

Topspin

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FLOREAT PARK
TENNIS CLUB





Presidents Report

Fred Santich

Notwithstanding the disappointing attendance at the AGM on 20 August 2011, the 2011/12 tennis year has started off with a reshaped, refreshed Management Committee with Caroline Gibson and Kate O'Shea taking on two of the most senior roles. I wish to again thank retiring committee members Bob Berg and Rob Stirling for their huge contribution to the Floreat Park Tennis Club over many years. Peter Ding has kindly agreed to continue as Property Manager, however the Gardening position is still vacant and I encourage members to consider assisting in filling this role.

Sally Keady is a welcome addition to the running of the Club having taken on the role as Club Editor, a tireless task that was well catered for by Paddy and Kay in the past. Membership support is required to ensure that all relevant information is communicated within the Club. Please feed your ideas, information, photos, reports and the like to Sally or one of the committee members for addition to the Top Spin and Club Spirit news. Top Spin and other interesting information can be viewed on the FPTC Website.

The Over 35s tournament, held again on the second weekend in September, was another successful event enjoyed by many. Thanks to the tournament committee and the members who volunteered to assist over the two days. A report on the tournament is included in this issue of Top Spin.

Thanks also to Mr Simon Withers, Mayor of the Town of Cambridge for officially opening the season on Saturday 15 October. A lovely day of tennis and afternoon tea were enjoyed by all with some yummy hot canapés after play.

Denise Cramer and her hard working social team are making the final plans for the FPTC Christmas function on Saturday 10 December. This much anticipated event provides Club members and their guests with an opportunity to enjoy a night of stimulating conversation whilst enjoying quality food and live music. More details are included in this edition of Top Spin and any member who is available to assist would be very welcome.

Brad Millman and his coaching staff continue to provide their professional services at the Club. Brad is assisting in the growth of the membership and we look forward to a year of increased membership and sponsorship.

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

Fred Santich



Captains Report

Carolyn Mahoney

The 2011/12 tennis season has been underway for a few weeks already with Pennants commencing a couple of weeks ago. We look forward to more success for our teams again this season whether they are weekend, midweek or juniors. Good luck and enjoy your tennis!

The Captains committee have some events that we will run over the season. The first will be the Handicap tournament on Saturday 26th November. This will be run much as it was last season. We are open to new ideas or suggestions as to how the Club can improve or provide something extra to the way the tennis is organised. So if anyone has ideas please pass them on to John Cresp or myself.

Welcome to all new members. I hope the club provide you with a great playing atmosphere and that you enjoy our fabulous facilities.

Carolyn Mahoney

Welcome to New Members!!

Adult Members:

Paula-Marie Shields
Rookie Northwood
Thomas Northwood
Mark Capolinga
Amanda Ristovsky
Rosemary Royle
Glenn Royle
Anthony Quahe
Kristen Collins
Niki Browne-Cooper
Patrick Browne-Cooper
Michael Laurance

Michelle Glover
Chris Behan
Frank Fforde
Robert Ferguson
Ted Blythe
John Gilham
Sonya Krishnan
Emma Tobias
Hamish Macmillan
Jody Burton
Yammie Owusu
Kevin Mathews
Robyn Delaney

Junior Members:

Rebecca Jordan
Loui Jordan
Cameron Matthews
Beverley Wang
Sofi Nazir
Harry Hoft
Ashley Power
Laura Shuhkraft
Sam Ernst
Angus Long
Luke Laurance
Daniel Laurance
Sophie Laurance

Jasper Paterson
Ian Hiew
Jordan Greenwood
Matt Guelfi
William MacKenzie
Connor Gent
Hamish Gent
Harrison King
Oliver King
Thomas King
Jake Dodd



Club Managers Report

Brad Millman

Tuesday morning social hasn't been happening. We have been struggling for numbers...could do with a rev up of some sorts. Still don't have a regular babysitter.

Junior Club Challenge Ladder has started again for the term. It runs on Friday's from 4-6pm. Climb your way to the top!!

Junior Pennants All seven teams are doing well with some awesome individual results. All teams are in the top four on the ladder with the Girls 14 Div 5 just out of the four on count back. Also the 16 Div 2 Boys are currently sitting last in their division but have come up with a team bonding and winning strategy that should see our boys rise up the rankings. Good luck to all our teams and lets hope for all our teams to progress towards the finals.

Sponsors – Beaches of Broome have dropped their sponsorship. No other changes.

Coaches – The Millman Tennis team at the club has had to grow thanks to an influx of new starters to the game. The current team is below:

Brad Millman-Senior Coach/Club Manager
Andre Vaz Pinto-Senior Coach
Matthew Carle-Senior Coach
James Dimauro-Senior Coach
Richard Sansom-Senior Coach
James Trapnell- Junior Assistant Coach
James De Klerk- Junior Assistant Coach/Pro Shop Assistant
Alex Slaidins- Junior Assistant Coach/Pro Shop Assistant
Ryan Dennis- Junior Assistant Coach/Pro Shop Assistant
Vanessa Juliana-Pro Shop Assistant
And last but not least Rob Casey-Master Coach

Thanks to everyone for their support in making our club one of the best in the world.

Brad Millman

Social Report

Denise Cramer

A beautiful warm sunny Open Day was celebrated recently with a selection of goodies for afternoon tea. Those who were able to stay after tennis were treated to some nice finger food cooked in our new oven along with Jan Yeo's delightful bean mix dip on bread. A big thanks to Sally, Nicky, Jan and Antonette for their contributions.



I trust Saturday evening 10th December is already in your diaries for our annual Floreat Tennis Club Xmas Party – more details will be provided shortly so stay tuned for a night of fun and frolic.

Denise Cramer



Club members enjoying the Christmas Party in 2010.





Secretarys Report

Caroline Gibson

The position of club gardener is currently vacant. We are looking for a club member (or members) to commit to spending some time doing garden maintenance at the club.

It is a voluntary position and will be overseen by Peter Ding who has kindly agreed to continue on in the position of Property Manager.

If there are no volunteers then the club will have to consider employing a gardener which would inevitably result in increased membership fees. Please speak to one of the committee members if you would like to take on this very important role.

Caroline Gibson



Thankyou to....

Peter Ding & Keeble French for the time and effort they put in to get the gardens looking nice for the Over 35s tournament. The gardens are looking beautiful at the moment, a big thankyou to Peter and Keeble.

Don Ross for spending many, many hours re-making, painting and generally revamping the 9 or so bench seats that go down the middle of the walk way.

Salv Silvera for his professional management of the kitchen during the Over 35s tournament. Also a big thankyou to all the club members who assisted with food preparation, helping in the kitchen and running the tournament.

Over 35's Tournament

In September Floreat ran the Sports Surfaces Over 35 Doubles Round Robin tournament. The tournament was a sporting, social, culinary and financial success.

The club has run this tournament for so many years we have all forgotten how many. Once again Rob Stirling lead a team of dedicated helpers who put in many hours of work. 73 women and 51 men from a large number of clubs played. As always we catered for a wide range of playing standards with the emphasis on enjoyment.

A special thanks to the weather gods who smiled on us.



John Cresp



Doubles Strategy Tip

"When you're playing doubles, make sure to watch your opponents when your partner makes contact with the ball. This way you can react to your opponent's reaction of your partner's shot!!"

Brad Millman

Vale Life Member Don Penson

MEMBERS WOULD HAVE BEEN SADDENED BY THE PASSING IN AUGUST OF DON AFTER A PROLONGED ILLNESS.

A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF YEARS AGO DON CAME TO PERTH FROM SYDNEY IN HIS EMPLOYMENT. FORTUNATELY FOR FLOREAT HE CHOSE OUR CLUB AND MADE IT HIS OWN. HE WAS A REGULAR PLAYER ON A SATURDAY AND A WEDNESDAY. DON WAS QUIET, UNASSUMING AND ALWAYS, WITHOUT FAIL, A GENTLEMAN. IT WAS A SAD DAY FOR DON AND HIS MANY FRIENDS AT THE CLUB WHEN HE WAS FORCED TO QUIT TENNIS DUE TO ILLNESS.

A NUMBER OF YEARS BACK DON WAS AWARDED A LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO THE FLOREAT PARK TENNIS CLUB. DON WITH DILIGENCE KEPT OUR NETS IN EXCELLENT REPAIR AND WAS ALSO VERY MUCH INVOLVED IN THE INSTALLATION OF OUR BARBECUES. HE WAS ALWAYS AMONGST THE FIRST TO PUT HIS HAND UP SHOULD ANY REPAIRS OR GENERAL MAINTENANCE BE REQUIRED, ALL THIS OVER HIS MANY YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP.

WELL DONE DON!! SUCH MEMBERS ARE WORTH THEIR WEIGHT IN GOLD.....

PADDY ROSS

Adult Pennants

It has been a promising start to the season for our pennant teams.

After 4 weeks our Midweek Div 2 ladies are on top of the ladder without a loss and the Div 5 team are sitting comfortably at third. The Thursday night ladies Div 3 team are about to make their run! The Sat Mens Open Div 6 are second on the ladder and the Div 13 team are currently in 7th spot but there are still lots of matches ahead so watch this space...



How well do you know the rules of tennis?

Q: You hit a very short drop shot that lands on your opponent's side, then bounces back over the net onto your side without your opponent touching it. Which of the following is true?

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

Correct Answer is (a) Incidentally, this is the only situation where your opponent is allowed to reach over the net to attempt to hit the ball.

DRINKERS DIVA PROXY

THINGS SEEM TO BE FAIRLY QUIET AT THE CLUB BAR AT THE MOMENT. LET'S HOPE WITH THE WARMER WEATHER AHEAD TRADE WILL PICK UP. REMEMBER FOLKS THE TENNIS CLUB IS ALSO A PLACE TO SOCIALISE AND GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS OFF THE COURT AS WELL AS ON!

WELCOME ABOARD TO WENDY AND MAX ELLIS WHO HAVE TAKEN THEIR TEST AND ARE NOW QUALIFIED RESPONSIBLE SERVERS OF ALCOHOL.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONCOCTING A COCKTAIL TO PLEASE YOUR PALATE AT THE FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS "DO" ON THE 10th DECEMBER. SEE YOU THERE!!

THANK YOU TO OUR "BAR KEEPS" FOR LOOKING AFTER OUR PUNTERS SO ADMIRABLY AS USUAL.....

SORRY TO HEAR OUR JUDI HAS NOT BEEN UP TO PAR OF LATE...WE ARE MISSING YOUR SMILING FACE BUT ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE AT YOUR BAR.

PADDY ROSS
ON BEHALF OF JUDI CHAPMAN (THE DRINKERS DIVA)



Adult Day Camp at Floreat Park Tennis Club, 9th Oct 2011

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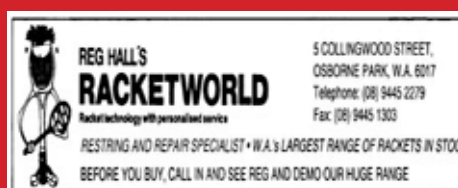
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Sports Surfaces.....our courts are from Sports Surfaces so that says 'it all' !!!



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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