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Newsletter

August 2023

## Centenary News



JOIN US FOR OUR

*Gala*  
DINNER

being held to celebrate

100 Years

of operation of our Association

on Saturday 7th October, 2023 at 7pm

Find Out More

### Gala Dinner

Bookings now open so get in quick! Organise a table with your team, friends, or come along on your own and tables will be organised for you. Tables are for 10-12 people. This will be a fun night to catch up with friends and have a chat, learn about our 100-year-old association which is an amazing achievement, and even have a bit of a dance with a lovely three course meal.

[Click HERE to book your table.](#)

### Centenary Jacket

A special jacket is able to be ordered featuring ETDTA 1923-2023 100 years centenary. These have been proven popular with our Interdistrict players and requests have been made more widely for members. To get yours, order at the Pro shop where sample sizes will be available to try on. Please be prompt in coming in so we can collate the next order.

Price - \$70

### Annual Grade Tournament

If you haven't played in this tournament before, this is the year to do so! It is a chance to play doubles and/or singles against other members. It is graded across all players and culminates in semi-finals/finals. It is a great relaxed social (and a bit competitive!) event for all that are members across all abilities.

All members are encouraged to join in this fun club event! [Click HERE to register.](#)

# **CENTENARY ANNUAL GRADE TOURNAMENT 2023**

[Registrations Now Open!](#)

WHERE:

- PENNANT HILLS PARK

WHEN:

- LADIES DOUBLES: MON 25 SEPT
- MIXED DOUBLES: WED 27 SEPT
- MEN'S DOUBLES: THU 28 SEP
- SINGLES: FRI 6 OCT
- FINALS: SAT 7 OCT

EVENT FEE:

- DOUBLES: \$20
- SINGLES: \$25

WINNERS' NAMES ARE PLACED ON  
OUR MEMBERS HONOUR BOARDS!!

Head to 'tournaments' tab on our website to register  
[www.northwestsydneytennis.com](http://www.northwestsydneytennis.com)



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

# Grounds Helping Day please come and give us a hand!

**Date: 27 August 9am to 12pm**

For the working bee, the priority will be culling the vegetation behind the new hitting wall and around the retaining wall behind court 8. Once the area has been cleared, it will be re-mulched.

We would appreciate people with pruning equipment to help. Bring rakes, gloves, buckets etc.

Please arrive around 9am for a few hours. Helpers will be served with a gourmet BBQ and refreshments.

Please email [info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au) if you can help so we can plan for the day.

Thank you!

## Upcoming important events

### Centenary Dates

Gala Night Dinner @ The Epping Club – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

For more information click [HERE](#)

### Saturday Junior Comp dates:

**Term 3:** July 22 – September 23

**Term 4:** October 14 – December 9

### Additional Junior dates:

### Todd Woodbridge Cup:

Stage 2 and 3: September 4

### Secondary Schools Comp:

August 26

### Junior Age Championships:

September 15 -17



# Upcoming Junior Calendar

## Junior Age Championships



The Junior Age Championships tournament is open to all our Saturday Junior comp members. It is an age-based event with age groups from 10 and under, up to under 18 for both boys and girls.

This tournament is an opportunity to play against other NWST Saturday juniors and Interdistrict players that you may have never versed on the court. Also, it's a great opportunity for continued development and acts as a pathway to playing in the Sydney Interdistrict Competition for North West Sydney Tennis.

**When:** the original dates from May have been postponed. The new dates are below:

Friday 15, Saturday 16, and Sunday 17 of September.

We will keep all current entries and payment in credit and apply them to the new dates, however if the new dates are not suitable for you, please contact us by return email and we will arrange a refund. Please contact the Proshop if you are unable to play.

We will be in touch with further information closer to the date.

Thanks for supporting our tournament and we will see you at the courts soon.

For more information and to register click [HERE](#)

## Todd Woodbridge Cup

The Todd Woodbridge is a primary school competition for stage 2 (years 3 and 4) that uses modified equipment, numeric scoring and mixed gender teams. This year there are a limited number of stage 3 (years 5 and 6) pilot events on offer.

The competition commences with school zone events, followed by regional playoff (term 3 and 4) followed by a state final that is held at Sydney Olympic Park each year (term 4).

Dates:  
Stage 2 and 3 - 04/09/2023

Scan the QR Code below for more information!



# Social Tennis

Looking for lady players at Epping on Wednesday mornings - contact **Val Tuckwell** on **0408 852 808**.

Time: 10.00am - Midday

Age: Group 50+, intermediate standard

A shout out to all the members/volunteers who organise **social play at Epping and Pennant Hills**. We appreciate you love to have a hit of tennis and your dedication to others to organise bookings/balls etc.!

We are wanting to offer more socials, especially at Pennant Hills, so if interested in social play at different times please contact Kelley in the Pro shop.

## Interested in being a Ballkid?

Calling all Ballkids!

The 2023 NSW Open Challenger held at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre from October 29 to November 5 is looking for Ballkids.

No experience required, ages 12-17.

Please click [HERE](#) to express your interest.



## Membership Reminder

Could team captains please check in with their players that they are financial members, i.e. paid their membership fees in the past month. Our membership coordinator volunteer, Judy Halbedl has now sent out reminders, so its now up to individuals to come forward and speak to Judy, their team captain or comp secretary; or someone from the Pro shop or Council of management if they are having troubles renewing from links etc. or are experiencing financial hardship. We can't help what we don't know. Membership fees contribute to the upkeep of our courts and facilities.

If you are currently playing comp, you must be a current financial member (2023/24).

**Thank you** to more than half of our 1000+ members that paid almost immediately!

# Committee of Management News

## Updated Pricing

As you would be aware prices have been increasing across the board and we are not exempt from these increases for supplies, staffing and utilities. We are trying to manage this in a number of ways.

With **court hire** we have increased just one area of pricing starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, being for 1 hour court hire. \$16 to \$17 for members and \$22 to \$23 for non-members. Peak pricing after 5pm, also reflects very much increased electricity costs, so these rates are increasing by \$2 per hour for 1 hour court hire. Court hire for longer periods remains unchanged.

For people who play **social tennis at both Epping and Pennant Hills** we appreciate those that join the club can enjoy a member discount and play \$10. We are asking that those do not want to contribute through a membership that they pay our advertised price of \$15. Membership gives you other advantages – at just \$49 a year or \$44 as a senior membership and it helps support us maintain our centre. Please do not be offended if at some time you are asked re your membership.

At our last meeting **Robyn Johnson**, who has for the last 5 years supported the **Monday ladies competition** as a volunteer comp secretary has decided it is time for her to hand over the reins to someone else. Robyn will step down at our next AGM. We would like the ladies who play in the Monday comp to consider their hand up to take over. Robyn, and the other volunteer coordinators – Marina and Monique, will be happy to assist and help you as needed. It also may be a consideration for two friends to do it together. Please reach out now as it will be easy to gradually pass the information on over the next few months. To get the ball started going forward please have a chat to Robyn or other volunteers e.g. Marina, Monique, Mary or Kaye to see what's involved.

## Staff Profile – Andy Phelan

Andy is our maintenance manager at Pennant Hills and Midson Road complexes and is the reason our courts and facilities look so fantastic. He takes great care of all aspects of the venue and we are grateful for his hard work and dedication.

Q: What do you enjoy the most about working at NWST?

A: The people

Q: Do you play tennis? How old were you when you started?

A: Yes, I began to play when I was around 6 or 7 years old. My dad was a coach.

Q: Who will win the AO 2024?

A: Carlos Alcaraz

Q: If you were a superhero, which one would you be and why?

A: Spiderman.

I wore the spiderman wrist bands as a kid and loved to climb everything. Spiderman was the best.

Q: What's the best advice you have ever received?

A: 1. Do you want to answer the question? If yes,  
2. Listen to the question.  
3. Answer honestly.  
4. Move on and don't worry too much.



# Secondary Schools Challenge

The Secondary schools challenge will be held on August 26 at Pennant hills park. This is a graded round robin tournament.

Schools may enter multiple teams of 3 player pairs. If a school does not have three pairs, players may enter as pairs from the same school. Players may also enter as an individual to be paired where available by the organisers with another player of similar ability from a different school.

As this is a graded competition, players/parents are requested to provide as much information as possible regarding the child's playing ability in order to be placed in the right division.

## **Format:**

Graded round robin with each division consisting of 4,5 or 6 pairs so each pair gets 4-5 matches. The number of games in each match will vary per division. Sudden death deuce will be played.

Trophies are awarded to the winning school of the night (top 3 pairs).

Medallions are awarded to the winners and runners up of each division.

## **Cost**

\$30 per player, payable when completing registration. Refunds are not given after online entries close unless the tournament is cancelled.

## **Dinner**

A BBQ and canteen facilities will be available on the night.

## **Wet Weather**

If the weather is inclement, notice of cancellation will be posted on our website under 'Weather News'.

[Registration Link HERE](#)

[More info and link to team entry form HERE](#)

# Ladies Midweek Comp

Tuesday Ladies Midweek Comp has just finalised their Autumn Comp 2023. It was a thrilling finish to a competitive competition.

The weather was fine and the semi finals saw Div 1, 2 and 3 all playing right down to the wire. The scores were 3-3 and the tennis was spectacular. The spectators were on the edge of their seats with the standard of play.

Congratulations to all players of our great Competition, without all the players and teams there would be no winners.

The Finals results as follows,

Div 1 saw Banksia (Karen Thompson team) beat Acacia (Melissa Dolahenty team)

Div 2 Bunderra (Enone Melville team) defeat Frenesi (Jo-Anne Perry team)

Div 3 Wilga (Anne Mitchell team) defeated Currawong (Sandy Donavon team)

Our new Spring 2023/24 has now begun.

Anyone wishing to join the pool list or enter a team next comp please

contact Monique 0400 050 881

[monique\\_spiller@hotmail.com](mailto:monique_spiller@hotmail.com)

## Tennis NSW Tournament Officials

For those who are interested in becoming a Community Official for sanctioned tournaments in NSW, please click on the link below for more info and to join.

North West Sydney Tennis will cover the fees if you wish to participate in the course.

<https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/ballkids-officials-coaches-and-volunteers/officiating/training-courses>

## Well fit and Yoga

Wellfit and Yoga – new classes added!

Well Fit has a new class time: 9am -10am Mondays as well as 9.30am-10:15am on Wednesdays.

Yoga – Sunday 9.30am -10.30am and a new Wednesday class 10.15am – 11am starting on August 9

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## A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER'S

### Fleet Street Merchants

If you love shiraz, you'll love July at Fleet St Epping. We have a range of over 150 on offer, including Clare Valley specials from Reillys, Macaw Creek and OLeary Walker, and just arrived the **Australian wine of the year**.... Underhill Shiraz from Yarra Yering.

But also drop by for our 2/\$40 range from Oatley Signature Series. Tastings every Friday night.... and all NWST members a 10% discount on all purchases over \$50. And 10% off for buying three bottles of wine... **#shoplocal** and visit Fleet St Merchants on the corner of Boronia Ave and Midson Rd Epping.



### TAG Financial

#### What do others say about TAG financial...?

“Extremely professional, thorough and someone who listens and advises accordingly. Highly recommended”

“The experience of the TAG financial team has benefited me greatly. Communicating with them about the development of our strategy was smooth and easy. Highly recommended!”

If it is time for you to seek professional advice for your future... for yourself, or for your family, have a conversation with TAG now.



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### Tennis Ranch

Remember @ Tennis Ranch as a member you can receive a discount so don't forget to mention you are from NWST. Worth the trip down Victoria Rd to the Gladesville store. Special offer on apparel – 20% off for members – limited time offer so get in quick!

### Plus Fitness (Thornleigh and Turramurra)

Our Fitness partners! Keep an eye out around the club houses for flyers from Plus Fitness, based at Thornleigh and Turramurra. Plus Fitness Thornleigh and Turramurra provides access to premium facilities around the clock. Whether you're a shift worker, working from home or at the office, you get to work out on your terms, whenever you want. Our Plus Fitness gyms have been custom designed, with top-of-the-line equipment, to help our members achieve a diverse range of goals. Whether you want to improve your sport, build strength, or trim your waistline, we've got you covered. Our Personal Trainers are a team of highly motivated exercise professionals who will help rejuvenate your training & give you guidance. Starting from just \$16.95 a week, Plus Fitness Thornleigh offers high quality gym facilities, with 24/7 access and a supportive training environment. No lock-in contracts available.

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## Voyager Coaching

Voyager Tennis would like to offer our adult Members one free cardio tennis session. Contact Gourav from Voyager Tennis on 0415 158052 and mention this ad and you will receive a free trial Cardio tennis session.

Times available are:

- Monday
  - 7am – 8am
  - 8am – 9am
  - 9am – 10am
- Tuesday
  - 7am – 8am
  - 8am – 9am
  - 9am – 10am

Voyager also offer Specialised Doubles coaching focusing on net play, doubles tactics and communication. They can also tailor a session to suit your individual needs. Please contact Gourav - Mobile: 0415 158 052

Email: [Gourav@voyagertennis.com](mailto:Gourav@voyagertennis.com)



## Social Tennis!

And don't forget Sunday afternoons 3-5.30.

Great group coming along but we are always looking for more players! Parents we encourage you to come and bring your children along (10 years +)

Everyone is welcome! – so come along and tell your tennis friends!

**Weekend Wildcards@NWST**

WhatsApp group



# Facebook Reminder



For all members who are active on Facebook, please remember to like our page – [North West Sydney Tennis](#)

If you see any of our content, don't forget to tick the like button and click share. We are only getting a small amount of traction, liking and sharing only increases the amount of traction we receive!

## Pro shop Update

We are looking for a new member of staff in the Proshop. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please reach out to Kelley for details, or email [tennis@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:tennis@northwestsydneytennis.com.au). The applicant must be available for Saturday shifts.

Our Pro shop hours during school terms are changing slightly. Please see below.

	<b>Proshop hours - School terms</b>
Monday	8.30am – 8pm
Tuesday	8.30am - 6pm
Wednesday	8.30am – 8pm
Thursday	8.30am – 8pm
Friday	8.00am – 5pm
Saturday	7.30am – 5.30pm
Sunday	9.00am - 1pm

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