



2024 SWRCC Tennis Club's Newsletter.

President Mark Jordan's Report:

Once again, the South West Rocks tennis club has enjoyed an excellent year. Player numbers are up and financially we exceeded our budget projections.

Junior tennis continues to be very well supported. In this regard the committee would like to thank Vicki Allman for all her efforts in promoting junior tennis in South West Rocks. Vicki with help from her daughter Ashley gives both private and group lessons as well as organising gala days and clinics in the school holidays. It is wonderful to see these young people running around enjoying themselves and learning a sport which they can play for many years to come.

A big thank you from the committee to Dave Hobday and his greenkeeping staff. The courts and surrounds are kept in a wonderful condition and David is always there to address any problems we may have.

The country club, as always, has been there to support the Tennis club whenever possible. We would like to thank the board of directors for their continued commitment to Tennis.

To all our members a huge thank you for supporting the Club, welcoming new members and playing Tennis in the spirit it should be played.

Personally, I would like to say a special thank you to all my fellow committee members for their support and contribution over the last 12 months. It is the effort of these people that makes the Tennis club run smoothly throughout the year and I hope all members appreciate the job they do.

The Tennis Club Committee looks forward to making 2025 another fantastic year. This will be achieved by seeing our members, both senior and junior, on the courts enjoying themselves playing this wonderful sport.

Remember, if you, as members, have any suggestions that you feel would make our Club even better than it is, we would love to hear from you.

In closing, I would ask that all members invite and welcome new residents to our area, to come and join in for a game of tennis and a great social outing. Hopefully, they will then join the tennis club and make your club even stronger than it is today.

COME & PLAY TENNIS. IT'S FUN!!!

The Committee 2024/2025.

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 10th February, 2025.



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

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

"Enjoy the game - an ageless sport!!"

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.- 0402282214.

THURSDAYS: From 9am sees Mixed Play at the courts. Best Contact Carol Webb.-0409843716.

CARDIO TENNIS from 6.00-7.00pm Thurs. Contact Vicki **0425 251 529**.

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 during the day and the Country Club after six pm.

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 \$85 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 \$15.

"Tennis: It's all about LOVE."

COACHING. Vicki Allmann is our resident Coach.

For Information regarding Coaching please contact Vicki on
0425 251 529.



2024 has seen some fantastic tennis from our SWR Junior tennis players. The SWR Public School's Red Ball team made it through to the NSW state titles for the Todd Woodbridge Cup in Sydney and the SWRPS Orange ball team just missed out on making the finals in Sydney. Both teams showed great sportsmanship during all of the Todd Woodbridge events played this year. The SWR team members did extra training and went the extra mile to give them a good chance at playing well for the event and I was very proud of their dedication.

The SWR Tennis Club Junior Round Robins, Rally and Stroke competitions were very successful this year with all students showing great improvement and potential for next year. The overall winners for 2024 were Red Ball 1st place Lucy Weatherby, 2nd place Jax Thomson, 3rd place Casper Ryitt.

Orange ball 1st place Sylvie Morris, 2nd place Mackensie Martyn, 3rd place Theodore Ryitt. Green ball Division 2 Round Robin 1st place Ruby Weatherby, 2nd place Max Weatherby, 3rd place Archie Martyn.

Yellow Ball Division 1 Round Robin 1st place Harry Pike, 2nd place Kyindi Pattison, 3rd place Annabelle Pankhurst.

We are all proud of how our players performed this year, their behaviour and sportsmanship was exceptional. I would like to thank the SWRCCTC and Rotary for all of their support with the events.

This year we have also had some of our junior players testing themselves at local tennis tournaments. Kyindi Pattison and Oslo Lategan had success in some of the local tennis tournaments and this has spurred on other students to also enter local tennis tournaments and competitions. I look forward to another year of improvement with our SWR Junior tennis players.



COACHING is such great fun.

FUNDRAISER

This year the Committee organised an internal Cancer Morning Tea on a morning that tennis is played. Lots of games and delicious “yummies” were enjoyed by the tennis players and visitors. Amazingly, still \$400 was raised. Thank you to all who attended, played and supported this special morning.



Celebrations: A “little “ birthday party was celebrated in the Clubhouse for Elaine who turned that magical age of “80”. Normally 80 year olds are allowed a double bounce but I hear she hasn’t been granted one yet!!!! Must be too good.



2024 CHAMPIONSHIPS. The Committee is pleased once again that the Club was able to hold Club Championships thanks to those few who entered.

The Mixed Championships were held in March with Vicki Allman and Bob Andrew taking out the honours in Division One from John Hoad and Ashley Allman.

Division Two saw Steve Webb and Judy Mitton defeat Mark Stevens and Carla Partridge.

In November the Men's and Ladies Doubles Championships were held. Division Two was won by Annie Coleman and Carla Partridge who defeated Chieko Wetherby and Lorraine Abela. This contest went to the wire with a 10/8 score in the final tiebreak.

Again in Division One there was great tennis played between Vicki Allman and Cindy Connelly and Tracey Whitley and Ashley Allman. The balls were well and truly worn down with the hard and long rallies that took place. After a ten point tie break was played for the third set, the victors were Vicki and Cindy.

In the Men's Doubles Leon Melville and Mark Stevens were slow to start against Bob Andrew and John Hoad. However the second set was a completely different set and Bob and John had to hang on tight to take the victory.



The three Division Two ladies played their heart out in the singles contest but Chieko Wetherby's experience won out with Carla Partridge finishing as second. Three men had to fight it out after the fourth went down injured and Leon Melville finished as the Club Champion for 2024. with Bob Andrew the Runner-Up.



Ladies Club Champion for 2024 was _____

EXTRA TOURNAMENTS: Well done to the three Seniors, Leon, Bob and John who have all competed in various Tournaments throughout the year. Well done guys. Ashley, our main youth player, continues to enter some tournaments throughout the year.

MAINTENANCE: Working bees do not have to happen as often as previously, thanks to the Country Club's Maintenance staff who now sweep the courts and mow the lawns. This is appreciated by many seeing DOB's are beginning to come into play. However, the floor does need cleaning after each event.



RAFFLES: Thank you to all Members and guests who have helped out with the Tennis Club's duty of manning the Friday night raffles.

NEWS REPORT TIME from THE MORE EXPERIENCED MEMBERS...



JOANNE WARNER

I started playing tennis when I was 12 years old in high school for sport. I didn't play again until after I was married and had had my children.

I played social tennis at Castle Hill tennis courts in Sydney. My daughter Kylie would sit at the back of the courts with the other children. Once Kylie started school I was asked to join mid-week competition, on a Thursday. It started with 21 divisions and was played from 9.30am till 2.30pm. I played in this competition for about 14 years.

When we moved to South West Rocks in 2003, I joined the tennis club and played on Thursday mornings. I still play on Thursday mornings. I have met a lot of very nice people through my tennis and it is an enjoyable sport to play.



LEON MELVILLE.

I started playing tennis when I was about 9 years old. I was introduced to the sport by my mother who was a keen social player who played until she was almost 80 years old. I hit my first ball at the Armidale Railway Club when I was about 9.

I played all my junior tennis at the Armidale tennis club. I was club junior champion and received an award for the most improved player in the club. I also won the Armidale High School Singles championship.

Over the years after school I played in a number of clubs throughout the state depending on where I was working. Eventually I settled in Kempsey in 1974. Shortly after that tennis in Kempsey and elsewhere went through a boom. So much so that at one time the president of the Kempsey Chamber of Commerce stated to me that all the shops in Kempsey may as well close on Tuesdays as all the ladies were playing tennis and not shopping. The boom lasted for many years and one of the outcomes was the formation of the Kempsey Tennis Club arising from the amalgamation of the then Kempsey Town and Mountain View Tennis clubs. With the assistance of Akubra Hats, government grants and a huge effort by the club members the existing KTC complex was built in 2 stages and was completed in 1984. I was happy to be an integral contributor to this development. In 1984 I was privileged to be awarded the Australia Day Sports Award by the Kempsey Council and in 1985 received the Keith Henry award from the then Macleay Mutual Credit Union. I was also a director of the NSW Tennis Association for a number of years. As a player I won the club singles championship (not an easy task in those times) and was runner up in the District association championships on 2 occasions.

I had a number of years away from playing tennis but continued to have an association as my stepson Brad was an outstanding player who went on to play College Tennis in America and did very well. His best achievement was winning the Kansas Open and a low world ranking.

I was eventually drawn back to playing by the NSW Seniors tournament circuit and have since played that circuit on a regular basis. I have won a number of singles and doubles events and prior to COVID was ranked no 4 in singles in my age group in NSW. As well as the seniors circuit, health permitting I continue to play regularly on a social basis with both the Kempsey and South West Rocks Tennis Clubs and hope to do so for many years to come.

NOW for **THE MOST DREADED TROPHY**. This trophy has emerged in recent years - with very surprised recipients: 2019 - Cheryl Bickham; 2020 - Bruce Picker; 2021 -Janina Brady; 2022 - Judy Mottee; 2023 -Bob Andrew.

So the recipient of the “ bad” Sports Award Trophy for 2024 is: _____

Remember

Tennis is a Great Sport so keep playing.