

Topspin

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FLOREAT PARK
TENNIS CLUB



The Newsletter of the Floreat Park Tennis Club published every 3 months



Presidents Report

Fred Santich

Welcome all members and guests to our second Topspin of the year. I trust you have all enjoyed some great tennis during the first quarter of 2012. We did experience several hot days in the first part of the year but the recent weather has been very conducive to outdoor activities, especially tennis!

Wednesday twilight tennis has been very successful following further promotion by the club committee. At times there were up to 7 or 8 courts in use. I encourage members and their guests to frequent this event more often to enjoy some good tennis. Unfortunately the trial bar service has not been a success. It is envisaged that this will cease in the near future should the poor bar attendance continue.

Several new members have joined the Club which has been a credit to the membership team and their continuing efforts. 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.

Bruce Eaton joined Brad's coaching team in January. Bruce has had extensive coaching experience and his involvement in the Club will be a great asset. On behalf of your Management Committee and all members of the FPTC I welcome Bruce and trust his time at the Club is enjoyable.

We had a disappointing number of entries in our Annual Championships mainly due to this coinciding with the April school holidays. Despite this there were still some terrific matches which were highly competitive for the players and very enjoyable for the onlookers. Thank you again to John Cresp for his unselfish contribution to the tournament. A special thank you also goes to Jeremy Cariss who became a new member at the end of March and then donated the major prizes for the championship. I highly recommend members visit Jeremy's "Bistro Felix" restaurant for a great meal. It is members like John and Jeremy that make our club such a wonderful facility. On behalf of the Committee I would like to encourage more members to explore how they can contribute to the running of the Club.

Many thanks again goes to your bar staff, Social Committee and the many others who have made the first 3 months of 2012 at FPTC a very enjoyable place to be.

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



Captains Report

John Cresp (Vice captain)

The Senior Club Championships has been successfully completed just in time before the rain. The last game of the final of the mens doubles finished just as the rain started. Unfortunately the championships needed to be held during school holidays to accommodate the Tennis West calendar, this caused a low number of entries so not all events were held. Well done all those who entered and congratulations to the winners:

Mens Championship Singles

Osman HADZIOMEROVIC
Runner up Artur FERREIRA

Mens Championship Doubles

Fred SANTICH & Brad MILLMAN
Runners up Artur FERREIRA & Kevin MATTHEWS

Ladies Championship Doubles

Denise CRAMER & Carolyn MAHONEY
Runners up Deborah MANOOK & Sonya KRISHAN

Mixed Championship Doubles

Philip WEERAKODY & Nicki DAVIES
Runners up Philip NADEBAUM & Carolyn MAHONEY

Mixed Special Doubles

Bernie O'SHEA & Kate O'SHEA
Runners up Keable FRENCH & Carol CALLAGHAN

Congratulations to 4 players from FPTC who have been awarded **Most Valuable Player** for their pennant division for 2011/2012 season:

Kevin Matthews Sat Div 5
Arthur Ferreira Sat Div 13
Millie Penrose Jnr Girls 14 & Under
Debbie Taylor Midweek Div 2



Nicki Davies with the FPTC Mixed Championship Doubles trophy



Club Managers Report

Brad Millman

We had 165 children attend the April school holiday program...it was a record!! The children and coaching staff feature on the cover of this Topspin and having a well-earned break in the photo below.



Coaches Tip

Ask yourself this question, "Am I in the ready position when my opponent plays their shot???"

In the correct ready position, your feet should be shoulder width apart, and slightly bent, with both hands on the racquet and directly in front of the body. This may help your reaction and approach to your next shot!!



Brad demonstrating the ready position in the Mens Championship Doubles



Juniors Report

Matt Carle (Senior Coach)

Congratulations to this years Junior Club Championship competitors, all played really well and we saw some potential stars to watch out for at Floreat. Special congratulations to Alex Slaidins for winning back to back Championships and Congratulations to Hannah Gent for winning the Girls Championship title. Also to Victor van de Graaf for winning the 12 and unders.

Junior Winter Pennants is back in full swing with four rounds being played, Round one was a complete washout due to overnight rain but the teams have performed well and all but one are in the top four. There are still many rounds to go and all teams have good chances of obtaining that home final and shields.

Pennants Update

The 2011/12 Summer season saw our Mens Div 6 team win the grand final 7-2 against Higgins Park. Both Midweek Ladies Div 2 and Div 6 teams went down in grand finals against Hensman Park and Kelmscott respectively.

The boys 12/U team Div 4 team won the pennant defeating Wembley Downs 5-1 in the final. The boys 14/U Div 4 team went down to Hensman Park in the grand final.

Several other teams played in semifinals and all players did a great job representing Floreat so well done to all.



Once again it has been a promising start to the winter season for our nine pennant teams with Floreat Park represented in Saturday Mens Open Div 4 and Div 8
Midweek Ladies Div 2 and Div 6
Thursday Night Ladies Div 4
Sunday Junior Boys 14/U Div 3, Boys 16/U Div 2 and Div 4
Girls 16/U Div 3

Farewell and Good Luck to the Burtons

TWO OF OUR LONG STANDING MEMBERS, MARGARET AND ARTHUR BURTON HAVE LEFT OUR CLUB AFTER MANY YEARS AND WILL BE SADLY MISSED. THEY HAVE MOVED TO BUNBURY TO BE CLOSER TO THEIR ELDEST SON, VANCE AND HIS FAMILY.

BOTH HAVE BEEN HARD WORKING MEMBERS OVER MANY YEARS, ESPECIALLY IN THE CONDUCT OF THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR TOURNAMENTS THE CLUB HAS RUN OVER MANY YEARS. MARGARET WAS TOURNAMENT SECRETARY FOR MOST OF THOSE TIMES AND ARTHUR HELPED OUT WITH MATCH CONTROL, SCORING AND WAS AN OUTSTANDING RAFFLE TICKET SELLER RAISING MANY DOLLARS FOR OUR CLUB. IN ADDITION TO ALL OF THAT, MARGARET SERVED A TIME AS LADY VICE-CAPTAIN AND HAS ALWAYS WORKED "BEHIND THE SCENES" DOING MANY OF THE UNRECOGNISED JOBS THAT NEED TO BE DONE AT A CLUB LIKE OURS.

THEIR THREE SONS, VANCE, WARREN AND ADRIAN, ALSO PLAYED AT FLOREAT BEGINNING AS JUNIOR MEMBERS AND PROGRESSING TO SENIOR MEMBERSHIP AS WELL AS REPRESENTING THE CLUB IN JUNIOR AND SENIOR SHIELD TEAMS. WE WISH MARGARET AND ARTHUR WELL IN THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT, HOPEFULLY WE WILL SEE THEM FROM TIME TO TIME ON OUR COURTS AT FLOREAT.

ROB STIRLING



A message from Margaret....

We have almost finished unpacking and sorting all the boxes etc and settling into a new routine.

I have joined Bunbury Tennis Club. Their grass is playing perfectly.

They play Saturday afternoon Social and Wednesday morning social - both men and women attend. Arthur and I went yesterday to the midweek hit - they had 5 courts in operation. They have an interesting way of filling the leftover players on the court by playing rotating 5 if the numbers are odd. Play is from 9 to 11 and then a group go to the coffee shop at the Park Centre. I have also been asked to the group hit on Tuesday afternoon by the Senior ladies.

Bunbury Tennis are playing each other in the Midweek Pennant final today - played at Busselton this year. Apparently each year the finals are played at one venue decided at the beginning of each season. Quite an interesting concept.

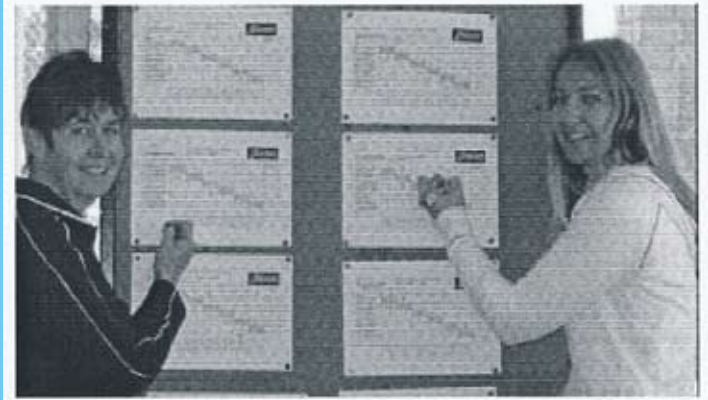
Give my regards to all at the Club

Margaret

from our archives.....



Above: Arthur, Margaret and Adrian Burton were spotted at the Races. Marg's sewing talents earned them acclaim. And we must say "Thank You" for the work put in by Arthur, and Adrian who helped out with tote. Well done.



Marg Burton and Tori Jurilj taking care of some results on Saturday. Peter Ding, Margo Brewer, Arthur Burton and Garry Briggs were among the team who manned the fort and did a superb job guiding the players to their matches and compiling all the results.

2004 Head O/35 Doubles Tournament



Above: Kay Jones and Arthur Burton – Kay had horses on the brain and Arthur was painting the town red....

2004 Social Function 'Off to the Races'



IN THE TOURNAMENT ENGINE ROOM

2006 Head O/35 Doubles Tournament



Marg Burton – you put your right hand in, you put your right hand out....

2005 Medal Tournament with Hawaiian theme



Some Floreat players who managed to bring home some bacon:
Tonia Ranford and Margaret Burton

2005 Head O/35 Doubles Tournament

Social Report

Denise Cramer

A "Play 'n Stay" was held on Saturday 19th May. Members enjoyed playing social tennis and stayed on at the club for a drink and fish and chips, ably organised by Sally Henfry. Thanks Sally!



Welcome to New Members!!

Adult Members:

ABERNETHY James
BATEMAN Carl
COURT Billie
EDWARDS Chantelle
GAUNT Simon
MACMILLAN Hamish
WILSON Dave
HULLETT Peter *
CARISS Jeremy

Junior Members:

BIGA Stefan

*Past President. Welcome back Peter!!

Thankyou to....

Bob Berg for spending many hours filing and organising our club archives (which date back to the 60s).

They are now located in the FPTC storage shed. If anyone has any archival material (photos, minutes etc) lying around at home please pass it on to Bob to file in the appropriate box!



How well do you know the rules of tennis?

Q: If you have a doubt on a line call on your side of the court

- a) replay the point
- b) assume the ball was out
- c) assume the ball was out unless your opponent saw it as in
- d) assume the ball was in



Correct Answer is (d)

DRINKERS DIVA PROXY

WE ARE NOW FORTUNATE TO HAVE A GOOD NUMBER OF EXCELLENT VOLUNTEERS MANNING (SORRY LADIES!) THE BAR ON A SATURDAYAND FOR THIS WE THANK THEM!!!

UNFORTUNATELY AFTER A SIX MONTH TRIAL IT HAS BEEN DECIDED NOT TO OPEN THE BAR OVER THE WINTER MONTHS ON A WEDNESDAY EVENING. THE COMMITTEE WILL POSSIBLY REVISIT THE IDEA CUM SUMMER. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF ANY MOVEMENT ON THAT FRONT.

IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE OUR REGULARS BUT IT WOULD BE NICE TO SEE SOME NEW FACES FRONT UP AND ENJOY THE COMRADERIE HAVING A DRINK HAS TO OFFER AFTER A GAME. WHY NOT TRY IT!!!!

PADDY ROSS
FOR JUDI CHAPMAN
(THE DRINKER'S DIVA)



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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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