



Edition 3

Hello to you

It is grand to see the sun shining most days and people back on the court. The Committee is aware that you will need a cuppa and perhaps a scone as you settle to read this lengthy season commencement edition.

We aim to remind our members and inform our new members of club happenings, key functions, best practises, tennis talk and upcoming events.

We thank our coordinators and for their reports and contributions.

Moving forward we are seeking newsworthy items for our next publication from Committee/ Coordinators and players. If you wish to input, please email tracy.adams@westnet.com.au. Happy Hitting folks

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi Everyone, the 2024/25 tennis season has arrived, and those who didn't play over the winter are refreshed and ready to go.

The club was fortunate to have the use of the grass courts over all of the winter, which was the first time for many years, thanks to Chris for rotating the courts and maintaining them in great condition.

This season it is the committee's intent to provide members with a range of social activities, keep an eye on the Noticeboard, Newsletters and social media pages for information

The club encourages members and friends to support these social activities which gives the organisers encouragement to run these events.

It has been identified that our club facilities are not as secure as we would like, resulting in us having to change access and egress to club for members and visitors hiring facilities. We are in the process of looking at how to do this minimising inconvenience to our members, at this stage we have only changed the code on the west gate accessing the hard courts.

This means to you that when non-members are hiring a hard court out of operating hours, they will be issued with a code at time of booking that will expire. If you have any queries, please reach out to me.

I cannot say enough about the voluntary help that the B.T.C. get from its members each year whenever you are needed, so many thanks.

Wayne

NEWSLETTER TITLE COMPETITION

Thank you to the 35 members who participated in our “Naming the Newsletter” competition, who knew we have so much creative talent under the Busselton Tennis Club roof.

The winning entry was put forward by Allison Hutchison, and from here on our Newsletter will now be known as **“COURT 28 NEWS”**. Allison’s submission received the most votes as the name for our Newsletter, other popular titles were Court Talk Express and BTC Chronicle.

CORRECT COURT FOOTWEAR

Chris and his A Team work tirelessly to present our club courts to a very high standard for our members. Unfortunately, they are very concerned that some members footwear is damaging our courts.

As members we individually need to take some personal responsibility to support Chris and his A Team’s attentiveness in providing our club with impressive grass courts. We can do this by ensuring we all have correct footwear ideally a grass court shoe, which is a shoe with a low profile and a flat outer sole.

Some CROSS TRAINER shoes and some HARD-COURT shoes will damage courts, resulting in courts being withdrawn for member use until it repairs.

So, if you are booking a court for personal use or attending club days, please be vigilant and check your shoes and other player shoes suitability to Grass Court play. If you have a doubt about a shoe or see court damage either address it with the person or advise Captains desk who will give guidance to player as soon as practical.



COURT AVAILABILITY + COURT BOOKING + NON-MEMBER & SILVER COURT FEES

COURT NETS - If the Nets are down on a court this court has been “rested” by Grounds Team due to court repair

NO NET = NO PLAY

COURT BOOKING

If you wish to use either Hard Court or Grass Court outside of official club tennis, then you MUST book a court via the [Club Website](#). If you do not know how to do this, please ask at the Captain's desk.

COURT FEES FOR SILVER MEMBERSHIP AND NON-MEMBERS

It is the booking members responsibility to ensure any court fees due from Silver Members and Non-Members are paid on the day of play. Best practise as stated in the Busselton Tennis Club online booking system is for the lowest playing payer to book court and pay electronically

Gold Member	Silver Member	Non - Member
No court fee payable	\$5 court fee payable	\$15 fee payable

The other option is pay manually, locate the box on east side of building and obtain an envelope in the box on wall. Please note on envelope date, paying person name and booking name and place monies inside and put envelope into slot near box

Do note that from time to time the court booked electronically may not be available for play as it has been "rested" by Grounds Team. If this is the case, No Net No Play, please take another court.

WHY DO WE BOOK COURTS

Courts need to be booked primarily to save any "double booking" of individual courts.

If you are looking to use grass courts they may not all be available at any given time due a group booking, other individual bookings, inhouse tennis using courts, or courts may be closed by Committee or Grounds team.

The club also collects court usage data which is pertinent when we are seeking Sponsorship and applying for and acquitting Grants

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT + ENTITLEMENTS SUMMARY + VOLUNATRY CONTRIBUTIONS

Membership plan	Fee	Social Tennis	Structured Comp	Champ Fee	Pennant Fee	Hard Court Hire	+Night & Lights	Grass Court Hire	Pickleball
FULL GOLD	\$515	0	0	\$5	\$5	0	\$5	0	\$5
DISC. GOLD	\$415								
FULL SILVER	\$330	\$5	\$5	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
DISC SILVER	\$230								
FAMILY	Selected costs above for adults and 50% discount for children under 18 years								
JUNIOR U/18	\$50				Upfront				\$5
SOCIAL	\$30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$15	\$5	N/A	\$5

The discount offered in above table is offered to members who elect to undertake "Voluntary Activities".

Last season bronze members now taking the Silver membership package will have the benefit of a \$50 fee reduction. Please enquire at the Captains desk if you have any queries. These activities are aligned to key Club functions, can be but not limited to

A Team (Court Maintenance)	B Team (Building Maintenance)	Bar (RSA required)	Sub Committees (Functions/Social/House)
Kitchen (Tournaments and Events)	Tennis Desk (Support arranging social sets)	Regular Tennis Groups (i.e Event Coordinators)	Other (to i.e. social media, marketing, accounting, WHS)

It is important that if you choose to take the Volunteer fee reduction that you commit to your volunteer contribution or arrange to swap with another member. If you don't fulfil your obligation another member who has completed their volunteer obligation will have to cover for you. It is only fair that we all make a contribution.

CAPTAINS DESK

As the tennis season is about to get underway it is time to brush the cobwebs off your shoes that have been cast aside, grab your racket and head down to the club for a fun afternoon of tennis. This year, Wendy & I want to run the occasional fun tournament on a Saturday with prizes to add to the enjoyment. We would also like to see as many as possible Scrounger men, Thursday guys and Pennant Ladies come to play, if only for a set or two. You are welcome anytime.

The role of the Club Captain is to oversee the competitive side of the Club, interclub, competitions and tournaments.

We aim to provide all members with an enjoyable tennis experience and provide opportunity for both our social and competitive players.

CLUB CALENDAR

Club Captains have compiled our Calendar of events for the 2024/25 season including Handicap and Championship Events. Please pop these important events into your calendars now.

The full Calendar of events schedule will be available at the Captains desk for all members.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS FOR YOU TO POP IN YOUR CALENDAR

OPENING DAY



Let's welcome the 2024/2025 Tennis Season in on the Official Club Opening Day

Days play will commence at 2pm, our Club Patron Libby Mettam will officially open the season during tea break. This will be followed by further play for the enthusiastic, nibbles and refreshments, raffles and novelty prizes. Come along play, or just join us during the afternoon for the social element

PINK WEEK

In Support of McGrath foundation players are invited to wear PINK for week 4th – 9th November and join in and embrace some interesting activities. This week will see us all reach out to support the McGrath foundation by way of raffles and donations so please find those favourite pink socks, shirt or undies for that matter and use the opportunity to show them off

BUSSELTON Tennis Club Opening Day – 16th November

SOUTHWEST LEAGUE – Ladies Pennants - commenced 17th October

HAVE A HIT FRIDAYS – commenced 18th October

HAVE A HIT OPENING DAY - 25TH October

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES 7TH - 8TH December (depending on numbers, event may start 3pm Sat)

HANDICAP SINGLES 14th – 15th December (depending on numbers, event may start 3pm Sat)

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DAY – 21st December



CLUB EVENTS – HOW TO NOMINATE + WHO TO CONTACT + WHAT TO EXPECT

All sessions open to members and non-members, please check in 30 minutes before play commences

Tuesday night - Social - Start - 6 – 9 pm

Format – Social competition open for all player abilities. Sets are coordinated on the evening

Coordinator – Merryl - 0433 119 884 - Wendy – 0499 838 740

Wednesday Morning Social - Start - 9.30am

Format – Open to all players, 5 sets of approx. 30 minutes duration with a Morning Tea gathering at end of play

Coordinator – Patrick - 0421058885

Southwest League Pennants

Format – Individual ladies' nominations are taken late September, teams are selected. SW League commences season late October, with a break for Christmas reconvening early February. Finals are generally mid-April

Coordinator – Michelle– 0421 762 437

Thursday Arvo Scroungers - Start – 1.30 pm in winter / 2 pm in Summer

Format - A semi structured men's comp where a lot of bantering and friendly rivalry goes on during play, finished with a lively social mingle post play.

Coordinator - Steve 0439 036 695 to register your name for play each week, in Steves absence Fred 0476 661 404

Thursday Night Mixed - Start – 7-9pm

Format - Thursday Night is an intraclub pennant night. We run 4 seasons across each year. These seasons generally run 8-9 weeks roughly in line with the school terms.

Players play 1 set of singles and 2 sets of doubles. There is no restriction on playing standard with the format designed that you will be paired against players of similar ability. Please note that all players play singles so the ability and fitness for this is required

The bar is open afterwards to relive the nights highlights over a couple of cold ones.

Coordinator – James - AH 0488 624 341 or email jandamc86@gmail.com

Saturday Social - Start - Summer 2.00pm, and Winter 1.30pm

Format – Open to all players, Computer generated social sets of approx. 30 minutes duration are scheduled throughout arvo. Players of all ability welcome to join in.

Club Captains - Merryl - 0433 119 884 - Wendy - 0499838740 captain@busseltontennisclub.com.au

Junior Tennis

Have a Hit Fridays - Start – 4.30 – 6pm

Format - With a strong focus on youth development and fostering a sense of community, this session is for novice juniors aged 4 to 16 and their families to join in an afternoon filled with fun, learning, and socialising, followed by a sausage sizzle, bar facilities and sunsets

Structured sessions are also offered by club coach

Coordinator – Graeme Bracken - juniors@busseltontennisclub.com.au



Tennis Southwest – Coach - Calum Macaulay

See [Tennis South West Website](#) for full list of Junior programs

Format - We provide a wide range of professional coaching programs for children and adults at the Busselton Tennis Club and the wider community. No matter your age or ability, programs are offered to take you to the next level

Coordinator – Calum Macaulay 0400 486 640 Email: info@tennissouthwest.com.au

COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

HAVE A HIT FRIDAY

Graeme Bracken, our Junior Club Coordinator will be holding “Have a Hit” Fridays with October 25th nominated as Have a Hit Opening Day

“Have a Hit Fridays” is one of our club’s focuses, the intention is to provide a fun tennis environment for families with younger children, to give parents and kids the opportunity to hit tennis balls in a relaxed environment.

Calum our club coach is also in attendance to coordinate and offer his expertise for the motivated kids that are keen to play tennis, potentially transitioning into the Junior program.

Junior Membership of \$50 entitles players to play every week and enjoy a sausage sizzle, non-members weekly fee will be \$5 per child for play and sausage sizzle.

Families are offered bar facilities, membership support on the court for the kids and club hospitality.

Graeme is always on the look for member support, so if you would like to lend hand to this program please reach out and tick off your “volunteer” obligations, or perhaps as a member you would like to pop down and support the bar, enjoy the atmosphere and watch the sunset.

SOUTHWEST LADIES LEAGUE REPORT

Busselton Tennis Club Ladies Southwest League teams have been finalised and with season commencing 17th October. Busselton has nominated teams for this competition, with Bunbury, Margaret River, Dunsborough, Donnybrook and Australind collectively nominating 9 teams, giving us 14 teams for the SW League 2024/25 season

Matchplay will commence 9.30am every Thursday; our club will be hosting teams from most divisions every week, and we encourage spectators. The season is divided into 2 sessions, 17th October for all teams until 12 December 2024 and recommence after Christmas break on 20 February for A1 and A2 (27 February for A3) until 27 March. Finals will be 03 April and GF 10 April 2025.

Busselton Tennis Club has also introduced a semi formal mini competition on a Thursday morning for ladies at Div 4 level and looking to improve their tennis and perhaps consider pennants in the future. Please contact Wendy Weir for information if you are interested in joining. This is open to all ladies from other clubs in the zone to attend and we are hoping to have good attendance.

Wishing everyone a great season of fun, friendship, fitness and great tennis without injuries!

Michelle

FUNCTIONS

Venue Hire

A very busy time for BTC Venue Hire over the winter months. A host of bookings for various private functions (including Syd's first birthday party – Tracy and Paul's cute grandson) and also from local organisations and clubs. Busselton AFL Masters Football Club booking their Presentation night at BTC for the fourth time. A variety of functions are booked for the summer months.

Saturday Afternoon Tea

Barbara Weeks: Organiser. It would be so good if everyone who enjoys afternoon tea at Sat Social could put their name on the roster and take a turn at providing and serving afternoon tea. Barb can give you more info.

Functions Catering Team

Enthusiastically accepting the challenge for upcoming club and venue hire catering functions. Thanks go to Bernie, Grace, Noelene, Allison and anyone else who assists along the way.

We have a fabulous clubhouse and surrounds and every bit of volunteering by our members makes BTC a bit more special. Our thanks this month go to:-

- Mac for organising the new pots of geraniums along the ramp – looking so good.
- Kim for diligently working in the succulent garden, donating the lime tree in the front garden and with Wendy's assistance planting the lemon and lime trees and revamping the front garden.
- B – Team for trimming the shrubs, controlling the weeds and helping with moving furniture for venue hires.

Functions Coordinator: Allison Hutchison

THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION 7-9pm

Thursday the 10th October was the opening round of the Thursday night tennis competition for the Spring Season of 2024. The evening also set the record for the numbers of participants for the competition with 28 players involved. On a perfect night for tennis there were 28 sets of tennis played under lights across the evening.

The Thursday night tennis competition has run for the past 20 years. Initially the format involved playing 2 sets of doubles and a set of singles. Over the time we have adapted format to meet player target audience. About 3 years ago the competition was opened to both men and women

Players play in the teams based on their playing ability/results rather than a traditional mixed format. This flexible format accommodates as many players as possible and has attracted younger playing demographic including teenage players. There is no minimum standard for entry with the only exception is that everyone will play a singles set.

Thursday Night Tennis provides opportunity for players who cannot commit to weekend tennis, a space for players to be tested by playing with players of similar ability and an opportunity to meet like-minded people post play socially where full bar facilities are offered.

Coordinator – James would love to hear from you 0488 624 341 or jandamc86@gmail.com

PICKLEBALL - Friday nights at 6.30 – 8.30pm Saturday Morning at 9.00am. – 11am

Busselton Tennis Club Pickleball numbers are steadily growing especially now the wind has dropped and the sun has come out. Wendy and Ken have just remarked court lines ready for the summer season. As a member you are offered a complimentary session, there is a reason why this sport is the fastest growing sport globally.

Two sessions are offered each week, all equipment is provided. Members Pay \$5 per week, non-members \$10

Ken

SUGGESTION BOX



The “Suggestion Box” is found on the front verandah as you enter club. The Club is keen to hear from you if you have an idea that you think will benefit the club, your suggestion may make a big difference You will find pen and paper in the box Thanks so much for your contributions to date

Pro Shop:
Get your racquet restrung for the upcoming season!
Special offer on Babolat Synthetic Gut \$40
Wilson Sensation \$50, Wilson NXT \$55, All Polyester Strings \$50
Over Grips \$6, Replacement Base Grips \$18
Special on AO Balls 2 for \$25 (Tins of 4)

Coaching:
Junior & Adult Coaching programs commencing Mon 14th October.
Junior Holiday Program commencing 23rd September.
Private Lessons: \$85 per hour.
Email for further info:
Info@tennissouthwest.com.au

TRACY’S TENNIS TRIVIA AND FUN FACTS

[Goran Ivanisevic](#) is the only Wimbledon winner to have won having entered as a wildcard (in 2001). He is also the only winner whose name alternates consonants and vowels.

As per The International Tennis Federation, the weight of a tennis ball must be between 56.0 and 59.4 grams.

Rufus – a Harris Hawk – is stationed at Wimbledon to keep its sky clear of local pigeons. Rufus has more than [10000 followers](#) on Twitter!

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GOLD



SILVER

Pharmacy 777



Cape Cellars



Libby Mettam MLA



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