

# 2023 SWR TENNIS NEWSLETTER.

## President Mark Jordan's report – 2023

What a year!! Player numbers up, court hire up, profit exceeds expectations, Junior Tennis continues to grow.

Obviously, with all the above good news, I am delighted to present my report for 2023.

Firstly, I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their contribution over the last 12 months. I hope all our members appreciate the effort these people make so that the tennis club continues to run smoothly throughout the year.

A big thank you to our coach, Vicki Allman for her tireless efforts in promoting junior Tennis in South West Rocks. From private lessons, group lessons and Gala days, Vicki is always looking for ways to get the youth of our town involved in this wonderful sport. The committee would also like to thank Ashley Allman for helping her mother whenever possible. South West Rocks should be very proud of Ashley, who won the country ladies open singles title in June. A fantastic achievement and you are a wonderful role model for South West Rocks junior tennis players.

To Dave Hobday (Head Green Keeper) and his staff we cannot thank you enough. The grounds and courts are kept in excellent condition, and you always make yourself available when needed. The South West Rocks Country Club, as always, has supported the tennis club wherever possible. We would like to thank the board of directors and David Cunningham for their ongoing commitment.

To all Tennis members, a huge thank you for coming along and enjoying a game of tennis in the spirit the sport should be played. I am often told by new members and visitors what a friendly, welcoming club we have. Let's make sure the club continues to grow by inviting new members along to our organised Tennis days.

2023 has been a great year and your committee will continue to work hard to make 2024 even better. We invite all members to come forward with any suggestions to make our club the best it can be.

In closing, may you all continue to enjoy this wonderful sport over the next 12 months.

Mark Jordan  
President South West Rocks Tennis Club

*Aerobic Tennis Drills to Music from 6pm on a Thursday..*

Contact Vicki Allman.

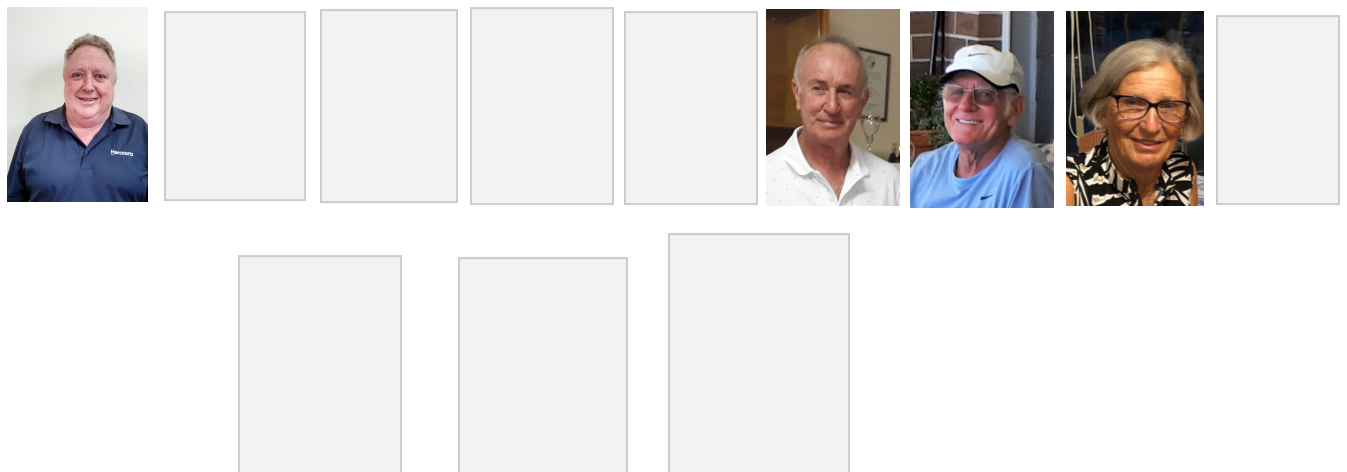
**SWR TENNIS CLUB'S EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR  
2023 - 2024 are:**

**PRESIDENT:** Mark Jordan  
**VICE PRESIDENT:** Sharon Hooper  
**SECRETARY:** Carol Webb  
**TREASURER:** Stephen Webb  
**COMMITTEE:** Liz Picker, Paul Wade, Marea  
Balenzeula, Bob Andrew, Cathy Southgate,  
Ken Southgate, Rhonda Andrew.

**JUNIOR COORDINATOR  
& JUN PUBLICITY OFFICER: Vicki Allman**

A reminder that you can always go to the SWRCC Website and click on Tennis in the Menu and most information regarding tennis should be there and up to date.

If anyone wishes to raise an issue regarding our Club, please be in touch with any of the Club's Executive or Committee Members so that they can raise it at their Club meetings which are held the second Monday of the even months at 5.00pm. First one being 12th February, 2024.



*"Serve it, Smash it, Win it, Love it. "*

*"You only live once, but you get to serve twice."*

## WHAT DAYS IS TENNIS HAPPENING AT SWR TENNIS COURTS?

You can go to the **SWR Tennis Website** on the **Country Club's Menu** to find information about the Tennis Club.

The **main organized days** by the Club are the following:

**MONDAYS:** Ladies' Social Tennis happening from 9am. Best Contact for more information is Sharon Hooper.

**TUESDAYS:** From 5.30pm Mixed Social Tennis is played. Best Contact is Steve Webb. (During Winter this time may be at 4.30pm)

**THURSDAYS:** From 9am sees Mixed Play at the courts. Best Contact Carol Webb.

**FRIDAYS:** There is a group of ladies that play that would welcome new players. Susan Bain is the contact person: 02 65 667178.

Thank you to all those Committee personnel who help to organise these social days.

The **COURTS** are available to hire and all you have to do is contact the Pro Shop for a key.

Members **day** court hire is \$10 per court per hour.

**Night** court hire for Members is \$15 per court per hour.

Tennis Court Hourly Day Hire for **Visitors** is \$20 and for Night is \$32.

Tennis Membership fee is \$80 for an Adult and \$25 for Juniors.

Cost for a Member to play in the organized Social Tennis is \$6 (plus a ball fee) and a Visitor to play in these organized Social times is \$12.

*"Tennis: It's all about LOVE."*

**COACHING.** Vicki Allmann is our resident Coach.  
For information regarding coaching please contact Vicki on

**0425 251 529**

The SWR Primary School travelled to Sydney to play in the final of the Todd Woodbridge Years  $\frac{3}{4}$  Tennis Cup. All enjoyed the experience of playing at Olympic Park.

2023 has been a fantastic year for our Juniors at the Tennis Club.

The monthly SWR Round Robins and Rally Competitions produced some great improvements in all of our students. This year's results for each level were as follows;

Red Ball winner - Imogen Garthon;  
Matisse Maynard.

Runner up- Hannah King; & third place-

Orange Ball winner- Mackensie Martyn; Runner up- Gwen Cooney; Third place- Amailia Brandt.

Green Ball- winner- Dylan Cooney; Runner up-Nyah Appleyard;  
Third place- Charlie Pankhurst

Tier 1- Winner Annie Coleman; Runner up- Harrison Pike;

Third place- Angus Gleeson

Tier 2 Winner- Kyindi Pattison; Runner up- Mila Garthon; Third place- Glynn Cooney

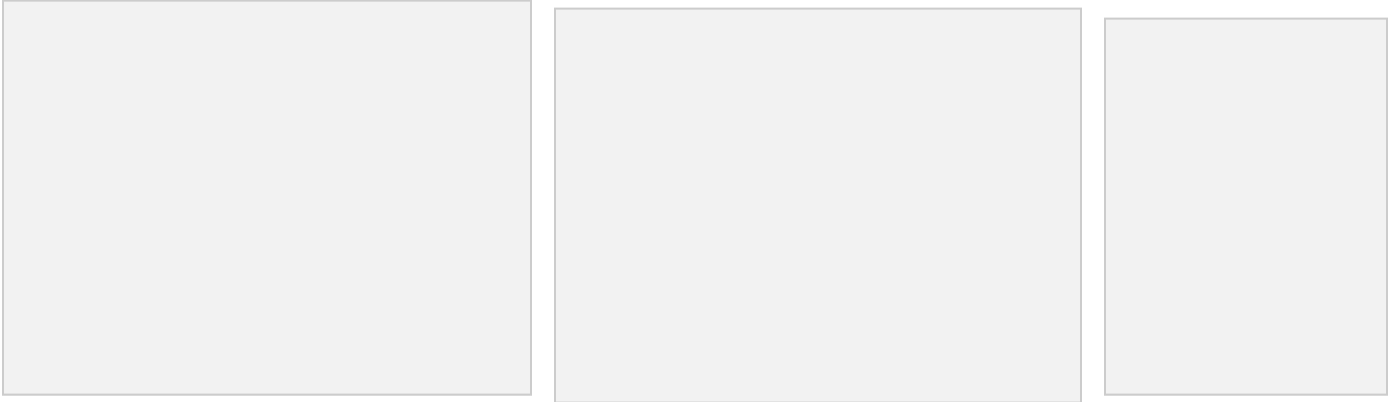
The SWR Tennis Club Junior Championships was completed in November. It was great to see so many students signing up for the events. The winner of the 16 & Under Singles Championship was Annie Coleman and Harry Pike was Runners up.

The winner of the 12 & Under Singles Championship was Lucas Ballard and Angus Gleeson was Runners up.

2024 is going to be another great year for Junior tennis in South West Rocks.

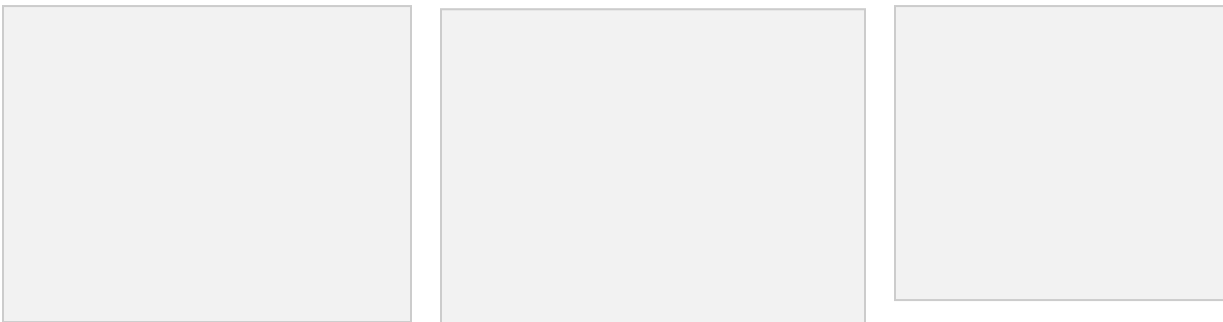
## FUNDRAISER

Once again the Committee organised a Cancer Morning Tea. Lots of games and delicious “yummies” were enjoyed by a large crowd. Thank you all the wonderful helpers who made this day possible. The amount of \$940 was raised.



## WORKING BEES/CLEANERS/REPAIRERS!

**A very big thank you to all the members who have helped out in keeping our grounds/clubhouse in good order.**



**Some look like as if they are working!!!!!!**

*“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”*

**COUNTRY CLUB RAFFLES** have been back on the agenda this year. Thank you to all who have given up a few hours on a Friday night to sell raffle tickets. From January the Tennis Club will be required to “man” the Raffles on a Friday evening every four weeks. If you are interested in helping out in this area please contact Carol Webb. A Board Member is always present with the Inner Club Member.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS** : It was great to see a new lot of names playing in the Ladies Championships. Hopefully there will continue to be an increase in interest from the “new crew” coming through the ranks of aerobic tennis/coaching. The “newbies” although very nervous playing with the more experienced on the night thoroughly enjoyed the experience of actually playing TENNIS. As the nerves abated, the skill of these new girls shone through. Congratulations to

Cathy Southgate (her first Championship also) and Lorraine Abela for taking out the **Ladies Doubles** title over Cheryl Bickham and Carla Partridge.

The **Men’s Doubles** saw Bruce Picker and Bob Andrew have a win over Steve Webb and John Hoad.

The **Mixed Doubles** Championships were played earlier in the year and congratulations go to Vicki Allman and Mark Stevens who were the victors over Leon Melville and Leslie Hogan.

For the four contestants in the **Ladies Singles** the night of singles play was a real test for their endurance and recalling coaching “tips”. After much fun and good play, Helen King was crowned 2023 Ladies Club Champion.

## CELEBRATIONS:




**Congratulations to Ashley Allman who won the 2023 NSW Country Championship Title at Forster in July. Well done Ash!**

Well done  
Veteran

Andrew, John Hoad and  
for their participation in

Tournaments throughout the year. In May at West Port, Bob and Bill played to defend their title from the previous year - finished equal First in 2023. Then in October, Bob and John, finished third in the Senior's Tournament at Port. Well done guys and great to see you all still playing a great game.



to our three  
Players, Bob  
Bill Thomson  
the Senior's

**May not be Tennis but still a player -  
Lorraine Maddelena celebrated her  
eightieth birthday among tennis  
friends.**

*"Live longer, Live better, Play tennis".*

*"Tennis is Smashing!"*

*"It's Out! Out of my reach".*

*"We play Cinderella Tennis: Sometimes we don't make it to the ball".*

## OUR CURRENT SENIOR MAN AND LADY PLAYERS for 2023



### STEVE WEBB

All my family played tennis, so it was natural that I grew up playing. As a kid my brother and I swept the courts and marked the lines. As payment for these tasks, we didn't have to pay to play.

I played competition tennis all through my teenage years, making many good friends.

After getting married I had a break from tennis for a few years. In 1977 the family moved to PNG where I began playing tennis again and continued to play when living on Norfolk Island. I guess the highlight for me was the number of good friends that I met through tennis. However, winning the Norfolk Island Tourist Minister's Men's Doubles Trophy in 1981 was a great thrill. I'm still playing tennis for the great company and regular exercise that it provides.

My tennis hero was John McEnroe because he was exciting to watch and always gave 110% effort.

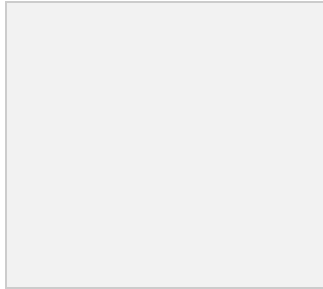
### RONNIE SNELL.

I've always been an active "sporty" person and as such I've enjoyed most bat and ball games.

Although I've never played competition tennis, I still enjoy a social game. I have three friends from Sydney who come to visit every **school** holidays and we all enjoy playing regularly at the SWR Tennis Centre. We find the facilities excellent and although we tend to do our own thing on the court, we have found the local members, both male and female to be most welcoming and friendly. We have also, on occasions, been invited to join their **social** games. In addition, there is the "much needed" fitness benefit resulting from the exercise even the limited amount achieved from my tennis. I appreciate the opportunity we have at SWR to enjoy the sporting facilities available.

*Jimmy Connors: "Experience is a great advantage. The problem is that when you get the experience, you're too damned old to do anything about it".*





The **Most Dreaded Trophy** has emerged over the last three years - with a very surprised Cheryl Bickham receiving it in 2019 and another surprised recipient, Bruce Picker in 2020. 2021 the trophy was awarded to Jannina Brady for not controlling her racquet. 2022 saw the shocked Judy Mottee receive this trophy. Who will receive this TROPHY in 2023? - I am leaving it to the imagination of what this trophy represents?

The recipient of the bad Sports Award Trophy for 2023 goes to

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**Rafael Nadal: “If you don’t lose, you can’t enjoy victories. You have to accept both things.”**

**Serena Williams: “ I don’t like to lose - at anything- yet I’ve grown most not from victories, but setbacks”.**

**“Love is nothing in tennis. But in life, it’s everything.”**