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The Morningside Tennis Newsletter

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Welcome all to Spring 2012. Spring beckons revitalisation and new growth - both applicable to the transformation of our tennis facilities at Morningside.

Carl Yap, our volunteer project manager, is doing a great job. His report is later in this newsletter. The patience and understanding of club members during this very disruptive period is appreciated. I am sure you will all agree that the end result has been worth the inconvenience.

The majority of the building works are expected to be

completed by end of Oct so we have scheduled a major event for 11 Nov at 4.00pm. Make a note in your diary now! Events for 11 Nov include a dedication ceremony, a general meeting to reduce fees, free tennis, BBQ, afternoon tea, great prizes a lot more.

The new clubhouse will be dedicated to Brenda Dale in a short ceremony. It was her bequest that has allowed the Club to continue and to improve our facilities.

The Queensland Community Lawn Tennis Association (QCLTA) exists to benefit its members. Today, these benefits include discounts on court hire, lessons, pro-shop purchases, and priority bookings. Next year, we hope to further enhance benefits and we welcome any suggestions on how this might be done. Your committee has endorsed a substantial reduction in membership fees for 2013 - only \$20 plus TQ fees. We need members to vote on the resolution at the general meeting so come along. Without a quorum, the fees will stay at the current level (\$52 plus TQ fees).

At the general meeting, we will also be asking members to

endorse the accounts for the last financial year.

All attendees at the general meeting will be given vouchers for free court hire (restrictions apply) and will enter a draw to win either a \$200, \$100 or \$50 voucher to be redeemed at the pro-shop.

The formalities should take about 20 minutes so. Please leave your name at the pro-shop if you will be attending. It will help in catering and organising tennis matches after the meeting.

A big thanks to Lois Palmer and Noel Toscano and all others helpers who contributed to the success of the American Tennis Tournament.

Our building activities caused the cancellation of our annual Gympie tennis exchange. The next event will be the Club Championships. Further details to follow.

Thanks so much to those who responded to the suggestions for improvements at Morningside. The winner of the competition was Kellie O'Meara. Many of Kellie's suggestions will be implemented over the next 12 months.

I look forward to our meeting on 11 Nov.

Peter Skinner
PRESIDENT
QCLTA
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CENTRE OPERATOR UPDATE

Dear Morningside TC Members,
Players & Parents,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who I haven't met yet. My name's Rob Daley and I've been appointed as the new manager at Morningside working under the direction of Mark together with the rest of the team. Before starting up here I was managing a club in Melbourne so I'm enjoying the good weather and seeing everyone out on court without rain jackets on! As everyone knows there's quite a lot happening around the centre at the moment and I feel very lucky to have started up here at such an exciting time.

We've just managed to move into the new clubhouse which I'm sure everyone will agree is a remarkable improvement on the old building. Over the next week or so we'll be moving all of our equipment and stock and are aiming to be properly set-up by the Open Day on Saturday the 22nd of September.

**Morningside Tennis Centre:
Open Day**

**Saturday 22nd September:
11.00am - 1.00pm**

TennisGear Morningside would like to invite everyone along to our upcoming Open Day on Saturday the 22nd of September from 11.00am to 1.00pm followed by a free BBQ lunch. Activities will include free coaching sessions for both kids and adults including trial classes of Tennis Australia's MLC Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis programs, free court hire, racquet demonstrations from the sport's biggest brands, a radar gun speed serving contest and a massive sale to open our new retail outlet!

TennisGear Morningside Summer Program Launch

To celebrate the new clubhouse and courts TennisGear Morningside will be releasing a new Summer Program starting Monday October 8th including the introduction of three new programs: 'Cardio Tennis', 'Mum & Me' and the 'Div. 1 Hit Around' as well as an expanded program with our Tennis Australia Hot Shots, Group Coaching, Development & High Performance Squads and Adult Coaching Classes.

The full program with all of the details will be released over the weekend and will be posted on the Morningside Tennis website (www.morningsidetennis.com.au) so keep your eye out!

For information regarding the Summer Program please contact the centre on 07 3899 8110.

BECOME A MEMBER. IT'S THE PLACE TO BE.

MORNINGSIDE TENNIS & GEAR

New clubhouse. New courts. New management
and a high performance coaching team.



FREE OPEN DAY
Saturday 22nd September
11am-1pm followed by a free BBQ lunch!

Morningside Tennis & Gear invites everyone along to our grand launch on Saturday 22nd of September at the Morningside Tennis Centre located at 123 Beverley Road, Morningside. Activities will include free coaching for kids and adults featuring Tennis Australia's MLC Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis programs, racquet demonstrations with some of tennis's biggest brands, a radar gun speed serving contest and a massive sale on all items in the new retail outlet. The open day is proudly supported by the Morningside Tennis Club, Tennis Queensland & Tennis Australia.

September Holiday Program

TennisGear Morningside will be running a holiday program for all juniors at the Morningside Tennis Club on both weeks of the September school holidays. The clinics will run from Tuesday to Thursday each week (Tues 27th, Wed 28th & Thurs 29th September & Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th of October). The Holiday Program is suitable for players of all standards aged 4 to 17 years and costs \$159.00 for three days or \$59.00 for a single day.

Our experienced coaching team, led by Head Coach Ross Orford

will be conducting a range of fun, learning activities including: on court coaching, technical & tactical skill development and physical training in a fun, encouraging & social environment.

Whether you're completely new to the game or a future Roger Federer the Morningside Tennis Centre Holiday Program is a great way to develop your game and have a great time!

For an Enrolment Form please [CLICK HERE](#)

I'm looking forward to spending more time around the club,

everyone I've met so far has been fantastic and it seems like a friendly, community-orientated club that we hope will become the best venue in Brisbane to meet your tennis needs whether it be a social hit, coaching or playing competitively. I'd particularly like to thank Peter Skinner, Carl & Grace Yap, Mark Bloomfield and Ross Orford and his great coaching team for making me feel welcome at the club.

I look forward to meeting all of the members over the coming months, be sure to come up and say hi if you see me around!

Rob Daley

Centre Manger

Morningside Tennis Centre

07 3899 8110

COACH'S CORNER



**IMPROVING YOUR
TENNIS GAME**

PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE, it doesn't matter whether you are a Hotshot, Beginner, Intermediate or an Advance player and you are lucky enough to be having coaching you **MUST** still practice in between coaching sessions. The more practice you do the better the player you will make.

ONE of the most important points in tennis is to keep your eye on the ball. Plenty of players lose sight of a ball shortly after it crosses the net. It is essential to watch it until it comes in contact with the racquet. Most players, when they should be watching the ball, is either looking at their opponent or at the spot on their opponent's court where they wish to land the ball. The player who takes his eye off the ball, if only for the fraction of a second, may in that short time miss the opportunity for hitting it clean. This applies to every shot in tennis.

How many times has your coach or parents say to you "Keep your eye on the ball"

Many a volley and smash go out of court because the racquet has turned in the hand. This happens because the ball has not met the centre of the racquet. Even a tighter grip will not prevent this. This difficulty is obviated by keeping the eye on the ball. Watch your ball and you are bound to judge it right. By hurrying and losing sight of

it you are bound to misjudge it. Keeping the eye on the ball does not mean merely to watch it casually, but to reckon its flight, also to judge the speed and depth of the stroke. By doing this the player can tell beforehand where the ball is going to drop in court.

Another thing of first importance in tennis is to put the ball over the net. A player feels disappointed and angry at a ball that goes out of court. He feels the same way when he puts it into the net, for this has sacrificed all the chance he might have had of winning the point.

Again you see many players take balls which if let alone would go out of court. In doubles suppose you call "out," but still your partner takes it. If he returns the ball he at least has his opponent guessing and trying for a return. Many times he will be in doubt if he should take it, not knowing if the ball is going to be good. All this is that much more strain on his nerves.

Notice a first class player while in a game. He is always putting the ball over the net and at least two feet above it. The fault of the average player is, that he plays his ball too low over the net, putting too many into the net in consequence.

In singles, because the opponent is more often playing deep, you should play higher above the

net than in doubles, where one or both opponents are likely to be near the net. In general never play a return very low, that is, near the net on its way over, except when the opponent is close up. Playing a return deep and well above the net keeps the opponent from coming to the net.

After making a bad return, try not to get angry over your shot. Rather try to perceive at once what your error was and to correct the fault. It may have been your position instead of your stroke. Many a player blames a bad return on the stroke when really it was the fault of his position. For instance some players keep putting the ball in the net. If they studied their shots they would see that the thing to do was to get more height on the ball.

There are many little faults a player could correct by himself if only thought of at the moment he makes them. Here are a few little tips that could help down the track - Don't hurry; you have more time than you think if your position is the centre of the court. Don't take your racquet back too close to your body that you cannot make a clean swing. Don't try to kill a ball when an easy one would do. Don't let your opponent find you out of position as a result of watching your own return. Don't take your eye off the ball, as it prevents you from making a clean stroke.

All these little faults and many more which players have could be prevented if discovered and corrected at the time they are committed. Many players complain that they have not the time while playing to correct faults. One has more time in tennis then he is apt to realize, and this excuse is not a sound one.

Ross Orford

GENERAL MEETING

**11 Nov 2012 - 4.00pm
Morningside**

A general meeting has been called to pass the following resolutions.

The general meeting will be followed by a dedication ceremony to Brenda Dale.

Your attendance is needed to lower your membership fees and to endorse the accounts for last financial year.

Notice of Motions - Draft

**Motion Number 1 -
Membership Fees 2013
onwards.**

That the annual fees be set at \$20 for a full year from 1 Jan 2013 for adults and juniors plus

the TQ fees appropriate for that year.

Any child of a paying parent will only pay the TQ fee for membership. A child is up to the 18th birthday.

After 1 July of any year, the membership fee becomes \$10 plus the appropriate TQ fee.

The above replaces the current clause as shown hereunder.

Membership Up to 1 July 2012

1. *TQ fees are compulsory for all members,*
2. *Membership fees to commence on 1 January 2012*
3. *Membership fee be \$85 consisting of \$52 QCLTA and \$33 TQ*
4. *Junior membership fee - under 18 years at join date - be \$60 consisting of \$27 QCLTA and \$33 TQ*
5. *Family membership be 2 x \$52 QCLTA (or for single parent families, 1 x \$52) QCLTA plus TQ fees for each member of the family. Family is 2 adults and their children under 18 years of age.*

Membership After 1 July 2012

As above except TQ fees are reduced by 50%

Membership on 22 January 2012 up to start of AGM at 10.00am and subject to those who attend the AGM

As for Membership Up to 1 July 2012 except QCLTA association fees are reduced by \$25 for adult and \$15 for a junior making the combined fee of \$60 and \$45 including TQ.

Discussion: The reduction in membership fee will provide an incentive to join the QCLTA. Membership confers many advantages.

Motion Number 2

That the set of accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2011 be accepted.

Discussion: The set of accounts will be available at the meeting and on request from the Treasurer. All requests are to be made at the Morningside Tennis Pro-Shop.

BUILDING WORKS

No doubt everyone has been closely watching progress of the new courts and the building renovations. If you haven't, then where have you been? It's time you dusted off your racquet and got back on the courts!

By now most of you would have popped into the new pro shop and had a look around. It's quite the transformation from the original building, both inside and out. By the time this

newsletter goes to press, Mark should be settling into his new home - a great time to scope out all the latest racquets and replace the dusty old one you haven't used in ages!

We're well and truly out of the ground on the new deck (always a time to breathe a sigh of relief). The deck will be a split level deck spanning between the pro shop and the renovated members clubhouse. The clubhouse is going to be given a new shell to match the new pro shop. Inside will be stripped back and cleaned up in similar fashion to the pro shop. It will also be fully enclosable and air conditioned - a nice cool spot to sit back and watch the action on a hot summer afternoon.

There's also going to be some minor upgrades to the car parking to stabilise the surface when we get wet weather and widen the driveway to allow for slow, two way traffic.

We're aiming to get all of this complete by the end of October, in time for the General Meeting later this year.

The two new courts are very close to completion as well. Installation of the court lighting will begin soon and will take a couple of weeks to complete. Once that's done it's another week or two to paint the surfaces and they're ready for use. We're also getting most (possibly all) of the old hardcourts repainted. With a bit

of luck this will coincide with the completion of the building renovations. The whole place will look like quite the shiny new tennis centre!

There are a few people who need to be thanked. Without their contributions the building renovations would still be a pipe dream:

Firstly and foremostly we need to thank Brenda Dale and the Trustees of her estate. None of this would be possible without the funds that she bequeathed to the Club. Together with the vocal support of the Trustees of her estate, this has been instrumental in achieving a tennis centre that the Club and community can be proud of.

Brett Blacklow and Brant Baudino of EarthSpiritHome. Brett's design is inspired, especially considering the budgetary constraints that were place on him. And Brant's construction experience is the key reason why the process has survived the many surprises that have popped up. Renovating an old building is a challenge at the best of time, but the old pro shop would have left lesser builders weeping! Thanks also to Luke Walton, the ESH foreman on our job. He's the guy who actually has to put everything together while Brett is racing around making design changes on the fly and Brant is whipping the subbies into shape!

Finally, thanks to everyone who has been using the centre over the past couple of months. Your patience is greatly appreciated. Anyone who has tried to live in a house as it's being built around them knows that it's not a pleasant experience. This is no different - especially when we have two major projects by two different builders being carried out at the same time. But in a couple of months when we're enjoying a pleasant summer evening on the new deck, sipping a cool iced coffee from the new proshop and watching the action on our 12 fresh looking courts hopefully we'll look back on all this and realise it was well worth the effort.

P.S. There's a lot of work being done on the driveway and the clubhouse. It would be appreciated (and safer) if everyone could use the path between the syn grass courts for accessing the centre from Beverley St until the work is complete. Also access to courts 3 and 4 will be from the gates on the northside of the courts while the clubhouse is being renovated.



AMERICAN TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Lloyd Baker came in first in the mens' division of the


American Round Robin tournament with 23 games, although not too far behind was Graham Ireland with 22 games, Graham along with Paul Myerscough also had top scores of 8 games in a set.

Fritha Macay in the ladies division scored 21 games and was the ladies winner in the competition with Charmaine Roney and Annie Ferris not too far behind with 19 games each. None of the women managed a top set individual score of 8 games but Fritha and Charmaine had scores of 7 games in individual sets.

All in all almost 20 players enjoyed the Sunday morning competition with all players indicating that they would like more of such competitions.

Prizes for this event were generously donated by the Colmslie Hotel, Deli Thynne Café and the Balmoral Cinema and the Morningside Tennis Centre had random court vouchers to give away also.

After a hot morning players enjoyed a hot dog lunch and are gearing up to watch some good matches in the U.S. Open this week.



We want to see you at the General Meeting/ Dedication Ceremony

Sunday 11 November 4.00pm at Morningside Tennis Centre

- Chance to win a \$200, or \$100 or \$50 pro-shop voucher
- 2 vouchers for free court hire (restrictions apply)
- BBQ, afternoon tea
- Free tennis
- New members join QCLTA now at the 2013 rate