

Thames Tennis Club

Newsletter

July 2021

Yes, winter has arrived...

Wrap up warm, look after each other and well done to those brave and hardy members who are out enjoying winter tennis.

Refurbishment of Courts

Tennis court maintenance specialists Court Care were on site in April completing much needed refurbishment work on courts 1, 2 and 3. They removed debris and algae on the courts and sprayed with moss and algae remover, remedied compaction, and redeployed base course (sand) evenly across courts. Algae removal on courts 1 and 2 is still ongoing.

While onsite, they also gave our new courts 5 and 6 a refresh by machining out the "peaks / troughs" in the base course (sand), ensuring the synthetic blades are in the correct position and supported and spraying with moss and algae remover.

Thanks to Lion Foundation

The club would like to acknowledge the Lion Foundation for a grant of \$6300 for our junior coaching programme for term one. This grant allows us to heavily subsidize our junior coaching making it accessible to a much bigger number of families than would otherwise be able to afford it.

Club T-shirt Sale

Just a reminder that we have a few Thames Tennis Club t-shirts for sale. A sample is hanging up in the clubhouse. We have a limited number of shirts with collar (size M only) and shirts without a collar (sizes S, L and XL) for only \$20. Call or text Mary on. 0275035505 to get yours.

THAMES JUNIORS

The Juniors have had a good Term 2 winters coaching so far!

A couple of juniors have entered (and plan to enter) the WTT graded tournaments with some good results so far: Josh Cochran taking out his division. Fynn Paki finished 3rd taking out the number 1 seed in his tournament, tough second tournament. Both players enjoyed their tennis, and the experience. They were both commended on their honesty, tennis and sportsmanship, great representation of the juniors of TTC.

Winter Coaching :
Recommences Fri July 30th and runs for 8 weeks in Term 3.

Contact Shannon with any queries and/or interest.

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Proposed merger of TTC with the Thames Squash Rackets Club

The working group has had legal advice on how the merger could be done. We have been advised that legislation currently before parliament will make it much easier for incorporated societies such as ours to merge so we are better off to wait until early next year. In the meantime, we continue to work away on proposals for how the new club would operate.

We are looking at different subscription models other combined racket clubs use. Across the country, there are a number of racket clubs which host two or more codes - as is the case with the Paeroa Tennis & Squash Club. These clubs generally use one of three different models for setting their membership fees:

- (1) A single standardised membership fee that allows all members to play either code.
- (2) A variable fee structure that allows members to pay to play one code but offers a discount for choosing both.
- (3) A hybrid of the above.

While we have yet come to a recommendation, we see that the simplicity, ease of administration, and "one club mindedness" gives the first option a distinct advantage over the others.

Jon, Mary and Peter H

Monday Night Woman's Tennis

The Tennis Club intends to encourage more women to play tennis and for those of us who are not able to come to midweek tennis during the day a group of us will be at the club on Monday nights from 1730 until ...

Whatever age and stage you are up with your tennis please do come and join us. It is informal, fun and non competitive - if you can say that and tennis in the same sentence!

It has been wet and cold on Monday nights over winter and getting to the courts to play tennis has not really been happening but as spring comes on we hope to make it a regular thing. Please contact me, Sarah Christophers (0226194413), and I will put you on the text tree for notifications on Mondays.

Monday night is also for men of any age and ability starting at 6:00pm. Contact Peter H 027 3342426.

Tennis Leagues

MONDAY: If you are wanting a casual game of tennis on Monday night contact Peter Hudson on 027 3342426 or Sarah Christophers on 0226194413. Start time 6pm.

TUESDAY WINTER LEAGUE: The Tuesday winter league competition will begin on Tuesday 3rd August. More details below

WEDNESDAY: Wednesday tennis is up and running please contact Tim for more details. Ph: 868 9188

THURSDAY: Fortnightly during the day. Contact Brian, Heff, Peter H or Graeme.

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Tuesday Night League

Our Autumn League has come to an end. Congratulations to Peter Hudson (pictured), Roger Cook and Ryan Tanner who were our top point scorers with only 6 points the difference between Peter and Ryan. The next league is our winter one which will start Tuesday 3rd August. All games will start at 6pm and they will be every fortnight. If you have not already put your name down and are keen to play please contact Maree 027 2171682 or Karin 027 623 8590.



Wednesday Tennis

The Wednesday players meet each week and have a solid core of around 15 players. Our winter start time at present is 9.30am and this will continue until daylight saving commences. The main objective is to keep fit and healthy, to have fun and keep up the skills. Our group is supportive and welcoming to visitors, particularly to newcomers from out of town. We wind up the year with a Christmas luncheon in December. For further information contact Tim, Ph 8689188.

Thursday Tennis

To celebrate the opening of Wimbledon on a recent Thursday...Barrie wore his Wimbledon tie, Brian his Wimbledon tee shirt, Graeme, Heff and George all put on their best ties. The posher look of these players certainly improved their play on court. Ties should become mandatory on court in Barrie's opinion along with Dilmah tea and strawberries and ice cream.



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