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Annual General Meeting: Save the Date!

Dear ETDTA Member



This is to advise you that the Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held via Zoom next Tuesday, 21st September at 7:30 pm.

All members are welcome to attend and have input onto how your Association is run. You might even wish to stand for election to one of the vacant positions on the Council of Management. You would be very welcome by those already elected.

At the meeting there will be voting on the nomination of Andy Kleiberg for Life Membership. Andy has made, and continues to make, invaluable contributions to the financial affairs of the Association and volunteers his time in many other ways, such as manning the ProShop and on the BBQ during our events. [See Newsletter from October 2020]

At the meeting you will hear details of how the voluntary Council of Management has managed your Association over the past year. You will get an idea of plans for the future. You are welcome to ask questions at the meeting.

You are also welcome to put forward your items for inclusion in General Business. Only items already scheduled can be dealt with in General Business. To request an item to be scheduled in General Business please email secretary@northwestsydneytennis.com.au

To obtain an invitation for the Zoom meeting please email <u>secretary@northwestsydneytennis.com.au</u>. You will be sent the invitation by return email, with agenda and Annual Report attached.

If you wish to attend the meeting and are not sure how to use Zoom you are welcome to contact the Secretary Clare Perry in advance of the meeting on the above mentioned email address and she will give you help, and if time permits, a practice session.

EVENTS UPDATE

The Light at the End of the Tunnel

Covid Restrictions

Firstly, we would like to emphasize to always refer to the latest NSW public health orders when making decisions in regard to the latest restrictions. All persons booking courts at our centres are required to carry proof of their compliance.

The Council of Management requests that members not phone or email the staff at the centre for updates or interpretations of the changes to the Public Health Orders, but instead themselves refer directly to Public Health Order website and/or Tennis NSW and form your own decisions. Our tennis centres are located in different LGA's and our 1000+ member base draws from a wide range of LGA's all in an ever-changing landscape. Please understand it's not reasonable for our staff to be asked for their interpretation on your individual's circumstances.

As policy updates are made for our centres at Pennant Hills and Epping, they will be advertised on the North West Sydney Tennis website for all members to see. Council of Management and Staff appreciate your ongoing understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Please note the following NSW Government advice - COVID-19 update in relation to vaccination requirements for outdoor gatherings effective September 13.

- For those who live outside the LGAs of concern, you can attend an outdoor gathering in a public space of up to 5 people for exercise or outdoor recreation so long as all those at the gathering aged 16 years or over are fully vaccinated:
- The 5-person limit on these gatherings does not include children aged 12 or under.
- You are not prevented from attending more than one such gathering in a day.
- · If you are not fully vaccinated:
 - o You can exercise with 1 other person that you do not live with, or your nominated visitor ("singles bubble").
 - o If you live with more than 2 other people, you can all exercise together.

When engaging in exercise or outdoor recreation, stay within your local government area. If you need to cross into another local Government area you must stay within 5km of your home.

For those who live in the LGAs of concern,

- You can exercise with 1 other person that you do not live with or your nominated visitor ("singles bubble").
- If you live with more than 2 other people, you can all go out together for exercise.
- You must stay within 5 kms of your home when doing any outdoor recreation or exercise or supervising a child aged 12 years or under who is exercising or playing. All persons booking courts as per the above guideline will need to have with them proof of their vaccination status.

Ball Machine Hire



Looking to get out of the house? Wanting to sharpen your balls skills but don't have a partner?

Reminder that we provide hire of our ball machine from Monday through to Saturday!

Book a court online for 1 hour and pay an additional \$10 for ball machine hire and receive a complimentary 30mins of court hire! The perfect way to improve your tennis game solo style. Call the Pro Shop on 9481 0970 to book today! Court Hire is available under NSW Health restrictions. A great way to get out to exercise in a COVID safe way. Please ensure you call the Pro Shop prior to all ball machine bookings.

Donations to the Solomon Islands Tennis Association

North West Sydney Tennis Centre will be organizing and collecting donations for the Solomon Islands Tennis Association.

Below are some words from our past member Charmaine who is living and working in the Solomon Islands who has kindly reached out to our community. Any donation can make difference!



"My name is Charmaine Li and I played for ETDTA from under 10's to 18's (1998-2008). I spent every weekend at Pennant Hills Park and it was a big part of my life growing up. I have been lucky enough to be working and living in the Solomon Islands for the last 18 months and I have tried to pass on the joy that tennis has brought me to the local kids. I am reaching out to see if there is a possibility that ETDTA could donate some old equipment or form a partnership with the Solomon Islands Tennis Association (SITA).

As some background, the Solomon Islands is one of the poorest countries in the world. The country relies on foreign aid and donors to sustain its economy and Australia is the biggest donor. The Solomon Islands will be hosting the Pacific Games in 2023 but due to Covid travel restrictions, the tennis players are unable to travel and train in preparation for the games. Tennis is one of the most popular sports in the country, but unfortunately, due to the lack of infrastructure, there is only one tennis court in the capital of Honiara. On Saturday mornings, SITA run an open session for children that I assist with and there are usually around 50 children that attend. There are 3 coaches, including me, and they have a dozen 'soft' tennis balls and six racquets that they share around. More information about SITA can be found on their Facebook page.

I am seeking your consideration on whether you could donate any used equipment (tennis racquets, tennis balls, grips or shoes) you may no longer need to assist SITA. "



If you have any items that you feel you could donate, please feel free to drop off at the pro shop any time you are here to play tennis. Donations could range from tennis racquets that are no longer in use, tennis balls, tennis grips, shoes, hats etc.



Frequently Asked Questions Page

Have a question? Seeking the answer?

We now have a Frequently Asked Questions page accessible via our court bookings page on our website. Questions ranging from Wet weather arrangements, courts not opening, or simply balls landing on the wrong court. Please always check this document before calling the centre as we will continually add to this list. A link to the list can be found below.



Frequently Asked Questions

Court Booking Prices



Reminder we have updated our court booking prices appropriately for our member and casual rates for both day time and night time bookings. Prices have not risen for quite a while and some of the discounts offered for longer term hire needed adjustment. The cost of the **one-hour day court hire of \$16 for members and \$22 for casual** bookers will not change, or the night rate, and the one hour minimum booking also does not change. Additional half hour costs will be half that of the previous hourly rate, e.g.for members day rate for 1.5 hours will be 16+8 = \$24. Hire costs from 2 hours onwards will be at discounted rates. Please head to our <u>court hire page</u> on our website if there is any confusion on changes of prices for bookings.

Show Some Love

Want to stay in the loop?

Like and connect with us on our Facebook page! We regularly post further updates and notices on events and opportunities here at Pennant Hills Park Tennis Centre. Access to our page is linked to the image to the side, we would appreciate the support.





Xpoint Competition Update

Over the past 3 to 4 months work has been done in setting up the current competitions for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and for Saturday Juniors. Thursday Night Men's will be entered at the commencement of the new competition. While these competitions continue to be scored in their usual programmes, their mirroring in Xpoint gives us confidence in the accuracy of the programme, and the end of competition data will allow us to assess the worth of the extra information we have access to which will help with grading.

Players have received emails from both ETDTA and Xpoint and this has been done as part of the process in setting up the current Competitions. Scores from matches played have been entered into the Xpoint System and once tennis competitions can recommence scores for the remainder of the competition will be entered. This is being done parallel to the existing competition platforms to allow Players, Competition Secretaries and Council of Management to understand how Xpoint will work.

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TAG Financial offers a full range of services depending on what stage of your life you are in, and we believe whether it be accumulating wealth or enjoying it in retirement you need the right advice to help manage and protect all that you have been working for. We work in partnership with you, and pride ourselves on offering straightforward financial advice that is tailored to your needs that is easy to understand.

With our main office being located in North West Sydney, it seemed natural to become involved with North West Sydney Tennis. We also have an office on the Central Coast.

TAG Financial looks forward to supporting the North West Sydney Tennis community and we invite you to talk to us today about how we can help you live the life you imagined.



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