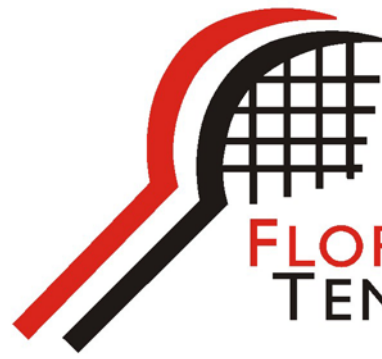


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FLOREAT PARK
TENNIS CLUB





Presidents Report

Fred Santich

After a great end to 2011 and a wonderful Christmas Function held on 10 December 2011, I welcome everyone to another New Year and trust all had a relaxing and enjoyable festive season.

January 2012 brought us some very hot weather but the hard core members are still rolling up for some great tennis. Wednesday twilight tennis is starting to build momentum following further promotion by the club committee and the introduction of a trial bar service after organised play. I would like to thank the bar volunteers who have assisted in this weekly event. The committee hope that more members and guests will consider attending Wednesday Twilight tennis as it is important that we get maximum use of our courts.

You will notice that we have several new members which has been a credit to the membership team and their efforts during the past year. We are still seeking new members so please let your friends and colleagues know that they would be most welcome to come along and join us for any of our organised tennis: Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Brad Millman and his team have continued to provide their professional services at the Club. You may have observed that Brad has continued to expand his coaching staff which will assist the club greatly.

Special thanks go to Brad for his efforts in securing a major sponsor, Abel McGrath Real Estate, for an initial period of two years with optional years to follow.

Enjoy your tennis and I look forward to seeing you all at the Club.

Fred Santich

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CLUB SPONSOR??

Sponsorship opportunities available NOW – Please contact Brad Millman at the Club or on 0409 315 619 to discuss how your business can become a signage sponsor of FPTC. Other options are also available and we are happy to discuss these with you. All sponsorships include a senior membership – come and invest in the growth of FPTC.

Captains Report

Carolyn Mahoney



Well it is that time of the year again! Club Champs! This year will be run much the same as last year where we will have 2 divisions for all senior events. The junior championship will run concurrently with the seniors. All play will be on Sat and Sun over the weekends of 14/15 April and 21/22 April. Weather permitting! The second division will be run as a round robin so everyone will play plenty of tennis.

So come on and enter! All the more the better!

Wednesday evening tennis is seeing more players. The bar is now open after tennis so come along everyone and have a game and then a nice cold drink after! With the warm weather, evenings are the best time to play.

Last weekend 2 teams played in a competition at Kalamunda. The mixed combinations played well and there were some winners. So well done to you all.

January saw the Australian Seniors Championships in Perth. There were quite a few of our Club "seniors" who took part. Everyone played well and enjoyed their time on court playing against people from interstate and New Zealand.

Carolyn Mahoney

Congratulations to Carol and her team for winning their division in the Australian Seniors Championships - Ed.

Welcome to our New Members!!

Gareth King
Jayne King
Robert Wood
Robert Clement
Michele Clement
April Nicholls
Chiharu Dewhurst





Club Managers Report

Brad Millman

Junior Club-The Junior Club Challenge Ladder has recommenced for term 1 and the turnout for the first session was fantastic. Thanks very much to all of the junior members that come down, and for bringing your friends down also...we can always do with more junior members!!

Junior Pennants-We have had a solid start to the pennant season. Good luck to all of the teams competing.

Sponsorship-I would like to welcome Abel McGrath on board as a sponsor of the tennis club. Your support is greatly appreciated. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities available at the club. Please contact myself for more information.

New Head Racquets-The new range of Head tennis racquets are available for demo. Either pop into the pro shop, or phone myself to try one out.

Coaches Tip-Are you a bit slow reacting to your opponents shot?? Or a little slow getting off the mark to get to the ball?? A split step will not only help you to react and move to the ball quickly, but it will also assist in being balanced to change directions. To find out more, please see one of the coaching team and they will be more than happy to explain in more detail.

New Coach - Bruce Eaton

The club welcomes new coach Bruce Eaton who has joined Brad Millman's coaching team. Bruce is a Tennis Coaches Australia Advance Coach (Level 2) and has over 25 years experience coaching adults and children, privately and in groups from beginner to satellite level tournament players.

Bruce will be available for lessons starting from January 30, 2012. If you would like to enquire or book in, please call the Pro Shop on 9387 3200 or Brad on 0409 315 619 or email to bradmillmantennis@bigpond.com with your preferred day and time, and a contact phone number. Brad will confirm by email or phone.



Australia Day Event



Once again lots of club members enjoyed tennis, food and drink on Australia Day morning.

The hot weather caused us to start earlier but cool cordial saw us through the heat. It was good to see all the courts being used with a few courts used by the coaches running a tournament for some very young juniors.

Thanks to Denise and her friends for organising the food and drink, to the bar staff for their friendly efforts and to Carolyn for organising the sets.



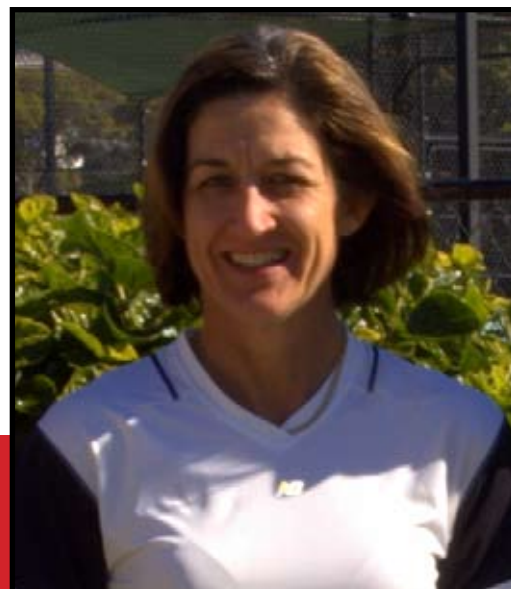
Even though the CD player would not cooperate and play the tape Caroline brought along, a hearty rendition of the national anthem rang out across Floreat.

John Cresp



Social Report

Denise Cramer



Floreat Park Christmas Party

While Bing Crosby may not have been singing "It's a White Christmas", Floreat Park Tennis Club celebrated its "White Christmas Party" on Saturday 10th December with local veteran of the music scene, Wayne Pride, singing a swag of old tunes. By the light of the lunar eclipse members danced and partied hard with Osman doing his best to encourage all onto the dance floor! With wonderful kitchen staff (thanks to Maddie and Bronte for a fantastic job of keeping everyone well fed with tasty morsels such as arancini balls, savoury tartlets and vietnamese rolls) and awesome bar staff (Paddy, Kay et al) making sure we were all kept in the Christmas spirit, the evening, I am sure was judged a great success by all 70 revellers. Once again a huge thank you to the social committee of Sally, Jenni, Jan, Nicky and Antonette for all their enthusiasm and hard work in creating an enchanting atmosphere and mouth-watering flavours. A special thank you must also go to the "Barbecuist" for cooking all the satay and prawn sticks!

Denise Cramer





Hills Grand Slam Event

On the 29th January two Floreat teams competed in the annual Hills Grand Slam held at Kalamunda Tennis Club. The Hills Grand Slam is a Doubles and Mixed Doubles teams tournament played at four different clubs in the hills on the various playing surfaces over four playing dates in Feb - April emulating the Great Slam Tennis Tournaments around the world.

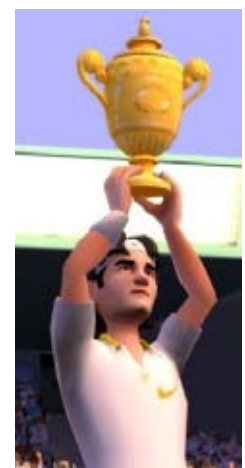
Both teams were successful in winning their divisions in the 'Australian Open'.

The Floreat Rockets (Division 2) comprised of Jan Yeo and Osman Hadziomerovic, Deb Manook and Phillip Werokody.

The Floreat Fantastics (Division 3) comprised of Carol Callaghan and Keable French, Antonette Kennedy and John Eliaz.

Despite the windy conditions and sunburnt bodies everyone had a great time. The morning tea in itself was worth the drive to the hills!

Deb Manook



We wish them luck at 'Wimbledon' on the 24th February!!

FAREWELL AFTERNOON TEA

Make sure you are playing tennis on **Saturday 18th February**, or at least at the club for afternoon tea, to farewell the Burtons who are making the move south to Bunbury. Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea.



Pennants Ladder

Floreat Park look like making some finals as we head towards the end of the summer season with five junior teams trying to hang on to 4th spot.

Junior Boys 12/U Div 4 - 2nd
Junior Boys 12/U Div 9 - 4th
Junior Boys 14/U Div 4 - 2nd
Junior Boys 14/U Div 7 - 4th
Junior Boys 16/U Div 2 - 6th
Junior Boys 16/U Div 7 - 4th

Junior Girls 14/U Div 5 - 4th
Mens Open Div 6 - 4th
Mens Open Div 13 - 6th
Midweek Open Div 2 - 2nd
Midweek Open Div 5 - 1st
Thurs Women Night Div 3 - 8th



The "MY TENNIS" System

Members should have received information about the new "My Tennis" system in the most recent "Club Spirit" as well as a 'Log-on' information email from Tennis West.

In simple terms "My Tennis" is a new way that members can pay their club membership fees with the option of using credit card. It is also a good way to keep your personal details up to date. In other words, if your postal or email address changes then it can be updated online without having to contact the club. The tenniswest registration number is also a gateway for accessing tournaments and competitions.

For more information go to:

<http://www.tennis.com.au/wa/clubs-and-associations/membership/my-tennis>

How well do you know the rules of tennis?

Q: You attempt to hit a shot and the ball hits your hand and rebounds over the net for a winner.

- a) You win the point.
- b) Your opponent wins the point.
- c) You replay the point.

Correct Answer is (b) The point is lost if the ball in play touches the player or anything that the player is wearing or carrying, except the racket.

DRINKERS DIVA PROXY

Experimenting with a Wednesday evening opening after organised tennis is the RACQUET BAR. So how about coming along and having a hit then quenching your thirst at our bar where you can get excellent service and a drink at a reasonable price!!!

THANK YOU to the Bar folk who are covering these extra duties and as usual a big THANK YOU to all the barkeeps who do such a splendid job keeping things humming along behind the bar.

SEE YOU THERE!!

PADDY ROSS
- Drinkers Diva Proxy
for the DRINKERS DIVA
- young JUDI CHAPMAN



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Reg Hall is well known to all Floreat members. He has been assisting us with anything 'tennis' so don't forget to call in and see Reg and remember to tell him you are from Floreat Park Tennis Club – you are always offered a great 'deal' at Reg Hall's Racketworld.

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