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NEWSLETTER

December 2021

CHRISTMAS GALA

Firstly, a thank you to the CoM members, volunteers and the wider community for the involvement and support shown for our Christmas Gala Day.

Our brand was unveiled with the help of local dignitaries. Julian Leaser, Lawrence Robertson, Philip Ruddock and newly elected Hornsby Councillor Sreeni Pillamarri. Thank you for your time and support of our community tennis centre and going into the future.

We appreciate the many donations of time and involvement in planning and running the night, and the generous contributions to our raffle prizes. All prize winners can be found on our website. We particularly would like to thank Harris Farm Markets, The Verandah Beecroft, The Epping Club and Sydney Living Museums. Also, to our partners, Voyager Tennis Academy, Paul Toohy Coaching and Smashing Restrings and our Christmas stall holders - we hope you benefitted from our Gala Day, we certainly did with your beautiful array of goods!

A big shout out to Bill from Fleet Street Merchants who provided us with some lovely choices to enjoy with our sausage sandwiches! Bill has a wide range of fine wines, spirits and beer and is a local business supporting us. Call in at 115 Midson Rd, just up from the Epping courts and say hello. He has an exclusive offer for North West Sydney Tennis members where you will receive a 10% discount on purchases over \$50.00, so mention where you are from and support a local business!

Our Juniors played their final of Under 14's Girls Junior Age Championship Singles on the night. Cecilia Teoh won against Maria Gorval Under 14's Girls Junior Age Championship - Singles

And a gala day is nothing without our members, friends and community coming to support their Association. With buying raffle tickets, volunteering before and on the night ... having some fun and tennis.... a big thank you!



Saturday Junior Comp

Registration Now Open!

We are extremely excited to welcome back our Saturday Junior Comp beginning in February 2022.

UTR rankings - contributes your match results to your personal UTR Ranking.

We welcome all juniors aged 6 years - under 18 from the North West of Sydney to join our Saturday Competitions. Our junior competitions are based on NSW School terms and the entry cost is only \$100 per term, which includes membership to North West Sydney Tennis (ETDTA). Active Kids Vouchers are accepted, and you can use your membership to book a court at our discounted member rate.

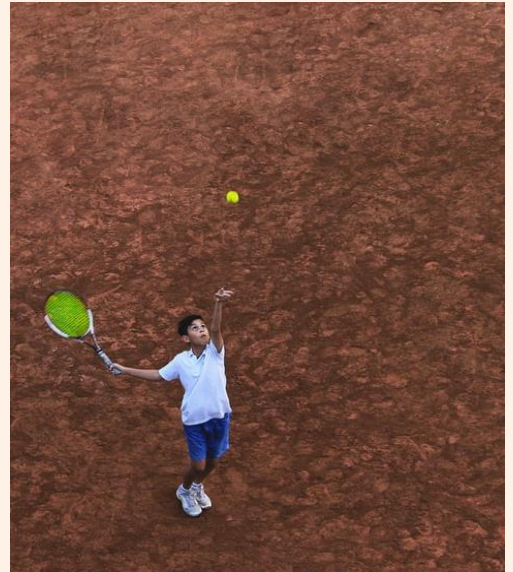
Play is held on **Saturdays**, 8am - 10am and/or 10am - midday and afternoons 3pm - 5pm.

Commencing: Saturday 4 February

Grading: Monday 17 January 9am (grading essential for new players)

Online registration Closing: Monday 17 January 11:59pm

Head to our website for more information and online registration



Get to know Xpoint Sport

The Future of our Comps!

Login, check profile (your child) and update all your information (DOB, Mobile Number, each player needs an individual email (cannot share email with siblings) Familiarise yourself with the system as you will be inputting your own game scores here weekly. This system contributes your match results to your personal UTR Ranking.



Help Needed! – Saturday Junior Grading



We are in search of parents willing to help with our grading sessions for our Saturday Junior Comps. This role will consist of a couple of hours occurring once a school term, helping in the grading of the new junior players into different divisions. If this seems suitable to you, let the Pro Shop know either by phone, email or in person.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

North West Sydney Tennis wishes you and your family best wishes and good health over this holiday period. After a busy and eventful year, we thank you for your on going support through and we can't wait to see your faces once again in the new year. Bring on 2022!



Save the Date 2022

- Adult Comp Commencement Dates
 - Monday Night Ladies - **Monday 31 January**
 - Ladies Midweek - **Tuesday 1 February**
 - Wednesday Night Mixed - **Wednesday 2 February**
 - Thursday Night Men's - **Thursday 3 February**
- Sat Junior Comp Grading Day - **Saturday 17 January**
- Sat Junior Commencement date - **Saturday 5 February**
- Tildesley Tournament - **13, 14,15 March**

Yoga Update

Get your Zen on and join us for Yoga
Classes starting from 14 January 2022

Tara Darlington and Ellen Moran are now taking our yoga classes at the Pennant Hills Tennis center. Jacqui Smith remains a good friend of the Association living locally, but has her business based out of Bondi now. Come along and meet our yoga teachers either at the Xmas Gala evening or take a free trial class during January (email mary@fobal.com.au to participate). Yoga will not be held between 21/12/2021 – 13/1/2022. Classes **from 14 January 2022** will be as follows: -

Friday 11.45am-12.30pm; Sunday 9.45am-10.30am; and Monday 6.00pm-6.45pm

Terms are 10 weeks. Members cost to attend 1 class is \$10 per week; or to attend 1-3 classes per week \$15 per week.

Friends, family, or locals who may not be NWST Members and want to join in yoga are most welcome and the cost for 1 class is \$15 per week; or to attend 1-3 classes per week \$20 per week.

Public Health Orders of the day apply. BYO mat, water, and towel.

For further information contact Mary Baker mary@fobal.com.au

Holiday Social Tennis

Social Tennis Anyone?

Social tennis dates for January will be starting as followed with our usual social on Wednesday and Fridays. Details for these social offerings can be found to the side and on our [website](#).

Wednesday	12 Jan
Friday	14 Jan
Wednesday	19 Jan
Friday	21 Jan

Wednesday Mornings

Time: 8:00am - Midday

Cost: \$7 members, \$10 non members
Age: Group 50+, intermediate standard

Friday Morning (Group 1)

Time: 8:00am - Midday

Cost: \$7 members, \$10 non members
Age: Group 50+, intermediate + standard

Friday Morning (Group 2)

Time: 8:30am - Midday

Cost: \$7 members, \$10 non members
Age Group 45+, intermediate standard.

88 Tennis Club – Dragonix Event

88 is a tennis club founded by David in 2013 who is now the president of the club. It started off with 4 close friends gathering to play tennis, however now that tennis has grown in popularity in the Chinese community, 88 Tennis Club welcomes 96 members currently. This club is about building a stronger, healthier, and safer Chinese community.

88 tennis club alongside Sydney Chinese Lady Tennis Club recently hosted a special event on 7 November called the Dragonix Mixed Doubles. It was the first major event since Covid Lockdowns. Within one week of announcing the event, the community showed its support and registration was a full capacity. 64 players compete in stormy and windy conditions but was enjoyed greatly.

David gives his thanks to North West Sydney Tennis for their tremendous support towards the event and their offer to help promote future tournaments through the newsletter.



Friday Night Twilight Tennis

Barby? Tennis? Exercise? Family? Fun?

How about some social tennis on a summers evening?

Friday nights in January starting Friday 14th. We would like to hear from you as to the interest in this casual evening. Give Kaye a call on 0410 68 9915 or email info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au and enter your interest with 'Friday Night Fun' in the subject line. Family and friends all welcome.

Holiday Trading Hours



We will be closed from 24 Dec 2021 through to 9 Jan 2022

Fri 24 Dec 2021 – Sun 9 Jan 2022 – Closed for business

Hours subject to change

Although our shop is closed, our courts are still open for court hire. Please go to northwestsydneytennis.com.au for all court bookings.

Covid Update

Below is a snippet directly from Tennis NSW regarding COVID-19 updates.

For more info please click [here](#).

COVID-19 UPDATE AS AT 17 DECEMBER

"Tennis NSW understands that community sport, including local competition can return to 'normal' activities. However, it is noted that there is a requirement for masks to be worn by anyone **not fully vaccinated** aged over 12 years working in hospitality who is dealing directly with members of the public. Any of our members operating a food and drink premises at their venue should review the requirements in the current PHO as to whether they are required to have their workers wear masks while working.

We take this opportunity to remind you of the important decision made by the Tennis NSW Board that all players who enter and compete in all Tennis NSW endorsed and approved events and leagues (whether junior or open) will be required to adhere to the following guidelines until further notice:

- Players aged 16 and over are fully vaccinated or have a medical exemption.
- Players under 16 are not required to be vaccinated, however must be accompanied by a fully vaccinated parent/guardian who resides at the same place of residence. If the parent/guardian cannot attend, the player can attend with a vaccinated guardian/coach, provided the player resides with a vaccinated parent/guardian."

Lost Property

Lost Something?

Our Lost property pile has become quite large. You can now find it on a hanging rack inside the clubhouse. To reduce clutter, we will be donating lost property fortnightly to a local charity shop. So please, if you have lost something or left behind any belongings, please remember to check the lost property pile as soon as possible.





Tips for a more affordable Christmas

For many of us, 2021 has been an emotionally and financially testing time. While Christmas is an exciting opportunity to get family and friends together and celebrate, it is also an expensive period and comes with stresses of its own.

Here are some ideas to make Christmas a little more affordable this year.

Share the load

All too often, the Christmas festivities fall on one hosting household. If you're having people over don't be afraid to ask them to bring along a plate of food, drinks or games or decorations to save you buying everything yourself.

Set expectations on gifting

Buying gifts can be a risky business - and if you've got a big family with partners and kids it can be an expensive process too. Be upfront with your loved ones and agree on the gifting approach you're going to take and stick to it. You can opt to just buying things for the kids, agreeing on a maximum budget, making homemade presents for a sentimental touch, or setting up a Secret Santa so you only need to buy one gift each.

Shop Savvy

As a result of COVID-19, many retailers are offering additional discounts outside of their usual calendar sales to encourage spending. Make sure you shop around prices for gifts between multiple stores and don't be afraid to ask a retailer to price match if you've found the same product cheaper elsewhere.

Don't be tempted by credit

It might seem easy to put a few extra items on the credit card, but make sure you can afford to pay it off. The December/January pay cycle is notoriously long, so make sure you've factored any additional spending into your budget calculations.

I hope you have a wonderful and low-stress holiday period. If you'd like advice on how to budget for the festive season I'd be more than happy to chat.

Any advice is general in nature only and has been prepared without considering your needs, objectives or financial situation. Before acting on it you should consider its appropriateness for you, having regard to those factors.



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History Unveiled

This new area in our newsletter is to be dedicated to some snippets of how ETDTA came about and how we have got to where we are... and where our mission and vision is for the future. Our first snippet is for an event happening in January....

The Tony Gilbert Show Court

The Future of our Comps!

Eastwood Thornleigh District Tennis Association began at the Midson Road Courts in Epping at a time when many homes had their own backyard courts to contribute to competition play. The trend to sell off these courts, for building blocks, made it mandatory for the Association to find land on which to construct a larger tennis centre on which to continue. The late Tony Gilbert led this search, and when the disused softball diamonds in PHPTC were offered by HSC, Tony designed and oversaw the construction of, eventually, all 16 courts and the clubhouses. He also oversaw maintenance for many years. Tony was made a Life Member of the Association for his many contributions, and the newly constructed grandstand was named after him amidst much fanfare.

Alas, the grandstand was demolished, and although its plaque is attached to the clubhouse, it is easily overlooked. In order to remind people of Tony's efforts it was decided to name Court 6 as "The Tony Gilbert Show Court" as a reminder of his contributions.

On Saturday 15th January the Show Court plaque will be unveiled and you are welcome to attend this at 4pm. So come along - Meg, Tony's wife and also a Life Member, will unveil the plaque, and family, friends and former tennis players of the time have been invited to witness the event. It is hoped that some of Tony's family will be able to take to the court on the occasion.



Tony and Meg at the Armidale Tennis Tournament

Community News



Hills Parenting Expo

**Saturday
26 February 2022
9am - 3pm**

**Uniting Church
Boundary Rd & Bellamy St
Pennant Hills**

- Meet with professionals providing child and parent services
- Everything from education and therapy to sport
- Guest speakers
- Variety of programs on offer
- Come check out whats new!
- Food and drink available

**FREE
ENTRY**

Interested? For stall enquiries please contact Marion at BPHUC on 9875 3436
website coming soon | email: admin@hillsparentingexpo.org