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Club members enjoyed our **TEXAN NIGHT** held in honour of Calley Woerner who returned to the USA

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of Blue Gum Park Tennis Club (Inc) will be held in the clubhouse
at 6pm on Saturday 21st March 2015



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

“To be recognised as the tennis club of choice for juniors and adults”:

Club Vision, Business Plan 2012/2016

Where has this season gone? February already...as I write this article pennant players are heading into the second half of the season. Social tennis has been terrific with many pennant players joining us on Saturday afternoon over the last two months.

Courts

Over the Christmas break Steve Peters has verti-mowed the front bay of courts which are looking and playing a lot better than last summer.

The Building Development Committee, managed by Bill Thomas, has prepared the site for the Curator's Shed. The concrete pad has been laid and shed erection is scheduled for the last week in February. Thank you to the several members who have voluntarily laboured in the heat of summer. To the ladies who also popped into the club with morning tea for this team of workers, we very much appreciate your generosity.

Lease

The Club's five year lease with City of Melville is undergoing some final changes ready for signing by both parties.

Squash Centre

Constant maintenance to this part of our club has been highly active during the past six months.

There was a petition submitted to the City of Melville from the Squash Club President. The Squash Club wanted to take over the lease for the Squash Centre premises. The City of Melville ruled that we were to hold the lease but suggested a sub-lease to the Squash Club might be a possibility. After discussions between our Tennis Club Squash Committee and the

Blue Gum Squash Club, our Committee decided that a sub-lease held no appeal for the Club and the Blue Gum Squash Club was duly advised. It was a demanding time for all those involved. Sincere thanks to our Tennis Club's Squash Committee for their guidance.

Fundraising

BLUE GUM Lotto – Bev Marshall has started a Fundraising Lotto Game each week! There will be 45 numbers up for grabs for \$2 each week. The winner will be decided based on the first number drawn in the Saturday Lotto. The winner will receive \$45 and \$45 will go to BGPTC!

Results will be sent out by Bev Marshall through email and announced at Saturday Social.

We need 15 more game players to participate, please email Bev Marshall mbm.travel@bigpond.com or contact her on 0419850716 to register your interest. This is a fun way to raise funds for our great club!

Progressive Dinner - 7th March, 2015 @ 6.30pm

This is my favourite social function held at Blue Gum; as a host it is like 'Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?'

Thank you to those generous members who are hosting entree and dinner at their homes.

The Tennis West Affiliation project has taken considerable time to obtain consent from each member. Through this affiliation players gain membership of MYTENNIS whereby they have access to a number of Tennis Australia and Tennis West benefits, like access to pre-sale tickets to the Australian Open and the Australian Open Series and Grand Slam ballots, including the Wimbledon ballot. Without this affiliation members cannot play pennants or enter tournaments and are not covered by the Players' Tennis West Insurance. Tennis West encouraged clubs to join this initiative offering a reduction in Tennis West fees levied on each club.

Night Tennis - Mondays

A new season commenced early February, 2015. This program continues to be enjoyed by many members and non-members alike thanks to the dedication of Bill Thomas.

Mid-Week Tennis

There continues to be an active playing group of men who are mid-week members.

The Mid-Week Ladies have a new Captain in Pam Muir after the resignation of Sandra Hemsforth due to ill health. Thank you Pam for accepting this vital role in the club. Mid-week ladies play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

State League Summary

Our Blue Gum Ladies State League team is currently sitting 3rd on the ladder with four matches remaining in the home-and-away season. We are looking forward to putting in a strong performance during the finals in March.

Our regular team consists of long-term club members Nicole Sewell, Sheridan Currie, Nina Catovic, Astrid Kanther (captain), and we are now joined in the second-half of the season by Janelle Cuthbertson who has recently returned home to Perth after playing in the US for four years. At this stage of the season, Nina Catovic has produced a stand-out performance – currently undefeated in every singles and doubles rubber.

The State League team regularly enjoy training at the club each week on the grass, and are thoroughly enjoying representing Blue Gum.

A thank you from the team to all members for their continued support of our team throughout the season – your vocal barracking at home games is much appreciated and creates a wonderful atmosphere for the players. The team looks forward to seeing everyone at our home games for the remainder of the season. (Astrid Kanther)

AGM – 21 March, 2015

The Board is delighted to advise that there are three nominations at present for Board positions. We are hopeful that other members will nominate for Social Director or Property Director.

Pauline Foster



REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF TENNIS

Over the last six months, we've enjoyed the following events:

Monday Night tennis fantastically organised by Bill Thomas who is still, thankfully, volunteering his time and presently there are 43 people who commenced this season on the 2nd February 2015. If you're looking for a night game of tennis, don't forget to see Bill at the club.

Hopman Cup on the 27th December saw 52 people compete and quite a number stay for the BBQ afterwards. The winners were: Andy Foong and Eileen Ennis-John.

Thank you to Louise Diprose and Jeff Mellor for organising the prizes and sets, yet again!

Australia Day Tournament on the 26th January saw 35 people have a fun day organised by our Tennis Captains, Deb and Greg. Lots of novelties were handed out but the overall winners on the day were Barb Blewett and Andy Foong.

Invited Juniors

We have a list of over 20 junior players of admirable standard which at times frequent our Social Saturday play. Their standard of play is fabulous and puts some of us to shame! They are the future of our club - please make these juniors welcome.

Coaches' Day

On the 10th January saw only 40 partake in social tennis with Coaches and State League players attempting to better our skills! Dan gave us some tips in relation to doubles (tandem and "1" formation) that really made us think!

Pennants

Ongoing thanks go to Diana Brayshaw (Ladies Pennant Co-Ordinator) and Colin Lorrimar (Men's and Mixed Pennant Co-Ordinator) for their contribution. Your dedication to helping our strength in pennant teams is truly appreciated.

A big thanks also to Sarndra Abbott who still (after over 25 years) allocates our courts for us for all pennant fixtures (including juniors). Sarndra keeps a record of who plays where and rotates all so that fairness in relation to placement of courts is always a priority. A HUGE job Sarndra that is very much appreciated.

Tennis Captains

Please remember to support your Tennis Captains, Deb Leece and Greg Paull. They are constantly attending to duty captain requests and follow ups and are highly efficient in ensuring they do all they possibly can to have your social tennis organised.

Club Championships

We will run the Club Championships over the following weekends (note Juniors run separately this year also): Junior Club Championships on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March (TBC)

Adult Club Championships on the weekend of 11th and 12th April, 18th and 19th April. (TBC)

Due to the two weekend constraint, there will also be NO plate events and NO exemptions. There will also be a maximum of 4 events per person.

Forms will be out early March and will need to be back by 21st March 2015.

ANZAC Day Tournament - Saturday 25th April 2015

We are pleased to confirm that even with Demir Bukey's health scare, he and Gayle are extremely proud to be hosts for the 100 year Anniversary this year. Our tournament will have fantastic prizes once again presented by Demir and Gayle.

Sandra Hemsworth

Sandra is on the mend but constantly juggling health and medication. She is extremely thankful for the membership's well wishes and ongoing support during her illness and it is with pleasure that I pass on her request to thank all that have supported her. We wish her a speedy recovery and can't wait to see her back playing tennis!

On a house-keeping note, with the next Tennis/Social Calendar due out in late March, please remember to check your Social & Tennis Roster for all events. You are only rostered once every six months for Duty Captain and/or Afternoon Tea Roster. Please ensure you note when you are rostered on. If you are unable to do your roster on that date, it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement – and advise our Tennis Captains (Deb Leece or Greg Paull) of the change. Even though you may play pennants, we are unable to check when you are available so it is still your responsibility to find a replacement. The roster is emailed out, on the board outside the Captain's Box (going up the stairs) and on the board to the left of the Bar – lots of places to remind you!!!!

Claire Hitchens

MID-WEEK CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Thanks go to Sandra Hemsworth for the fantastic job she did as Mid-week Captain. Sandra was very enthusiastic, innovative, approachable and always cheerful! We hope to see her back at tennis soon.

Following is the 2015 Mid-week calendar of events:

March 31 *President's Cup - Winner will receive a \$50 gift voucher. Hot Cross Buns provided for morning tea.*

April 21 *Bring & Buy Cake Stall (slices and savoury welcome). All items for sale to be labelled with ingredient's (to comply with current regulations). Items to be priced with nothing over \$10. (Items to be sold per slice, please slice, wrap and label each piece).*

May 26 *Cancer Council Fund Raising Morning Tea - Scones, jam & cream.*

July 21 *Soup Day - this will be a paid event.*

September 15 *Share Plate Lunch.*

October *Open Day - date TBA.*

November 3 *Melbourne Cup - Share Plate Lunch.*

December 8 *Christmas Lunch - Share Plate and raffle.*

OUT WITH THE DIARIES - ENSURE YOU HAVE THESE WRITTEN DOWN!

Remember the more the merrier at all events!

A Coaches' morning incorporating the "Fast 4" format will be included during the year once a date is established.

Pam Muir

Editor Required

This will be my last newsletter as Editor. Please let Pauline Foster know if you would like to take on the position.

Gay Hodgskin



Tennis Excellence – Where it begins

Tennis Excellence – Learn Improve Enjoy

2015 has been a year of some changes growth and progression within the Tennis Excellence organisation. We have said good-bye and good luck to Cliff Marsland as he accepted a position coaching at a university in Oklahoma USA, We also said goodbye to Kelby as she is off on a new adventure in her father's company.

We have welcomed some new staff with Kyle Hayes, a previous Tennis Excellence employee of Andrew Woodward's down in Bunbury, arriving to be a head coach here at Blue Gum whilst he attends his first year at university. Tyler Sheppard has been appointed as a new Junior Program Director after performing exceptionally well in her previous roles. Tyler is fantastic with the younger players and enjoys introducing our wonderful sport to kids for the first time.

Sarah Stephenson has joined our Admin team and comes with a good knowledge across a range of different sports. You will find Sarah happy to help in any way.

After recommencing from the holidays our 22 Junior Summer Pennant teams are on track to their finals. Blue Gum has numerous teams destined to finish the regular season in the top two spots on the ladder for their division, so we will see a lot of home finals at the Club in March.

Tennis Excellence is excited to have 20 of our young players travelling to Esperance to compete in the Esperance Open tournament on the Labour Day weekend. We wish them all the best on this trip.

The team at Tennis Excellence are here to help with any queries you may have about tennis coaching or equipment, so please don't hesitate to contact the office – we would love to hear from you.

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Dan Sewell

SQUASH REPORT

Hi there all. My name is Jordan Hughes and I have recently taken over as manager of Blue Gum Squash Club. As a keen squash player and an entrant in the Pennant Leagues, it is great to see the centre so busy once more as the Summer Season kicks off.

Monday and Tuesday nights continue to play host to Pennant League matches, where we have teams playing in a wide range of divisions. Wednesday evenings cater for a more social atmosphere, with friendly matches between players and drinks and food afterwards. Our in-house club night runs on Thursdays with Blue Gum Masters taking place on Fridays.

We have recently had a number of repairs take place here at Blue Gum. JMG conditioning has replaced the bathrooms exhaust fan. We are currently awaiting delivery and installation of two additional fans to be placed in the roof of the centre. I will continue to keep customers and members informed of this situation as best as I can, along with any other repairs that are taking place.

We hope you are enjoying the facility and services here at Blue Gum Squash. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to get in contact.

Jordan Hughes

Captains, Convenors and Supervisors 2014/15:

Tennis Captains:

Greg Paull 0417 174 787
Debra Leece 0438 371 840

Junior Club:

Tony Grosse 9315 9471

Mid-week Captains:

Pam Muir 9330 5251 (Tuesday)
Brenda Buchan 6140 2697 (Thursday)

Senior Shield:

Men – Weekend and Night –
Colin Lorrimar 0437 705 304
Ladies - Weekend and Night –
Diana Brayshaw 9330 2786

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Margaret Handyside 9364 8146

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