



Ocean Ridge Tennis Club

NEWSLETTER

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<i>Club Captain:</i>	Jill Holmes
<i>Club Vice-Captain:</i>	Philip Wadd
<i>Social Secretary:</i>	Mel Critchlow
<i>Mid-Wk Ladies Captain:</i>	Ann Witt
<i>Mid-Wk Ladies V. Captain:</i>	Rhonda Tyler
<i>NDTA Reps:</i>	Nathan Rose
<i>Ladies Auxiliary:</i>	Margaret Wagstaff
<i>Junior Coordinator:</i>	Mike Roberts

ORTC Committee positions

As the financial year looms and the AGM approaches, the ORTC committee would like to hear from any interested members willing to take on a committee position.

At least two positions will become vacant at the end of June. Please approach the committee with any registration of interest, as early handover will ensure that the club continues to operate smoothly.

President's Report

A belated 'Happy New Year' to those members we haven't bumped into. It was a great pity we were unable to have the 2010 Christmas dinner, due to many members committed to previous engagements, and also not being able to book the venue we'd selected due to their heavy forward-bookings. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

However, our 'Chef Extraordinaire', Mel, came up with a Get-Together BBQ to take place after an afternoon's tennis in December. In spite of the draw card of cricket at the time (which didn't turn out very well!), it was well attended with an excellent meal that included a wide range of food. Well Done, Mel, and all who assisted! We are very lucky to have you.

Following a successful Comp. Season last year we are now into the second half of the Summer Season. The Committee formally welcomes new Secretary, Brad Whitaker, to our ranks. It is good to see a new member stepping up. Paul Carney decided to relinquish this post. Paul, however, still makes further contributions in the technical area which is much appreciated. We now have a new 50" Digital TV, can't be missed!

This is your club, with excellent membership fees and good facilities for us all to enjoy.

Regards,

President ORTC James Hough-Neilson.

Club Captain's Report February 2011

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Two pennants were won in the short pre-Christmas summer season. Congratulations to Saturday men's open div 18 team, captained by James Hough-Neilson, and to Saturday ladies open div 6 team, captained by Natalie Dellamarta.

For our midweek teams, we have begun the second half of the season, with 5 of our 10 teams in the top 4 of their respective divisions. For our Saturday Tennis West teams we have started a new 'premier' season. Good luck for the remainder of the summer season to all our teams.

Club Championships will take place 9,10,12,16,17 April – watch out for the entry forms coming out, and please remember to fill in **ALL** relevant information, including times you cannot play (exemptions). The presentations for the club championships, and for the summer pennants season will take place on the 17th April, following club champs finals.

Following an enjoyable 2 years as club captain, I will not be seeking re-election at this year's AGM in June. Please could anyone interested in the club captain position, express their interest as soon as possible; this will allow me to demonstrate the 'Results Vault' system and other relevant information as I complete my term.

If anyone has any *feedback* on the changes to Tennis West Pennants (split season, change to rules such as heat rule and age rule, and format of mixed night comp), please let me know so that I can pass this onto Tennis West. It appears that Tennis West are making decisions on the strength of feedback from clubs, however, they are not actively seeking this feedback. The only way we can influence this is to send them our opinions. I will collate any feedback given and send it on to the relevant people.

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Social report

Due to lack of support, the Saturday evening Christmas meal had to be cancelled. Thank you, however, to all who attended the Sunday afternoon BBQ, which was held instead. I know everyone had a good time.

There will be a function to celebrate end of summer pennants and the club championships on 17th April at 5pm. Keep this date in your diary. More information to come closer to the date.

Mel Critchlow

IMPORTANT INFO FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Nomination lists for winter Pennants will be on the notice board soon, please indicate if you wish to take part.

CLUB SHIRTS

Club shirts will be available shortly. Please inform James H-N of your size. It would be great to see as many club members wearing club shirts as possible.

Social tennis

Midweek ladies: Tues 9-11:30am

Senior evening: Tues 7-9:30pm

Senior: Sun 1-4pm

Junior: Sun 9-11am

Please leave the social board once organised by the person on social duties. If you wish to volunteer for a session contact Mel Critchlow. Members present during social tennis times are expected to join other club members in social sets. Juniors are welcome to attend senior social tennis. We encourage members to attend social tennis as often as possible.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Why should you never fall in love with a tennis player?
To them, "Love" means nothing.



MIDWEEK LADIES

On Tuesday 11th January the Ladies Tuesday social tennis started up for the New Year. Welcome back to all the ladies and I hope the festive season was enjoyed by all.

The December Round Robin was won by Michelle Steer and the whole year's winner was Rhonda with Gertie runner up. Congratulations to you all. Our December Christmas party was enjoyed by all attendees and was a great way to finish the year. Everyone had a good laugh and lots of great food.

As mentioned above, the ladies social tennis has been back since 11th January and the numbers have been rising steadily. We had 5 courts in play on the 1st & 8th February, which is very encouraging. We had a couple of young ladies from Mike's group who joined in today (8th) and they seemed to have a good time with us oldies. Hope to see them again soon.

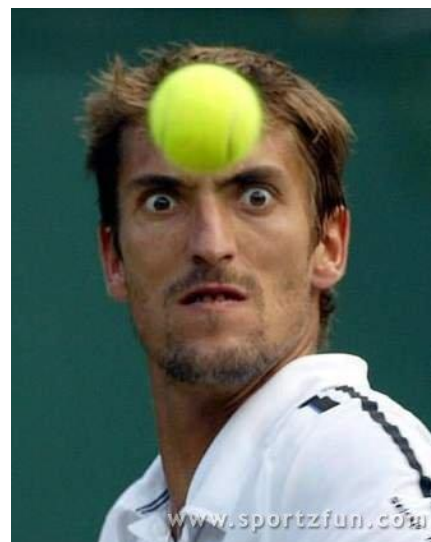
WEDNESDAY PENNANTS

The Wednesday pennants started 9th February, with six teams playing at our Club. We are using our facilities for this event which is good as all the teams can catch up and it is a great way for the organisers to distribute the necessary documentation.

All the teams had a great day of tennis. The weather was warm but the ladies had a good day.

That's about all for now. Enjoy your tennis.

Rhonda Tyler
Ladies Midweek Vice Captain



IMPORTANT NOTE

Tennis net straps are not always returned to the club store area. Please check your tennis bags just in case they have been unintentionally left, or **this man** will be out to find you!

General conduct

Please be considerate towards your fellow social tennis players. Refrain from swearing and racquet throwing, etc. If you arrive when the sets have started, wait until you are placed in the next session. This will be appreciated by all players. Thank you

Junior Report

Hope everyone is battling through the summer heat, thankfully it hasn't affected junior pennants as of yet and with only 2 rounds left we should be ok. All of the Ocean Ridge teams competing in the Tennis West Sunday comp are going very well and after 8 rounds this is how they sit.

Girls 16's Div 2 currently 3rd
Boys 16's Div 5 currently 4th
Boys 16's Div 11 currently 1st
Boys 14's Div 14 currently 4th
Boys 12's Div 8 currently 1st

Keep it going guys and finals for all teams will be a reality. A big thank you to all parents, captains and managers who have done a great job this season.

Switching to the social side of things numbers have been great despite Tennis west's new computer system throwing everything into mayhem on Sundays with 4 teams being at home every 2nd week which has forced us to move social to 10-12am. However, the kids have been great and there is no more mucking around now with the last two rounds only 1 team at home, leaving 6 courts for social tennis. This Sunday is a party day for the social guys with the committee kindly shouting the soft drinks to celebrate.

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPS ARE TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE PENNANT GRAND FINALS STAY TUNED TO NOTICE BOARD FOR DETAILS

Mike Roberts