted by a host of club members who willingly gave up their time to ensure players were well fed and watered and our facilities were at their best. It never fails to amaze me how our small heritage listed club house somehow manages to bulge at the seams to accommodate such a large number of people and has the ability to lend itself to these events.

On the Thursday and Friday the singles events were played followed by mixed doubles on the Saturday and men's and ladies doubles on Sunday. On Friday evening we hosted the TSWA AGM and Cocktail Party, on Saturday night we held a Christmas Party for all players and club members, catering for over 100 people with a wonderful spread of barbequed meat and salads on offer, accompanied by live music. Unfortunately, the heavens opened just as guests were about to eat which was a bit of a dampener but didn't seem to deter the hungry masses. Thanks to Charlie and Pip for their help coordinating and catering for this function and to the members who donated salads. The event culminated with a prize giving on Sunday afternoon with beautiful platters of anti-pasto and cheese, which were welcomed by weary players.



I big shout out to all members who volunteered over the course of this event either in the canteen, behind the bar, at the kitchen sink, the barbie, providing delicious home baked goods (Trish and Jenny), selling raffle tickets or in any other capacity. We received very positive feedback from TSWA about how friendly and welcoming our club members were. It was also fantastic to see so many of our members competing with Nedlands having the highest participation of any club with over 40 members taking part!

Congratulations again to Nedlands winners in their age group brackets/divisions who did the club proud!

- Liz Schmidt (Mixed Doubles)
- Phil Holten and Peter Morgan (Men's Doubles)
- Helen Morgan and Trish Heath (Ladies Doubles)

Richard Clarke and Gary Hing (Men's Doubles)

We have an amazing facility at Nedlands Tennis Club and it is wonderful to see it being fully utilised by a broad spectrum of players. Furthermore, events like this raise significant funds for the club to maintain and further improve our facilities.

Janet Ferreira

WA STATE SENIORS OPEN TOURNAMENT 2021



Welcome
New Members!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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.

NEDLANDS TENNIS CLUB

NTC ROUND ROBIN MIXED VETS & SUMMER COOLER

This is the first of the Round Robin series for 2022 - 'PLAY & STAY'

Cost is \$20 which includes pizza

SUNDAY 23RD JAN 2022
1PM FOR 1:30PM START

Email your entries to Yasuko by Fri 21st
Jan, 2022

E: yasukowong@gmail.com

Gibson Family

Robert Flicker

Meihuan & Alan Wang

Langa Dlamini

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Andrew Dienhoff

William Richards

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Dana Trtica

Tim Xu

Mairead Dawson-O'Donnell

PIZZA



AROUND THE CLUB ...



Nedlands Tennis Club Roster & Social Calendar 2021/2022

	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
9-Oct-21	Carolyn Choong	Committee Members	Committee	Opening Day - Bring A Plate
16-Oct-21	Alan Bruce	Senq Lee	Bridgit Ammon	
23-Oct-21	John Detweiler	Andrew Stanbury	Ruhi Lacey	
30-Oct-21	Alex Tang	Roger Liu	Deb Lord	
6-Nov-21	Rob Storer	Dave Joyce	Lisa McCallum	
13-Nov-21	Alan Boynton	Lana Grobler	Nigel Bill	
20-Nov-21	Peter Schmitt	Julie Cooper	Trish Heath	
27-Nov-21	Carolyn Choong	Nerida Allen	Rachel Palmer	
4-Dec-21	Alan Bruce	Ian Hobson	Steve Hollier	
11-Dec-21	John Detweiler	Rob Tucker	Ken Houston	Christmas Party - Bring A Plate Afternoon Tea & BBQ
18-Dec-21	Alex Tang	Cathie Clarke	Anne Love	Summer Holidays
25-Dec-21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Christmas Day
1-Jan-22	Carolyn Choong	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	New Year Day
8-Jan-22	Rob Storer	Lisa McCusker	Jenny Jones	Summer Holidays
15-Jan-22	Alan Boynton	Tricia Herkess	Alison Webster	Summer Holidays
22-Jan-22	Peter Schmitt	Susan Tay	Janet Ferreira	23rd Jan - Vets Mixed RR
29-Jan-22	Carolyn Choong	Peter Barratt	Mandy Thomas	Summer Holidays
5-Feb-22	Alan Bruce	Pat Jonklass	Barb Nowak	Summer Cooler
12-Feb-22	John Detweiler	Suresh Sakar	Mel English	
19-Feb-22	Alex Tang	Peter Ammon	Frank Sweeney	
26-Feb-22	Rob Storer	Peggy Dermago	Noel Hart	
5-Mar-22	Alan Boynton	Ying Mortier	Neil Crocker	Labour Day Long Weekend - Club Championship
12-Mar-22	Peter Schmitt	Liz Schmitt	Carolyn Choong	
19-Mar-22	Carolyn Choong	Ian Love	Tony Morgan	
26-Mar-22	Alan Bruce	Steve French	Rob Lilburne	
2-Apr-22	John Detweiler	Tom Walsh	Annie Bull	Club Championship Finals
9-Apr-22	Alex Tang	Flick York	Helen Morgan	10 April - Open Men & Ladies RR
16-Apr-22	Rob Storer	Gordon Royle	Nathalie Smalberger	T1 School Holidays - Easter Weekend
23-Apr-22	Alan Boynton	Penny Oldfield	Yasuko Nagai	T1 School Holidays - Anzac Day Long Weekend
30-Apr-22	Peter Schmitt	Jim English	Rosie McCallum	30 April - Vets Men & Ladies RR
7-May-22	Carolyn Choong	Mike Nowak	Pip Micalizzi	1 May - Open Mixed RR
14-May-22	Alan Bruce	Cecile Leach & Lyn Powell	Carolyn Choong	
21-May-22	John Detweiler	Mark Lawrence	Ken Houston	Awards Night
28-May-22	Peter French	Jenny McGilvray	Alan Bruce	
4-Jun-22	Alex Tang	Jack Richardson	John Detweiler	WA Day Long Weekend
11-Jun-22	Alan Boynton	Gillian Webb	Helen Morgan	
18-Jun-22	Peter Schmitt	Sian Evans	Anne Love	
25-Jun-22	Carolyn Choong	Julian Goldsworthy	John Detweiler	Winter Warmer
2-Jul-22	Alan Bruce	Committee Members	Mel English	T2 School Holidays
9-Jul-22	John Detweiler	Thibaut Mortier	Trish Heath	T2 School Holidays
16-Jul-22	Alex Tang	Janet Ferreira	Ruhi Lacey	T2 School Holidays
23-Jul-22	Rob Storer	Brid Dawson	Nathalie Smalberger	
30-Jul-22	Alan Boynton	Peter Morgan	Yasuko Nagai	
6-Aug-22	Peter Schmitt	Leslee Mourdant	Mandy Thomas	AGM - Tuesday 10 August
13-Aug-22	Carolyn Choong	Nick Palmer	Rachel Palmer	
20-Aug-22	Peter French	Peter French	Lucia Agnello	
27-Aug-22	Alan Bruce	Mike Glynn	Ken Houston	
3-Sep-22	John Detweiler	Ross McCallum	Steve Hollier	
10-Sep-22	Alex Tang	Nigel Shaw	Frank Sweeney	Dinner Off The Green
17-Sep-22	Alan Boynton	Phil Holton	Barb Nowak	
24-Sep-22	Rob Storer	Lisa McCusker	Bridgit Ammon	T3 School Holidays - Queens Birthday Long Weekend
1-Oct-22	Peter French	Suresh Sakar	Neil Crocker	T3 School Holidays - Busy Bee
8-Oct-22	Carolyn Choong	Committee Members	Committee	T3 School Holidays - Opening Day - Bring A Plate

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 / Long Weekends







