

JUNE 2022

## Solomon Islands Tennis Association

Last year we called for donations for the Solomon Island Tennis Association, a move initiated by Charmaine, a former junior member of our Association. We have recently heard back from the tennis community, and we believe that a photo speaks a thousand words.

### “SOLOMON TENNIS RECEIVES TIMELY DONATION”

North West Sydney Tennis, through Charmaine, donated many racquets and balls over the weekend to Tennis Players who are playing under the Solomon Islands Tennis Federation programs.

Charmaine reached out to North West Sydney Tennis to donate some tennis balls, however, the Association went the extra mile and donated much more - racquets, shoes, hats, grips and bags. Charmaine played with North West Sydney Tennis from age 8 -18, every Saturday morning, just like the children in the Solomon Islands program. She is so grateful to North West Sydney Tennis for the very generous donation to the Solomon Islands Tennis Association (SITA). As a volunteer with SITA, it makes her so happy to see the equipment being used to help the players. She wishes team Solomon all the best for the upcoming Pacific Mini Games.

Many of the donations benefitted the 8-man squad that has been preparing for the Pacific Mini Games. Marion didn't have shoes but managed to get a near new pair of New Balance Tennis shoes which will greatly assist her game in Northern Marianas in June. The Solomon Islands Tennis Squad have been training 5 days a week in preparation to represent the Solomon Islands in the Saipan. Doreen Ningalo, “was blown away by the donations as she runs her programs on the bare minimum, donations from ITF and other private businesses. She hopes that the tennis program can grow, and many more children can enjoy the sport in the years to come.





### **Seeking more tennis Donations for Solomon Islands Tennis Association!**

We would love to organise another round of donations to send to Solomon Islands Tennis Association. Any donations big or small such as Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Racquets, etc. can be handed to the ProShop.

# 30 Plus Social Round Robin – News dates!

## 30 Plus Social Round Robin

Another Seniors' Social Round Robin went ahead despite the rain, we were even lucky enough to get a few glimpses of sunshine throughout the weekend. Thank you to all who participated and supported the tournament. And as always, thank you to our generous volunteers and members who make these events happen! Some pictures capturing a great weekend can be found below. Special thanks to Mary Baker for her part in making the event happen.



# Monday Night Ladies

## Monday Night Ladies competition updates!

A big thank you to Captains and team players for your help in settling into Xpoint Sports - our new system for rankings / entering scores/ finding the draws. There have been a few teething issues, but most ladies are now able to find the information in Xpoint that they need.

For updates on the comp... still go to the Monday Night Ladies website page. You will find names and contact numbers for each team captain, the current pool list, plus 4 set winners. To keep these records up to date please ensure each paper score sheet is handed in on the night of the match or as soon as possible. If you find there is any discrepancy in your match record, please forward me the score sheet with a note on where the problem lies, and I will amend as necessary in Xpoint. - Robyn J.

# Wednesday Night Mixed

## Wednesday Night Mixed News – More Players needed!

Are you interested in our Wednesday night comp but missed out on registering? Wanting some extra match play throughout your week? We are seeking more ladies and men for our Wednesday Night Mixed competition. If this seems like something you'd be interested in, please make yourself known to us either in the ProShop, or by phone (94810970) or email ([info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au)). Feel free to spread the word with your tennis mates, friends, neighbours, and colleagues.



# Tuesday Ladies Social



## Social tennis for the Ladies

at Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre every Tuesday

Winter is here and what a great way to get some exercise in some sunshine (hopefully!) Come join us on Tuesdays **9.30 – 12.30** for Tuesday social tennis. All welcome. Have a coffee, meet some new people, and have a chat between sets. For more info go to [northwestsydneytennis.com.au](http://northwestsydneytennis.com.au) and click on 'Social Tennis'.

# Annual Grade Tournament

## Save the Date! Sept/Oct School Holidays

The Annual Grade Tournament will be taking place in September / October School Holidays. It is a chance to play doubles against players who are involved in competitions on other nights of the week as well as a chance to play singles against other players of similar standards. It is run on Friday nights and Sundays and is a great relaxed social event for all those involved. More info to come soon!

# New Social Offering

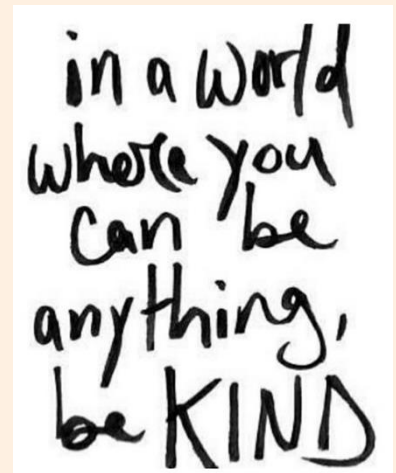
## Calling all Casual Hitters at NWST Have a hit when it suits you!

If you are that person that sometimes wants to have a casual hit during the day and needs to find one or 2 people for a game of singles or doubles? Watch this space and we will soon have a working What's App group where you can possibly find someone else. If you are unsure of what to specify for your level, we do have guidance on the website under the 'socials' tab.. Once you have someone to play with it's a simple matter of booking a court, grabbing some balls and having some fun! More info to come so stay tuned!

# ProShop Phone Calls

## Let's be patient when making phone calls to the ProShop!

We love our ProShop staff! But sometimes they are under the pump for various reasons so please appreciate this – *please be patient, speak to them as you would like to be spoken to*. Realise that they may be talking with customers or even have a line-up of customers at the shop front whilst they also take your call. We are all frustrated by the rain, but it is out of anyone's control and the ProShop staff do their best to ensure courts are dried as needed or the forecast is monitored in a timely manner and then to update the weather page. Also, if you are having difficulty accessing the weather page, try bookmarking it. This avoids going through the website with heavy traffic on wet days. The recent meeting of the CoM has approved new super soakers to be purchased, and these will be located on each level when they become available. These will be more easily accessible to staff, and players as well, to help when needed on the odd occasion.



# 2022/2023 Membership Renewal!

## Check your emails!

Membership fees are coming around again.... they will be due by 1st July. Look out for the email from our volunteer membership person around mid-June - help them out by acting on your renewal promptly. There are some small increases ranging from \$0 to \$3 depending on the level and period of membership.

**Court hire prices** have been held steady for a period of time and some small increases will be instigated from July 1. These will be available on the court booking page on the website. *Note that until you have renewed your membership you will be charged the casual rate.*



# Many Hands Makes Light Work

## Many Hands Makes Light Work

Overnight rain left the courts soaked for our Tuesday Ladies Midweek competition. However, with the help of some of the ladies, the courts were playable in no time. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. We appreciate this initiative from the ladies which allowed the morning of tennis to go ahead. A big thank you goes out to Julie, Penny and Mel for assisting Sandi and Andy in the day.



## Social Pricing Update

### **Social Tennis Pricing** all socials will receive new tennis balls each play!

You may notice soon, if not already that our social prices have risen slightly to appropriately reflect the cost of play. Prices will be \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. This price includes the costs of court hire and all social play will now be provided new tennis balls. This pricing will be applied to all socials that are managed by the ProShop. If you would like to become a member go to our membership page and check out the advantages! Annual membership starts July 1 and runs until June 30.

## Thank you for the racquet donations

### **THANK YOU for the racquet donations!**

Thank you for the many racquet donations we have received for our high school sports programs. We continue to ask for more racquets, in any condition, to accommodate the large groups of students that visit us throughout the week.

# Epping Tennis Centre

## New Water Fountain

Thank you has to go to Lindy Gerke and Enone Melville for organising a grant to assist in putting in a water fountain for players at Epping. This will be great for our tennis community.



## Weather News update

### Weather News update – Attention Competition players.

Please note that an extra line has been added to the weather news that is specific to the upcoming competition and separate from the current state of play of the courts.

The box titled ‘Pennant Hills Competitions’ will **only** be used if a decision regarding wet weather is pending for one of our competitions.

If the ‘*Pennant Hills Tennis Centre*’ Status Is stated unplayable, this does not indicate a competition wash out. Information about the playability of courts is for those hiring courts.

If the weather at the tennis courts is questionable regarding comp play, refer to the Box titled ‘*Pennant Hills Competitions*’. Please refer to this information and resist calling the ProShop.

An example of what this will look like can be found below.

## Weather and Other Adverse Court Conditions

In the case of wet weather or extreme heat conditions, please see table below for court status.

### Complex and Court Status

Complex	Update Date	Update Time	Comment	Status	
Pennant Hills Tennis Centre	Wednesday 8/06/2022	4:32 PM	Courts currently unplayable	2	Select
Epping Tennis Centre	Tuesday 17/05/2022	7:40 AM		0 Status not assigned	Select
Pennant Hills Competitions	Wednesday 8/06/2022	4:33 PM	WNM comp decision pending	3	Select

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Refer to ‘Comment’ & ‘Status’ Boxes

When weather conditions are threatening to cancel events, the court status will be regularly updated to indicate the condition of the courts.

= Courts Playable    = Court not playable    = Decision pending

used if a competitions decision regarding wet weather is pending.

# A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER



## The rise of socially responsible investing

*Ethical investment is on the rise. Australians are becoming more aware of the impact their investments can have. But what does this mean for you? And how can you know if your investment is ethical?*

### What is socially responsible investing?

Also known as ethical investing, this is the trend of investing in sustainable, environmentally friendly and socially conscious businesses that are looking to make essential contributions to our future. This trend is capturing the attention of many Australians. For example, 4 in 5 Australians feel environmental issues are important when it comes to the investment of their money. According to the Responsible Investment Association Australasia (RIAA), about \$1tn of the \$2.24tn in managed funds is classified as responsible.

### Growing returns

Choosing to invest responsibly doesn't mean that you have to miss out on your returns. In fact, the truth is quite the opposite. The RIAA's Responsible Investment Super Study found that Australian super funds that comprehensively engage in responsible investment outperformed their peers over 1, 3, and 5-year time frames. The study also found that 67% of those who don't currently invest in ethical companies, funds, or super funds would be likely to consider doing so in the next 5 years.

### Different approaches to socially responsible investing

These are some of the most common approaches to consider when it comes to socially responsible investing.

1. **Negative screening:** involves excluding industries that you don't want to support. Some examples could include weapons, tobacco, alcohol, gambling, or animal cruelty.
2. **Positive screening:** involves actively seeking out companies that are trying to make a difference. Some examples could include companies in renewable energy, education or healthcare.
3. **Impact investing:** involves looking for companies whose business operations are focussed on solving some of the world's biggest challenges. These are companies that are impact driven at the core of their mission.
4. **ESG integration:** involves considering different Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) factors to help choose a particular investment.

### How do I find socially responsible investments?

The RIAA has created its Responsible Returns tool to help investors looking for ethical investment options based on the issues that matter to them most.

If you need help in developing a financial plan that considers ethical investing or providers, I'd be more than happy to have a 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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# Electrician Needed!

**We are requiring an electrician** for work required at our Pennant Hills Park and Epping Tennis Centres. Please contact Sandi directly: [tennis@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:tennis@northwestsydneytennis.com.au) if you are a fully qualified electrician as we have lots of work!

# Volunteer Needed!



## **Volunteer Needed - Bring back the Tuesday Toasties!**

A Volunteer is needed to work in the ProShop on Tuesdays making toasties and serving from 9.30am-1.30pm. If you are interested and keen to learn how to make barista coffees, we will offer on site training! If this sounds like the role for you, please make your self-known to the ProShop or simply shoot us an email.

[Info@northwestsydneytennis.com](mailto:Info@northwestsydneytennis.com)

# Tech Donations

## **Tech Donations – Thank you!**

Thank you again to Erwin Tjoputra for the computer that he kindly donated to the ProShop. This has been set up by Henry and is located within the clubhouse for our members ease of use to input Xpoint scores. You will need your Xpoint log in details to log in to your account and remember to always log out after each use!

# By Laws Update

## **By Laws**

By-Law 13 has been amended as can be seen below. A reminder our by-laws can be found within our website.

### **13. WET WEATHER AND OTHER ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES**

Except in extreme circumstances, as advised by Centre Manager, matches will not be called off until one hour prior to the scheduled starting time. Check “Weather News” on North West Sydney Tennis website for updates.

If play cannot commence at the scheduled time, players are to wait 30 minutes (evening competitions) or 60 minutes (daytime competitions). If play is still not possible after waiting the required length of time, the match will be declared an “Unplayed Match”. Refer to By-Law 23 for “Competition Specific” details about “Unplayed Matches”.

At least two sets must be completed for an individual match to be regarded as ‘played’. If at least 50% of the individual matches are ‘played’ then the entire match is declared ‘played’, otherwise it will be regarded as an ‘unplayed’ match and will be rescheduled. In a rescheduled match, any sets completed previously will need to be replayed.

If rain interrupts play at any time during a match but the court is still considered playable, players are required to allow 30 minutes before assessing whether play can resume (both captains must agree). If the court becomes unplayable during this time the match ceases automatically. For played matches that have commenced but do not finish, the points won are allocated to each team but the points remaining are shared.

# Updated Lighting News

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After feedback from some members, lights on comp nights near court 4 and 9 are being left on till 11:59pm to assist people getting to their cars safely. The bollard path lights near court 9 will stay on to 11.30pm. Council has been contacted to replace the council operated light near Court 16 so this will also help those parking on the upper car opposite the soccer field. Council has also indicated to the Assoc recently that there will no street lighting installed with their new path works but additional lights are being considered for the car park at the rear of the tennis courts, shared with Hockey and Netball, however these are unlikely to be installed until 2023, Also under consideration is a light on an existing pole near court 9.

## Peace, Love and Tennis...

### Court Etiquette

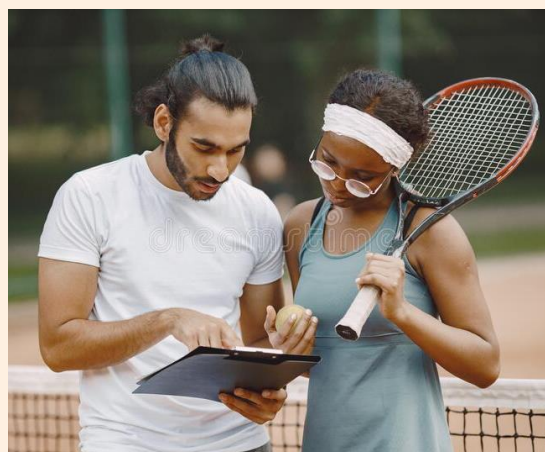
**Here are some interesting, perhaps obscure rules** (as per ITF regulations):

#### **Players can serve underarm**

It's OK to serve underarm which slows the ball causing it to fall short of the opponent. If the ball is in the air before hitting the ground on the opponent's court, it's legal!

#### **The ball can be hit around the net**

Usually, players hit the ball over the net for it to land inside the opponent's court. While we can't hit the ball through the net, it is allowable to hit the ball around the net posts.



And speaking of rules, here is a more pertinent rule which we ask NWST players to be mindful of:

The ball is deemed to be in play until it bounces twice, lands outside the court, hits a permanent fixture, or hits a player. Therefore, if the receiver catches a ball before it bounces, they lose the point regardless of where they are standing. In addition to this, if a serve that hits a player on the full, regardless of where that player is standing, the server wins the point.

# Social Tennis

For more information on the social groups visit [northwestsydneytennis.com.au](http://northwestsydneytennis.com.au)

## Social Tennis Anyone?

Ever looking for a social game of tennis? At NWST there are various tennis social groups that are commitment-free. These days are fun, social, and great days to meet new people and get that bit of extra exercise and practice!

See below a range of social tennis happening weekly at both **Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre (PHPTC)** and at **Epping Tennis Centre on Midson Rd.**

### LADIES SOCIAL – PHPTC

#### Tuesday Ladies Social – (LMW)

- Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
- Cost: \$7 members, \$10 non members
- All ages, intermediate standard

#### Wednesday Mornings – (ProShop)

- Time: 9:00am - Midday
- Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non members
- Age: intermediate standard

#### Friday Morning – (ProShop)

- Time: 9:00am - Midday
- Cost: \$10 members, \$15 non members
- Age: intermediate + standard

For enquiries email [info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au) or call **9481 0970**.

### MEN'S SOCIAL – PHPTC

#### Monday Morning

- Time: Summer 7.00 – 10.30am, Winter 8.00am to 11.30am
- Age Group: 55 +, Intermediate + standard

#### Thursday Morning

- Time: 8.00am to 11.30am
- Age Group: 55 +, Intermediate + standard

For enquires contact **Alan Bedkober** on **0490 297 509**.

### MIXED – PHPTC

#### Monday Morning

- Time: 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Age Group: 50+, low – Intermediate standard

#### Saturday Afternoon

- Time: 1.00pm to 5.00pm
- Cost: \$10
- For Div. 1, Div. 2 standard

For enquiries email [info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au](mailto:info@northwestsydneytennis.com.au) or call **9481 0970**

#### Sunday Morning

- Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
- Age Group: 30 +, intermediate standard
- For enquiries call **Dennis** on **0414 634 618**.

#### Tennis Sundays

- Time: 3 – 5.30pm
- Age Group: All Welcome
- Click [this link](#) for 'WhatsApp' Group

### LADIES – Epping, Midson Rd

#### Wednesday Morning

- Time: 10.00am - Midday
- Age: Group 50+, intermediate standard

For enquiries phone **Val Tuckwell** on **0408 852 808**.

#### Wednesday Morning

- Time: 9.00-11.00am
- Age: Older ladies welcome

For enquiries phone **Jane** on **9871 2933** or **0438 306 410**.

#### Thursday Morning

- Time: 9.00 - 11.30am
- Age: All welcome

For enquires phone **Cheryl** on **0403 160 976**.

### MIXED – Epping, Midson Rd

#### Friday Evening

- Time: 8pm - 10pm
- Age Group: 20 +, intermediate standard

To join click on [this link](#) for the Midson Road Friday WhatsApp group. If you need help,

### MENS – Epping, Midson Rd

#### Monday Morning

- Time: 8.30am to 11.00 am
- Age Group: 50+
- Moderate standard
- Sets: 8 game doubles playing with different players during the morning.
- For enquires contact **Neil** on **9805 0749**.

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