



The Network

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Announcements, Events and Dates for your Diary

- Open Round Robin Doubles - December 11
- NTC Christmas Party - December 17
- Summer Cooler - January 21
- Open Mixed Club Championships - February 5
- Junior State Grade Girls team - see Page 9
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Committee Members

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| President: | Neil Crocker |
| Vice President: | Nathalie Smalberger |
| Treasurer: | Dave Mofflin |
| Secretary/Manager: | John Detwiler |
| Sponsorship: | Nathalie Smalberger |
| Club Captains: | Peter Schmitt,
Soni Bailey, Alex Tang |
| Men's League: | Neil Crocker |
| Women's League: | Mel English |
| General Committee: | Suresh Sakar
Michael Nowak
Warren Vickers
Frank Sweeney
Michelle Smith |



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Written by Neil Croker

I feel privileged to continue as Club President for a second year, with the support of our great committee.

It's an exciting time of year, with the weather improving, the courts are looking great, and Summer League Tennis is kicking off. It is hard to think of any better time or place to enjoy tennis.

Our recent completion of the court 10 and 11 upgrade represents a significant milestone - I am proud to see the vision of my predecessors Peter French and Janet Ferreira finally come to fruition.

When we first embarked on the court development about 5 years ago our plan was to add new hard courts at 17 and 18, resurface courts 10/11, install high quality LED lights on all courts and encourage utilisation with the book-a-court online system. This was envisaged as one large project that could be completed within about 12 months, subject to grants.

After many funding twists and turns, the mission is accomplished! Anyone who gets down to the club on a weekday evening can see the huge difference this has made.

While there have been many contributors along the way our one constant has been Dave Mofflin's tireless efforts as project manager, and not one to rest on his laurels, Dave is quietly conceiving our next project.

I also wish to recognise Carolyn Choong's great service as our former Club Captain. Amongst other challenges Carolyn had the stressful task of organising social tennis during Covid, and she brought great commitment to the role with support of her team of duty captains and set organisers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

On that note I welcome our new Club Captains, a tag team of Soni Bailey, Alex Tang and Peter Schmitt. I am sure they will do a great job.

I also welcome Michelle Smith to Committee. Michelle kicked off her committee career in style sponsoring and running a spectacular ice-cream stand at our Junior open day.

This season we are proud to have a Girls Junior State League Team representing Nedlands. It was nice to see them kick off their season with a comprehensive win on Sunday over local rivals Dalkeith Tennis Club.

For interested spectators their next home match is on 30th October versus Bull Creek (singles matches start at 8.30 am).

Unfortunately, for the first time in a few years we will not be hosting a significant tournament this season. Although we expressed interest no dates were offered to us that were a good fit for the club.

So, we can look forward to a relaxing summer, hopefully full of tennis and free of viruses and major weather damage.

As always, I thank all of our committee, Warren Vickers and all of his coaching team at TennisHQ, all of our volunteers and importantly our sponsors Gordon Davies, Perth Radiological Clinic, Chelsea Psychology, Cooper & Lourie, Tennis Only, MDS Legal (Ross McCallum) and Weirs Butchers for their continued support.

Enjoy your tennis,

Neil

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Written by Soni Bailey

On Saturday 9 October, with perfect conditions and a great sense of community, Nedlands Tennis Club opened by MLA member The Hon Dr Katrina Stratton for its 97th year, the Club enjoyed 69 members and 14 guests turning up to play games throughout the day.

The success of the NTC over this long history can be attributed to the motivation and contributions of its dedicated member base, and the 2022/23 Summer season will continue to make the adage 'many hands make light work' a truism. In the lead up for the day, many members contributed to the Busy Bee, as well as a dedicated Committee working hard behind the scenes to lead and co-ordinate a smooth start to the season, all the while juggling busy personal lives.

The new season brings new additions to contribute to its 97 year history. In particular, the Committee has four new members. Michelle Smith (Committee Member), Peter Schmitt (Club Captain), Soni Bailey (Club Captain) and Alex Tang (Club Captain).

For those who have not yet met Michelle, she brings to the club a wonderful positive energy that is both motivating and invigorating. Michelle has been a member at NTC over the last four years and came to tennis through her boys who are keen players. Prior to coming to Perth, Michelle and her family lived in Jakarta where Michelle was heavily involved in fundraising for underprivileged students. As a consequence, NTC has already reaped the rewards of Michelle's expertise in fundraising. On Friday 14 October for the Junior Open day, she brought a great sense of fun to the ice-cream stall for the kids on the day. It was not only appealing, but professional – with ice-cream music taboot! Making the Junior Open Day a great success enjoyed by all!

As a new initiative, the Club Captaincy role will be shared between Peter Schmitt, Alex Tang and myself, Soni Bailey. Each one of us bring to the role a variety of skills, knowledge and expertise.

CAPTAINS REPORT (CONTINUED)

Peter is a stalwart of the club, having dedicated his time over many years to both playing tennis and supporting the club by volunteering behind the bar on a regular basis, whether it be on Friday Junior Social play or Saturday Social afternoons just to name a few roles. His friendly and jubilant demeanour both on and off the court, and his knowledge of the Club and its members offers a ready sounding board to members as well as a steady voice of reason. Alex Tang and myself are new to tennis and the Club. While Alex came to tennis by recommendation of a physio and then developed a passion and interest in honing his skills thanks to the inspiration of greats such as Roger Federer. I have come to tennis as a consequence of my son who has been nurtured and supported through the Tennis HQ coaching team. I have been delighted to witness the joy tennis brings to children and teenagers both socially and competitively and wanted to share in this positive community personally.

The Club Captain role is a significant role, and we thank Carolyn Choong for her dedication and hard work over the last three years. It is a role that requires regular communication between members, as well as being a spokesperson for the wider membership base to the Club Committee.

In having three members engage in the role, the responsibilities are shared, and in doing so, the load lightened. For those who don't know some of the responsibilities include liaising each week with the Duty Captains, volunteers for Afternoon Tea and the Bar, as well as supporting the Set Makers (Ally and Matthew) to ensure the afternoon runs smoothly and efficiently for the members to enjoy social play.

An area that we aim to improve is the system to sign up for games. As you can imagine, it can become quite busy and stressful for the Set Maker to juggle the phone with the members arriving in person to sign up. Methods to take the pressure off the Set Makers but to still allow members to sign up ahead of arrival will be trialled. However, we do ask to be patient with us while we will endeavour to improve the system for all. Also, please bring any suggestions or comments to any one of the three of us so that we can continue to improve the tennis experience at NTC for all.

Soni

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LEAGUE NEWS

Written by Mel English

The 2021/2022 League Season saw only one NTC team take out the gong – with the Summer Mens' Div 2 team victorious – congratulations to Neil Croker, Frank Sweeney, Alan Lane (also MVP) Suresh Sakar, Stjepan Maticevic, Richard Clarke and Scott VanHeurck. The Blue Towel presentation will take place on Opening day.

The very popular and highly competitive men's winter intra-club competition was again held in lieu of the TW winter comp and this season the Ladies also ran a winter intra club event with 6 teams. Covid, faulty lights and weather were impactful – especially for the women's comp – but competitive tennis was enjoyed by all without away travel and drinking proceeds supporting the club.

The following 16 NTC teams have already been entered in the coming Tennis West Summer League competition:

- 1 Monday night Women's Singles/Doubles fast 4
- 7 Wednesday night Men's Open Doubles
- 1 Wednesday Women's Open Doubles 8 sets
- 1 Wednesday Women's Over 45 Grass Court Doubles 12 sets
- 4 Thursday night Open Women's Doubles
- 1 Saturday Open Women's
- 1 Sunday Women's Over 30 Doubles

Team grading and fixtures are now out with the commencement of the season on Saturday 15th October. UTR is now the sole player rating system so make sure you have yours activated! All current league news can be found on the Tennis West site – players/ competitions/ WA tennis league/ League Notice Board.

Thanks to the other League Committee members (Carolyn Choong, Nathalie Smalberger, Michelle Smith, Neil Croker, Suresh Sakar, and Warren Vickers) who once again put in considerable time and effort in selecting teams that would provide the best outcome for the most players. Thanks also to those that have volunteered/ been volunteered to be team captains – we couldn't do it without you!

Mel

COACHES CORNER

Written by Warren Vickers

With the “winter” season all wrapped up we have moved into spring and therefore the opening of the grass court and the opening of the new tennis season. What a great winter we have had with the “new” hardcourts being utilised often, especially whenever rain was around. Their great design means great drainage and much less sweeping!

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Winter : We had ten teams over the winter season, this is the most teams we have ever had! The ability to field more teams due to our increasing number of hard courts is wonderful for our junior players. We had two teams win their league, mixed 13s teams in Division 2 and 3. Well done to those teams and all players for their sportsmanship and endeavours.

Summer : We have seventeen teams for our summer league, with players from age seven to sixteen, playing through orange, green and yellow ball competitions. This is the purpose of all our coaching and practice sessions! We would love all our players to be involved in some actual tennis play not just their lessons.

State League Girls : The club has its first Junior State league team in many years. This is the highest level of junior tennis in WA and you would be suitably impressed to watch these girls play. Our team is made up of younger players, we have WA's #1 twelve year old girl, and the #2 and #3 13 year olds. We hope this team stays together for years as the competition is for eighteen and unders.

We will make sure to let everyone know in the weekly email when the next home game is.

TEAM TENNIS

If your child is available on Sundays or maybe not quite ready for league, get them involved in modified tennis matches at Team Tennis. We run this for orange and green ballers on Friday afternoons either before or after Junior Club, it's the perfect introduction to matchplay with relaxed rules and an emphasis on learning and having a go. Great for Junior Club players wanting more and HotShots players wanting another session to practice what they are learning each week

CARDIO TENNIS

We have super busy Cardio sessions on Tuesday night, two class options and now have added a third class for teens! If you have a teen wanting to have a fun run around and whack a few balls this class is perfect for them. Look out for our new before work session coming soon, a great options for working men and women or early risers wanting to kick their day off with some high energy fun.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Everyone hates to double fault, and with good reason. People are very liberal with their “I couldn't hit a serve in” stories. On the flip side, I don't hear too many “I couldn't make a return” stories. This means one of two things

1. People are very good returners
2. People don't pay as much attention to return errors.

Missing a return is just as bad as double faulting (except the fact you only get one crack at it), so get your head down and put the pressure on the server by not giving up any free points!

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL SOON,

Warren

Around the Club

Scientist in US grant win

Neuroscientist Alex Tang has become the first West Australian to receive a prestigious Young Investigator Grant.

The grant from New York's Brain and Behaviour Research Foundation helps promising neuroscientists launch their independent research careers.



Dr Tang, pictured, will use the \$100,000 grant to fund an investigation

into how magnetic brain stimulation enhances neural plasticity in the human brain and how it can assist in treating depression.

Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation is a popular treatment for depression but not all patients experience improved outcomes.

Dr Tang is a team leader in the Brain Plasticity Research group at the Perron Institute and the University of Western Australia.

THANK YOU

Rachael & Damien Criddle are making a donation of \$1,500 to cover the club fees for the girls in the **State team**, plus there's a bit spare for the club to use as it sees fit.

Nedlands Tennis Club would like to thank the Criddle family for their kindness and generosity.

We wish Claudia Shearwood, Elena Manoj, Izzy Criddle, Raavi Gill and Zuzanna Waligorska a very happy season of tennis.

Raffle Prizes

A huge thank you for donating our wonderful raffle prizes.

Tennis Only,
Hon. MLC Stephen Dawson,
Lesley Mordaunt of Fizzy Yoga, and
Steve's Nedlands

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The girls; Monica, Lucia, Mel, Anne, Liz and Mandy celebrated Mel's Birthday in style at Little Way. Happy Birthday Mel!



Calendar and Duty Roster

Nedlands Tennis Club Roster & Social Calendar 2022 / 2023

	Duty Captain	Afternoon Tea Duty	Bar/RSA Duty	Event
8-Oct-22	Peter Schmitt	Committee Members	Committee	Opening Day - Bring A Plate
15-Oct-22	Alex Tang	Rob Tucker	Frank Sweeney	
22-Oct-22	Soni Bailey	Dave Joyce	Neil Croker	
29-Oct-22	Peter French	Senq Lee	Lucia Agnello	
5-Nov-22	Rob Storer	Peter Barratt	Annie Bull	
12-Nov-22	Alan Boynton	Mehmet Cakir	Lisa McCallum	
19-Nov-22	John Detweiler	Nerida Allen	Anne Love	
26-Nov-22	Peter Schmitt	Roger Liu	Ken Houston	
3-Dec-22	Alex Tang	Mairead Dawson	Mike Nowak	
10-Dec-22	Soni Bailey	Kon Kozak	Trish Heath	Open Doubles RR Sunday 11 Dec
17-Dec-22	Peter French	Susan Tay	Lisa McCusker	Christmas Party
24-Dec-22	Rob Storer	Volunteer Needed	Neil Croker	Christmas Day Long Weekend
31-Dec-22	Alan Boynton	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	New Year's Day Long Weekend
7-Jan-23	John Detweiler	Richard Clarke	Amanda Thomas	Summer Holidays
14-Jan-23	Peter Schmitt	Brid Dawson	Peter Schmitt	Summer Holidays
21-Jan-23	Alex Tang	Ying Mortier	Carolyn Choong	Summer Cooler
28-Jan-23	Soni Bailey	Meg Joyce	Rob Lilburne	Summer Holidays
4-Feb-23	Rob Storer	Dave Mofflin	Deb Lord	Open Mixed RR Sunday 5 Feb
11-Feb-23	Alan Boynton	Jim English	Rachel Palmer	
18-Feb-23	John Detweiler	Pat Jonklass	Noel Hart	
25-Feb-23	Peter Schmitt	Gary Hing	Alan Bruce	
4-Mar-23	Alex Tang	Tom Walsh	Bridget Ammon	Labour Day Long Weekend - Club Championship
11-Mar-23	Soni Bailey	Felicity York	Pip Micalizzi	
18-Mar-23	Rob Storer	Penny Oldfield	Tony Morgan	
25-Mar-23	Alan Boynton	Mike Glynn	John Detweiler	Vets Mixed RR Sunday 26 March
1-Apr-23	John Detweiler	Peter Morgan	Alison Webster	Vets Doubles RR Sunday 2 April
8-Apr-23	Peter Schmitt	Gordon Royle	Helen Morgan	T1 School Holidays
15-Apr-23	Alex Tang	Emma Hammond	Yasuko Nagai	T1 School Holidays
22-Apr-23	Soni Bailey	Ross McCallum	Rosie McCallum	T1 School Holidays
29-Apr-23	Rob Storer	Richard Pearce	Janet Ferreira	
6-May-23	Peter French	Tricia Herkess	Frank Sweeney	
13-May-23	Alan Boynton	Peggy Dermago	Neil Croker	Awards Night
20-May-23	John Detweiler	Sian Evans	Lucia Agnello	
27-May-23	Peter Schmitt	Jenny McGilvray	Carolyn Choong	
3-Jun-23	Alex Tang	Julian Goldsworthy	Annie Bull	WA Day Long Weekend
10-Jun-23	Soni Bailey	Ian Hobson	Anne Love	
17-Jun-23	Peter French	Peter Ammon	Ken Houston	
24-Jun-23	Rob Storer	Cathie Clarke	Mike Nowak	
1-Jul-23	Alan Boynton	Liz Schmitt	Trish Heath	Winter Warmer
8-Jul-23	John Detweiler	Jack Richardson	Lisa McCusker	
15-Jul-23	Peter Schmitt	Thibaut Mortier	Mel English	
22-Jul-23	Alex Tang	Peter French	Peter Schmitt	
29-Jul-23	Soni Bailey	Nigel Shaw	Amanda Thomas	
5-Aug-23	Rob Storer	Ian Love	Rachel Palmer	AGM Tuesday 9 August
12-Aug-23	Peter French	Suresh Sakar	Alan Bruce	
19-Aug-23	Alan Boynton	Mark Lawrence	Helen Morgan	
26-Aug-23	John Detweiler	Stjepan Maticevic	Deb Lord	
2-Sep-23	Peter Schmitt	Barb Nowak	Lisa McCallum	
9-Sep-23	Alex Tang	Monika Peterson	Jenny Jones	Quiz Night
16-Sep-23	Soni Bailey	Ann Solar	Alison Webster	
23-Sep-23	Rob Storer	Nick Palmer	Rob Lilburne	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend
30-Sep-23	Peter French	Steve Kerr	Pip Micalizzi	
7-Oct-23	Alan Boynton	Julie Cooper	Tony Morgan	Busy Bee
14-Oct-23	Peter Schmitt	Committee Members	Committee Members	Open Day

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

**Welcome
New Members!**

Jamie Beros

Sungchar Kwon

Paul Volich

Noah Kahn

Tina Choo

William Menzies

Pat Prendiville

Marina Greenshields

Patricia Leake

Charlotte Cumace

Alex Fry

Robert & Talia Morgan Family

Liew Buren

Please let us know if you have changed your personal details so that we can update our records and keep in touch

Busybee (and the preliminary chores) Volunteers:

Michael Nowak

Peter Schmitt

John Detwiler

Neil Croker

Tony Morgan

Jen Cooke

Nat Smalberger

Sian Evans

Mel English

Warren Vickers

Graham Chandler

Anne Love

Sungchur Kwon

Gordon Royle

Steve Kerr

Ying and Thibaut Mortier

Michelle Smith and Simon Robinson

Deb Lord and Julian Goldsworthy

Leslee Mordaunt

Lucia Agnello

Mike Glynn

Frank Sweeney

David Rees - provided the trailer and a trip to the tip

Opening Day at Nedlands 2022/2023



Junior Opening Day at Nedlands 2022/2023

