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NEWSLETTER OF THE
BURWOOD TENNIS CLUB INCORPORATED

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General:

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Vacant Positions

3 General

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Ashley Myers

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Paul Hambleton

Courting the Future

"100 years young and still going strong"



A word from the President

It has been a very long road, with many bumps, not to mention a few stop signs, along the way, but as you can see work on the new courts has begun. (finally). It was certainly a challenging, and at times frustrating, process which Greg will outline inside. Suffice to say, it was with a great deal of satisfaction I watched as the first tractor rolled in. It is quite amazing to consider the first court was layed in 1907, and now 100 years later we are laying 5 new Euroday courts!!

100 years young – Someone should write a book

Well, crazy as it sounds, that person is me. I've decided to write about our first 100 years. Basically it will be about the events which helped define and grow our club, and about the people. Specifically, it will be about the achievers, the workers, and the amazing characters throughout our history. See inside for more details. But enough about the past....

Our New Committee is faced with a dilemma – We need your help.

On Sunday 22nd April we held our Centenary AGM of the Burwood Tennis Club. It was a very good meeting celebrating achievements of our members and the club as a whole. However, one of our aims for this meeting was very poorly received. After consulting our senior membership, and the Parents of our juniors prior to the meeting, we **did not receive one new nomination** for the general committee.

This was extremely disappointing, as with only a depleted committee, it will be very difficult for us to achieve all the projects we wish to complete this year. After the meeting, fortunately we were able to get two positions filled. However, one is very much a temporary fix. Thankfully, Fran Coggins has come to our rescue...again. Until we find a Treasurer, Fran has offered to take on the role on an interim basis. We have also had to split the Night Convener role, with no one overseeing all nights, as was previously the case.

We are looking for two more general committee people, and a new Treasurer. We also need people to serve on sub committees for Centenary Celebrations, Fund Raising and to take over the production of Sidelines.

The role of Treasurer is critical. With the new court loan it is important we make the most of any tax credits we are entitled to when we move to GST. We are very grateful for Fran taking on this role in the interim.

The committee above has a lot of work to do with running our club, celebrating our centenary and making sure we plan for a quick completion of our loan.

So our dilemma is: How do we solve this problem?

-Do we out source? i.e.: Pay someone outside the dub to do the jobs we cannot do.

-We have just undertaken a substantial loan for the new courts. Is it prudent to now spend a relatively large amount of money on work traditionally done by volunteers? Plus our existing funds are required for things such as the decking repairs, which have now been completed.

-If we are forced to out source, there is a very real possibility we will need to recoup this money from you, the members, via increased fees, and/or ball money. Something we are very reluctant to do, having just increased them this year.

-Then there is the issue of those members who have recently served on the Committee, who have given numerous years' service to the dub. Is it fair that they should pay a 'levy' to cover the cost of paying someone to keep our books, or manage our membership?

-Perhaps we may need to look at an increased membership fee, with a % discount for those who have served the club. Whilst on one hand this is fair, it would be very difficult to manage.

It seem even more likely we will hit stage 4 restrictions and that En-Tout-Cas clubs will see members move to dubs like ours. Do we take all comers and over-subscribe our membership in search of monies to pay for services?

-The short term solution probably is to pay someone to do these roles, at least initially. However, if you even think there is a 'chance' you may be able to help out, please don't hesitate to contact Greg Lammers on 9885 3521, or myself on 8790 6149, or on my mobile 0419 384 563. It is disappointing to think that we may have exhausted all members willing to put something back into the dub which has served them so well. But, it may simply be that our lives are now so full, and we have all become time poor. Certainly today's world puts much more demands on our time.

Jean Whitehead

It seems every second Sidelines I'm writing about the passing of another one of our great characters and personalities of the dub. Jean Whitehead was one of our cherished Life members who passed away recently. This is another sad loss. See inside for my tribute to Jean.

OK...it's time to say thank you

Please allow me a moment of self indulgence. I personally want to thank the entire Executive Committee for having the courage of it's convictions in pressing forward with the change of court surface initiative, first suggested by our Secretary Greg Lammers some 20 months ago. It was this insight and forward planning which so impressed our Mayor, **Councillor Phillip Healey**, to say at the recent Boroondara Council Meeting, "...Burwood Tennis Club is to be congratulated for it's foresight and planning, and it is shame that more dubs had not shown the same diligence in looking to the future". It was following this statement that the council voted unanimously to go guarantor for our loan.

This leads me to three people who deserve a special mention.

Fran Coggins – As immediate past President, Fran has been a great support for me on many issues. And most recently, Fran joined Greg and I, as we fought to secure our loan guarantor. Most notably, acting as one of the key speakers when we addressed Council.

Mark Thompson, our Treasurer last year, who worked extremely hard putting together our financials and securing an excellent rate for our loan with the Bendigo Bank. Mark has just become a father of a beautiful baby. Accordingly, Mark has stepped down of the committee to enjoy the joys of fatherhood.

Greg Lammers – Put simply, we would not be getting our new courts if it wasn't for Greg. It is astounding to think of the phenomenal amount of work Greg has done on the project, since first floating the idea to me so many months ago. His passion and drive is what has kept the project alive despite the numerous setbacks along the way.

In dosing, please also keep in mind Natalie Bacon has advised this coming year will be her last year as Junior Convenor. Natalie will be extremely difficult to replace, as she has done a sensational job with our juniors for well over 10 years now. Having said that, please don't feel daunted by the task, Natalie will be continuing on with her coaching, and will no doubt be available to answer any questions that may come up.

Finally, to steal a line from **Former U.S. President John F. Kennedy**, "Ask not what your Club can do for you...ask what you can do for your Club". What can I say, it is my 'President's report' after all.

Please give it some serious thought. I'd hate to think we may need to pay people to do the respective roles, especially when this will almost inevitably lead to an increase in membership...again.

Colin Edwards
President.

AGM 22nd April 2007

On Sunday April 22nd we had our "Centenary Annual General Meeting". It was a great meeting welcoming our new Life Members, Colin Edwards and Natalie Bacon.

We are also very pleased to name Mark Thompson as our recipient of the James Shrimpton Memorial Award for Club Service. Mark has worked tirelessly as Treasurer for 2 terms and to help us financially through getting our loan for the new courts.

Unfortunately our 2007 committee is smaller than before. There were no new nominations for the committee.

We are in need of a new treasurer, membership secretary and general committee members. We would like to thank Fran Coggins for stepping in as interim Treasurer but she wants to hand this over as soon as possible.

This outcome is very disappointing as we had canvassed the members and the parents of the juniors prior to the AGM. Fundraising becomes a very important task for the club now to clear the loan. And we also want to have the best 100th Birthday celebration we can have. (Being scheduled for October)

Any help is much appreciated. Please contact Greg Lammers if you would like to help our club.

As you are already aware, membership fees have been raised approximately 10% across all categories. This was passed at the meeting.



New Life Member — Colin Edwards

Colin has been a member of the Burwood Tennis Club for more than 34 years, joining as a junior player at the age of 14.

This makes him one of our longest serving members, especially playing members.

As a 19 year old, he took on the challenge of becoming a Committee Member, taking on the role of Club Captain. A very demanding role, and a huge ask for someone not long out of the junior ranks.

Due to work commitments, he was unable to continue in the role, but after travelling to various country locations, he finally settled back in Melbourne and was able to continue playing tennis with Burwood. During his time away he kept his membership current.

Since his return, he has been heavily involved with Saturday competition, night tennis and has always been a keen contributor to social events.

He eventually regained his desire to contribute at Committee level, by taking on the role of Vice President for one year, following up with 5 years (to date) as President, with hopefully more to come.

Colin has overseen some memorable events in the history of the Burwood Tennis Club, and has taken the challenge of bringing our club to the fore as one of Melbourne's most desirable locations for playing tennis.

We thank him for his tireless efforts on our behalf, and congratulate him on being inducted as a Life Member.



New Life Member — Natalie Bacon

For someone to be awarded Life Membership, our club's greatest honour, that person needs to have left an indelible mark on the club. **Natalie Bacon** is certainly one such person. Natalie has been a member of our Committee for the last 15 years, and importantly Natalie has been our Junior Convenor for the last 10 years. Ten years in any position is impressive, but 10 years working with, and developing, our future champions takes a very special person. And as any parent would attest, she has done a great job. Natalie won the James Shrimpton Award, for club service in 1993. On top of this we should not forget Natalie is also a 3 time winner of our Open Club Championships. As a mark of the high regard we hold Natalie, the Annual Junior Club Championship winner receives the 'Natalie Bacon Plate'. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating Natalie, a very worthy recipient of Life Membership.



Clubhouse Decking Repaired

On Monday 11th June work began on repairing the decking between Court One and the Clubhouse. As most of you would have noticed, there had been a lot of movement of the boards. The work was done by our own Alan Edwards with help from Roger Quick, Mark Butson and as pictured, carefully supervised by our Clubhouse Manager, Ron Simpson.

The main problem of the decking was not the actual top decking but degradation of the underlying beams. These have all been replaced and waterproofed for a long life.



Burwood Tennis Club Mourns the Passing of Jean Whitehead—Life Member

It is with great sadness that I announce the recent passing of **Jean Whitehead**, beloved Life Member of the Burwood Tennis Club. Fran Coggins and I attended the service on behalf of the Club. My early memories of Jean are that of a fierce competitor on the court. Jean won our Club Championship in 1958. As I sat listening to her life being retold, I soon learned Jean attacked life with the very same passion. I was only a Junior when I first met Jean, or more correctly, Mrs. Whitehead, and I'll admit feeling immediately intimidated. I quickly learned to respect my elders, and with Jean this was not hard to do, as it appeared everyone respected Jean.

I have been reading through the minutes of past committee meetings, and it is not surprising to see Jean was rewarded with Life Membership as since joining the club in November 1952, and she worked tirelessly for the Club for many years.



President's Challenge — Junior Table Tennis Championships

The 3rd Annual Junior Table Tennis Championships were held at the Club on the 22 April 2007. I am very pleased to advise this year we had enough entrants to run an Open and an Under 13 event. First up, the under 13 event was a close fought affair with **Tommy Owen** triumphing over a gallant **Matt Salvo** in the final. This match certainly set the scene for an even bigger 'grudge' match, between good friends **Richard Bing** and **Billy Owen**, the defending Champion. It was a very entertaining match with some excellent shot making from both boys, before **Richard Bing** came through the winner. Ironically the 2 then had to go on court to compete in the tennis final, where I'm sure Billy was very pleased he was able to reverse the result, in another high standard match. The one dear message to come from the day was, be it table tennis, or tennis, these boys are only going to get better, and we Seniors need to watch out...they're coming.



Club Captains Report

At the turn of the season and most teams moving along well. A big thankyou goes out to all involved who have been very understanding regarding court availability. Also to all those emergencies that have been called and used. It has been great to hear that even during a time of reduced capacity that some new members have been included into already large teams. Looking forward to the rest of the season and especially teams playing finals on our new courts.
Tristan

Junior Convenors Report

We had a successful Junior club championships and presentation night (see photos). I must make a HUGE APOLOGY to our B grade Boys Champion who was there on the night and not officially presented with his trophy – CONGRATULATIONS to ASHWYN PERERA. We hope all players will enter in the future. This will be my last year in the front line as Junior Convenor, so if anyone out there would like to help and learn the ropes during this year please let me know. There is no problem in having a small group who would like to take it on, and I am happy to continue on this small sub committee.

All 9 winter teams are all playing well and all looking great in their burwood shirts. If a current junior member is playing competition and does not already have a shirt, please let me know.

Natalie – 0412 619 695

Mid-Week Ladies

We have 2 teams playing Tuesday MEMRLTA, One team playing B8 & currently in 4th position, and the other team B7, 7th.

The girls enjoy the competition and would welcome new players.

Entries for summer season close on 2nd August, so interested players look for notice and application forms. If interested contact Denese Bacon 9885 7166

Denese Bacon

Thank you to Tim Miller

During stage 2 and 3 restrictions we have been lucky to have had use of an extra court provided by Tim Miller. The Burwood Tennis Club is extremely grateful to Tim for use of his court.

Thank you Tim.

New Court Surface Project—”Euroclay”

By the time you receive this newsletter our new court surface will almost be completed. A lot has happened since our last newsletter.

- The December member’s survey had 69 members reply. 87% were in favor of a court surface change. Of the 13 % who were against, most of these are prepared to try the new surface change.
- Though the “sponsored” Plexi-cushion surface was most requested, the sponsors contribution was found to be totally inadequate compared to the total cost, over \$250,000. And the committee decided to change the court surface of the Burwood Tennis Club to Euroclay, which also received strong member support in the survey, and at a far more manageable cost.
- “Euroclay” has been chosen as our replacement surface and the “5” courts are to be laid by Alan Stevenson of ASTE Tennis Courts.
- The surface was rated number one at our Boroondara Tennis Centre Trial Day by the members who attended.
- In February with the drought now in stage 3 the City of Boroondara decided to not offer a loan guarantee after agreeing to. This was due to politics of the day rather than the viability of our project. After much canvassing by myself, Colin Edwards and Fran Coggins we managed to have this decision overturned at a Services Special Council Meeting on the 19th March.
- The Burwood Tennis Club would like to thank the following people who supported this project to get the guarantor:

Mr Bob Stensholt—State MP for Burwood

Councillor Heinz Kreutz—Lynden Ward Representative for the Burwood Tennis Club.

Councillor Dick Menting—Maling Ward Representative

Mr David Davis—Southern Metropolitan Member of the State Legislative Council

Mr Peter Johnstone—CEO for the City of Boroondara

Tamatha Harding—Tennis Victoria

Craig Tiley—Tennis Australia

Peter Owen—Burwood Club Coach

- After securing the guarantor we re-approached the Pinewood Branch of the Bendigo Bank for our loan. After a few hiccups (a tennis club is not a regular type of customer), we have secured a loan through Community Sector Banking of the Bendigo Bank.

We would like to thank,

Merv Ericson—Pinewood Branch Manager

Chris Weston—Community Sector Banking

Our future is now not reliant on water, in fact we are saving water for the environment, 1 million litres per year. It has been a difficult and long process as most of this journey has been uncharted territory.

The hard work is not over and most of it rests with our members. We are now in debt with a \$112,000 loan at commercial rates. It is certainly manageable but “you” will decide how well we manage this. Paying your membership fees and competition fees promptly will make this easy. Not supporting your club will see fee raised each year and those members who continue to try and avoid paying their fees will be finding another club. We hope stage 4 restrictions don’t come in but if they do we expect an influx of members. If they pay their fees and you don’t, and we have to cap our membership numbers, you may find you lose your Burwood membership.

We now have one of the best tennis facilities in Victoria, a modern clubhouse and 5 Euroday courts. This is your facility and our success as a “club” is in your hands.

Greg Lammers



BURWOOD TENNIS CLUB SCORES WATERWISE WIN

What is Euroclay?

How have our new courts been constructed?

The work begins by removing the top layer of the en-tout-cas down to the base level. The original base was then rotary hoed down to a depth of about 30 cm. We are very lucky that our original base is made of coal-ash that has very good draining characteristics. The base is then compacted and laser leveled with a slight angle to send drainage to our drainage pits. A course layer of scoria is then laid followed by a fine layer. These are rolled and laser leveled again. Our new net post hole are then drilled.

The euroclay mat is then laid and secured. It is then filled with a fine sand and compacted deep in to the mat. The top layer of colored sand is then spread to a level above the mat.

When can we play on them?

Straight away! But they will take 6 months to settle, the more we play on them the better they get.

How will they play?

The courts are most similar to en-tout-cas than any other surface. They do play slice more, slightly reduce the effects of topspin and the ball does keep a bit lower. In regards to the ball bounce we will be reviewing the brand of tennis ball we use at Burwood to best fit with our surface.

The surface allows you to slide like en-tout-cas but at a slightly different degree.

The courts are much easier on the lower limbs than en-tout-cas.

We ask our members to take a pro-active approach to getting used to the new courts. For competition play it will be a significant home ground advantage for us.

Maintenance of courts:

- No watering!!
- Based on the Heatherdale maintenance program, courts to be bagged at the end of a session. ie. end of juniors at 12 noon or end of seniors at 5pm. Needless to say courts to be bagged at the end of social play.
- **The courts are to be bagged across the courts, not along the length.**
- The court surface will be regularly topped up. The mat should not be exposed for any length of time. Please let the committee or coaching team know if the courts require more in fill.

Tennis Shoes:

Our rules for this have not changed. Tennis shoes only, no rippled sole shoes.

Court Abuse:

Unfortunately this needs to be said.

- Any abuse or damage to the surface will not be tolerated. Including but not limited to racquet bouncing and scuffing of the surface.
- No net leaning. This also will not be tolerated.

Though finishing on a slight negative note it is important we look after our new surface. Damage to any part of our facility by a member is a serious offence and will be acted on.

Feedback

We welcome all feedback on the new surface positive and negative. There are variables we can alter that will optimize the surface for our members. Contact Greg or Colin with your feedback.

It will be great to have use of 5 courts again and not have to rely on water.

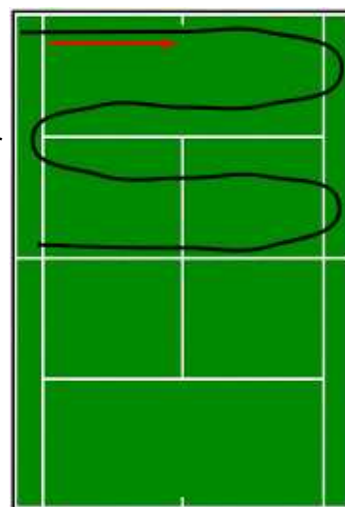
Enjoy your tennis and the new surface.

Night Tennis—In House

Burwood Tennis Club runs 2 night of in-house competition. These are a Tuesday night mens and a Thursday night mixed. Our Spring season will be starting week commencing 23rd July. Both are a doubles format in teams of 4. 3 sets are played on the night.

We are short of players in both competitions. If you have not played in these competitions or for Burwood please contact the conveners for more information.

Tuesday Night Mens: Ashley Myers 0422962076
 Thursday Night Mixed: Paul Hambleton 98092158 phambleton@intemode.on.net



Night Tennis—WDTA

Our Autumn Season is about to end. Teams have been entered for the Spring season with 3 teams entered for the Monday night competition. This is a reduction on previous seasons where we have had other Burwood teams play at other venues.

Gail Stiffe WDTA Night Convenor

Burwood Tennis Club Registered for GST

As of the 1st June, we are now registered for GST. This means that all invoices generated from this date will have 10% added to them. For instance our upcoming Summer Competition Fees and Night Fees have all risen to accommodate this. These rises will be offset against the GST we are paying on the court surface project.

As have already been mentioned, we are very grateful for Fran Coggins in stepping in as interim Treasurer. We would be very grateful to find our next Treasurer. Please consider if you can help.

Membership and Competition Fees Now Due

Here is a breakdown of what is owed by our members to the club.

Senior Membership - \$7500 (Only 50% have paid)

Junior Membership—\$ 2900 (Only 55% have paid)

Summer 06/07 Out standing \$270

Winter 2007—\$1000 (Only 30% have paid!!)

Please support your club and pay your fees. Reminder invoices will go out in the next two weeks with a deadline where you may lose your membership if you don't pay.

A grand total of \$11670 owed to the Burwood Tennis Club

Tennis Victoria Affiliation—Changes and Privacy

For many years the Burwood Tennis Club has been an affiliated club with Tennis Victoria. This has provided many benefits including our public liability insurance and officers insurance. It also allows us to enter teams into the Tennis Victoria Pennant Series. These players traditionally pay an extra amount for their own Personal Accident Insurance (PAI). At present our affiliation has cost us \$17 per member for every member. This costs us several thousand dollars each year. On your last membership invoice you saw this listed.

For the upcoming year a very important change is to occur. The PAI is to be incorporated into the affiliation fee and to be costed to all members. We have received the invoicing for this year and the fee is now \$22 per member.

While we can absorb this for this year's budget, 2008/9 will see this passed on to the members in your membership fees. The main impacts are that all members now have Personal Accident Insurance cover. We will also have access to a new online membership database software package that will make running our club easier. Members will have access to their own details and be able to change them if required.

One aspect that is proving difficult to manage is the privacy of our members with the information we are being required to pass on to Tennis Victoria. Our affiliation requires the passing on of your name and address (minimum) to Tennis Victoria. Tennis Victoria is assuring clubs that this does not break any privacy laws. Our committee though does believe our members should be informed and offered choices as to how their information is handled by the club.

Our affiliation submission is due on the 1st July and payable by the 31st August. Burwood Tennis Club will be submitting their affiliation details in late August. **Members who are concerned about the submission of their name and address to Tennis Victoria should contact Greg Lammers by the 1st August to discuss what alternatives may exist.**

Further information can be found from the Tennis Victoria website, www.tennisvic.com.au

ASTE Tennis Courts—Alan Stevenson

Over the past two years we researched many different court surfaces and spoke to many different contractors / constructors.

The Burwood Tennis Club is very pleased to have ASTE Tennis Courts building our new Euroday courts. ASTE's Director is Alan Stevenson and has been extremely helpful and patient in developing our project.

ASTE last year rebuilt our fences and grandstand which we are very pleased with.

Work on our new courts still has a while to go. Alan and his team continue to work hard to keep impact on our normal duties to a minimum.

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Junior Club Championships & Presentation Night

	Winner	Runners Up
OPEN	Monika Ceranic	Evita Pawaka
GIRLS SINGLES Natalie Bacon Trophy	William Owen	Richard Bing
BOYS SINGLES Peter Owen Trophy	Celine Tan & Evita Pawaka	Emma Miller & Rebecca Gilbert
GIRLS DOUBLES	Oliver Wadelton & Ashwyn Perera	Joel Sansom & Stephen Quick
BOYS DOUBLES	Jackson Sharpe & Evita Pawaka	Stephen Quick & Danielle Cable
MIXED DOUBLES		
B GRADE		
BOYS SINGLES	Ashwyn Perera	Oliver Wadelton
C GRADE		
GIRLS SINGLES	Danielle Cable	Emma Miller
BOYS SINGLES	Stephen Quick	Robbie Duncan
D GRADE		
BOYS SINGLES	Ben Hall	Jonathan Stakos
MOST IMPROVED	Joel Sansom	
BEST & FAIREST	Jackson Sharpe Anna Larsen	



The Burwood Tennis Club congratulates all our winners and runners up in our 2007 Junior Club Championships. We would also like to thank all the entrants.

We would particularly like to thank our organizer Natalie Bacon who ran a very organized, an enjoyable championships and presentation night.

Well done Natalie.

Club Donations

You might have noticed on your membership invoices, the opportunity to make a donation to your club. To this date, the Burwood Tennis Club would like to thank the following members who have made a donation to our club. It is very much appreciated, particularly for our new courts.

Harry Oriander
Pauline Wilkinson
Oliver Good
Clinton Daley

These members and future donations will be recognized in a donations register and the minutes of the Burwood Tennis Club

Burwood Tennis Club History—2007—100 years old. History Book to be written

“It’s time to write the book on our first 100 Years”

Call me crazy, but....I have decided to write the 100 Year History of the Burwood Tennis Club.

As you all know this year is our Centenary, and it occurred to me that someone should document our proud history. When I decided to do the ‘on-court honour boards’ last year, I spent hours reading the minutes of our past meetings, scouring through for details of our past Presidents, Club Champions etc. I remember thinking we have an amazing dub, so many battles, so many achievements, and a seemingly endless amount of characters along the way. I am equally passionate about our history, as I am about our future. Accordingly, I’ve decided to write the 100 Year History of our Club. Our dub went through some very challenging times, both during the war years, and for many years to follow, and if not for the passion, and ‘can do’ attitude of many of our past committee we may well not have a dub now. We have a history filled with compelling and interesting characters, and I think it is important that we acknowledge them too.

If anyone has any old club documents, letters, press clippings or photos, or anything you feel may be of interest, please let me know. Whatever it is I would love to see it, and I can absolutely guarantee their safe return once sighted.

Similarly, if you feel you may have a story to tell, or you have any questions, please give me a call. Please note: This project will not cost the Club anything, as all the funding will be secured through sponsorship, to which I have already had several expressions of interest.

Regards,

Colin Edwards – President.

Club Uniforms

The dub uniforms look great and there is a limited amount of stock available now. Contact Natalie Bacon for range and prices

Court Sponsorship

To raise funds for our dub we are now offering court sponsorship. This is first being offered to members and their businesses and companies. Sponsorship details are listed below.

Members offer closes Monday 1st July 5pm

Sponsorship lets you have

- An A1 sign posted on your court at your cost. (Our preferred sign company can do this for ≈ \$150)
- A b/w 1/4 page advertisement in our Sidelines Newsletter. (Minimum 2 per year)
- Availability to place an insert into our newsletter. (Extra postage at your cost, ≈ \$100 if it goes to A4)
- Logo and link on our website.
- A4 pouch and notice board space at the dub to provide/promote advertising material.

Costs are:

Court 1—\$1000 per year including GST

Courts 2-5—\$800 per year including GST

To confirm your sponsorship or for further enquiries please contact Greg Lammers by email only, glammers@bigpond.net.au Court order decided by time of email received. (ie. first in best dressed)

After 1st July, sponsorship will be offered to local businesses.

BURWOOD TENNIS CLUB	
ANNUAL CLUB TOURNAMENT	
Commencing Saturday, January 27, 1934.	
PROGRAMME.	
1. MEN'S DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.—Best of three advantage sets. Entrance fee, 3/- per pair.	
2. MEN'S DOUBLES HANDICAP.—Best of three sets. Third set advantage. Entrance fee, 3/- per pair.	
3. LADIES' DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.—Best of three advantage sets. Entrance fee, 3/- per pair.	
4. LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP.—Best of three sets. Third set advantage. Entrance fee, 3/- per pair.	
5. MIXED DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP.—Best of three advantage sets. Entrance fee, 3/- per pair.	
6. MIXED DOUBLES HANDICAP.—Best of three sets. Third set advantage. Entrance fee, 3/- per pair.	
7. MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.—Best of three advantage sets. Entrance fee, 1/6.	
8. MEN'S SINGLES HANDICAP.—Best of three sets. Third set advantage. Entrance fee, 1/6.	
9. LADIES' SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.—Best of three advantage sets. Entrance fee, 1/6.	
10. LADIES' SINGLES HANDICAP.—Best of three sets. Third set advantage. Entrance fee, 1/6.	
CONDITIONS.	
1. The Match and Tournament Committee reserves the right to— (a) Organise and administer the tournament. (b) Adjudicate in any dispute arising during the tournament. (c) Cancel any event for which insufficient entries have been received.	
2. Play will commence each Saturday at 2 p.m. Competitors must be on the ground ready to play at the time appointed.	
3. Any uncompleted match, if resumed at a later date or time, shall re-commence from the point at which it was discontinued. Competitors are asked to check their score before leaving the court.	
4. Entries shall be made on the official form, and must be accompanied by entrance fees, otherwise they will not be accepted.	
5. Only financial members are eligible to take part in the tournament.	
6. The draw will be posted each week, not later than Thursday (excepting the first week), on the notice board outside Mrs. Haggart's confectionery shop, from 10.30 a.m. This will be deemed sufficient notice to competitors, excepting those residing outside the district of Burwood, who will be notified by post the time they are drawn to play.	
7. Entries, which close on Tuesday, January 23, must be forwarded to the honorary secretary, F. F. Symons, 2 Ireland Street, Burwood, or lodged with Mrs. Haggart, at her shop in Toorak Road, Burwood, not later than 7.30 p.m.	
ENTRY FORM.	
Please enter me for the following:—	
NAME	PARTNER'S NAME
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Are you available for play on Australia Day Afternoon (Monday, January 29)?—YES/NO.	
For which I enclose £	
Signature	
ENTRIES CLOSE TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1934, at 7.30 p.m.	
F. F. SYMONS, Honorary Secretary.	
2 Ireland Street, Burwood.	

"The Strongest Link" –

Having Trouble finding a doubles partner?

Master these five skills and you'll be the most sought-after player at your club

Ken Flach – TENNIS MAGAZINE April 2006.

3 Practice a variety of returns. Being comfortable returning serve from either the deuce or ad court is a tremendous advantage. Any prospective partner will appreciate being able to play his favourite side.

- There are four difficult shots you need to master in order to be proficient from either court.
- The down-the-line backhand return at opposing net player.
- The inside-out backhand return at the server.
- Taking second serves early and either chipping or ripping them and following the ball to the net.

The chip or block return lob over the net player's head, preferably over his backhand side.

Obviously the best way to achieve this versatility is to practice all these shots. Try to find a player who wants to work on his serve-and-volley game, because he'll be motivated **to hit you tons of serves**. Play a game to 11 where your practice partner serves and volleys cross court (the doubles alleys are in). Serve the entire game to one side and then switch to the other court. This way you have time to develop a good rhythm on one particular side rather than switching after every point.

To incorporate the down-the-line return, do this same crosscourt drill, but give yourself a point if you can return the ball inside the doubles alley that's down the line from you. The logic behind this is that if you can place the return successfully inside the alley during a match, nine times out of ten you'll win the point.

100 Year Celebration—Official Opening of the New Courts Saturday 6th October

100 Years Old and it's time to Party!

*Yes Burwood is 100 years old and you are all invited
to come to the club for our Birthday Party.*

Saturday 6th October

Drinks and nibbles from 6pm

Fully Catered – 3 course meal

Dress to impress, not to embarrass

Catch up with old friends, and just have fun

Cost: \$30 per person

Children 4-10 \$15 (per caterer's schedule)

**We will also officially open our new courts and
unveil our court Honour Boards for Courts 4 & 5**

Please join us as we acknowledge and thank these members for devoting
so much time and energy in the service of this great Club.

Look forward to seeing you all there. Let's have a great night

Colin

Early Registration is open now. Contact Greg Lammers on 98853521 or glammers@bigpond.net.au to reserve your tickets. This event may sell out!!!! Official invites to be sent out in the next few weeks.



Senior Entry Competition Form Summer Season 2007/8

Tax Invoice
ABN: 19 923 060 639
Date of Issue: 18th June 2007

Any player who wishes to play competition for Burwood Tennis Club during the coming SUMMER season, please fill in this form with a cheque for \$35.00 (incl. GST) payable to the Burwood Tennis Club to:

Mary Crowe. Unit 1/ 21A Browning Rd. Boronia. 3155

ENTRIES CLOSE: Sunday 29th July 2007

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Player must be a financial member of the Burwood Tennis Club. **Any player with outstanding membership or competition fees will not be selected.**
2. Player **MUST** be available to **PLAY entire competition period** within reason:
Saturday 13th October 2007(WDTA) and Sunday 7th October 2007(Eastern Region) - 15th / 16th March 2008
including Finals with breaks on School Holidays
3. If you wish to play **ONLY** on a casual basis, please enter as an emergency (No fees in this case)
4. Players must be prepared to take on a responsibility of captancy if they enter!
5. Team Selections and Gradings are made by the BTC Selection Committee and their decision is final.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ **Mobile No:** _____

Email Address: _____

Player's Signature (ensure all conditions have been read): _____
THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$35.00 as stated above.

I WISH TO PLAY:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

MIXED

LADIES

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SINGLES / DOUBLES

DOUBLES ONLY

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
(singles/doubles only)

I will be available as an emergency: YES / NO

Any queries to Mary Crowe on 9738 0950 or toptenn@toptenn.com



Junior Entry Competition Form Summer Season 2007/8

Tax Invoice
ABN: 19 923 060 639
Date of Issue: 18th June 2007

Juniors who wish to play competition for Burwood Tennis Club during the coming SUMMER season, please fill in this form with a cheque for \$30.00 (incl. GST) payable to the Burwood Tennis Club to:

Natalie Bacon. 2/4 Kelly St. Chadstone. 3148

ENTRIES CLOSE: Sunday 29th July 2007 (President's Cup 14/7/07)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Player must be a financial member of the Burwood Tennis Club. **Any player with outstanding membership or competition fees will not be selected.**
2. Player **MUST** be available to **PLAY entire competition period** within reason:
6th / 7th October 2007 - 15th / 16th March 2008
including Finals with breaks on School Holidays
3. If you wish to play **ONLY** on a casual basis, please enter as an emergency (No fees in this case)
4. **PARENTS MUST BE** prepared to supervise matches (and drive when away) on a rotating basis, and **remain** throughout the **WHOLE** match.
5. If you will be commencing High School in 2008 and still wish to play Saturday mornings, please ensure your school does not have compulsory Saturday sport, or if so please tick the Sec. School box, or you could enter a Sunday team.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ **Mobile No.** _____ **Date of birth:** _____

Email Address: _____

Parent / Guardian's Names: _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature (ensure all conditions have been read): _____

THIS FORM MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH \$30.00 as stated above.

I WISH TO PLAY:

SATURDAY MORNINGS

PRESIDENTS CUP
(Entries due by Wed. 14th July!!!)

MIXED

GIRLS

BOYS

SUNDAY MORNINGS

I will be available as an emergency: YES / NO

Sec. School

Any queries to Natalie Bacon on 0412 619 695 or toptenn@toptenn.com