



**ESPERANCE
TENNIS CLUB**

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

RAIN, RAIN AND MORE RAIN

Alysha Castelli- President

Winter is challenging for our sport, especially when trying to keep coaching and weekly competitions consistent with wet courts. I would like to applaud Coach Bastien and our captains who are at the courts right until the last moment when tennis may or may not go ahead that day. Here we are now with July behind us and surely the weather is only going to improve.

It has however been a winter we can learn from where I am hoping in future we will have less impact of rain on our coaching during these wet months. The club has been successful in securing a grant from the Esperance Shire to provide financial support in the hiring of the Indoor Stadium during Term 3. This will be something I look into annually to provide financial support for the club and ensure Coach Bastien can continue his coaching for our club members and casual community members throughout each year. Thank you, Esperance Shire!

The AGM date is fast approaching, and I would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. No pressure to take up a position, but to have many members in attendance will be helpful to make quorum. We have a few members stepping down this year and I encourage you to thank them for their huge contributions when you see them around the club. More information on the AGM is found below and on our Facebook page.

Fingers crossed for some beautiful tennis weather and all the best for everyone in their games over the next few months.



JUNIORS

Junior Pennants and Oz Tennis will be starting back up Saturday Week 1, TERM 4. This will be a 9 week competition and finish 1 week before the school holidays. 8.15am arrival and matches to start at 8.30am. All juniors are welcome to come to the club on Saturday mornings from 10am to have a social hit. Jeff and Joan Sortberg will be there to open up. The Junior Committee consist of Jeff and Joan Sortberg (Fixtures) and Susie Balsdon (Canteen Roster). Junior Pennants will be advertised on our Facebook page closer to the date, but if you have any queries please contact either Alysha Castelli on 0407 192 768 or Joan Sortberg on 0498 638 144.

SENIORS

Advanced Player Competition

The weather hasn't been favourable for our Monday night competition which is disappointing. It is nice to see players still interested in a hit though which is evident through the group chat. Fingers crossed this term provides more opportunity.

Thursday Ladies Pennants

Thursday Pennants have started their 10 week competition. There have been 20 players for the last few terms which has made 4 teams of 5 players on court each week. Well Done Julie! Thanks to all the players who support this competition.

Friday Social

Friday Family Social from 5.30pm is open all year. Bastien has the courts open for families to come down and have a hit. You are also welcome to bring non-members down and introduce them to our clubrooms. Lights will be turned on if sufficient numbers are present. Barbecue is on offer in terms One and Four. The ball fees for this session is \$5 unless you have a FULL membership (either full individual or family)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday Social Doubles

Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday social tennis has continued on smoothly thanks to Noel Wilson and Julie Kirkup..

COACHING

What an enthusiastic, energetic and innovative coach we have at the Esperance Tennis Club. Bastien has been in town 1.5 terms and has already made strong connections in our community. The winter weather in Esperance is a constant barrier for our sport, and for coaching as a business it certainly doesn't help. All tennis halts during the rain. This however has not stopped Bastien. He has built a positive relationship with the Soccer club and they have kindly allowed the use of their mini indoor court for Junior Coaching. In return, Bastien is coaching Junior Soccer and sharing his other sporting skills with the community.

For coaching to remain constant throughout the year the Esperance Tennis Club have applied for a grant through the Esperance Shire to assist in the court hire fees associated with the indoor stadium. The club have been successful in this grant and hopefully now the coaching for both Seniors and Juniors can continue consistently throughout the year, no matter the weather. THANK YOU TO THE ESPERANCE SHIRE for your support.

Another cause for celebration following Bastien's trip home to Belgium over the July School Holidays is that It has come to my attention he competed in his local tennis tournament and won! The local newspaper wrote 'A Kangaroo put Barvaux on fire'. The whole French article can be found on our Facebook page. You'll have to ask Bastien to translate though. :)

WELL DONE COACH!!



VOLUNTEER SPECIAL MENTION

Simon Haclin

Thank you for taking it upon yourself to complete the concrete footings on the courts. During the upgrade of the fences this job was not completed to the standard required and Simon has worked hard at filling them in and doming them off. He continued through the night with a headtorch on to fit it in before he flew to England to see his family. Incredible commitment. Thank you!

Michael Pope

Thank you for spending your weekend fixing the club playground equipment when it was vandalised. To be able to put it all back together after it was completely broken was definitely beyond me. The unfortunate thing was that 2 months later the winds of Esperance smashed it to pieces. We still appreciate you volunteering your time and skills to helping out at the club.

2022 AGM

The 2022 AGM will be held-

Day: Saturday 27th August

Time: 12 noon

Where: Club rooms

Nomination forms are found on the Esperance Tennis Club Website under the Committee Meeting Minutes tab at the bottom of the page. Please send any nomination forms to the club email address info@esperancetennisclub.com.au. It would be great to see as many people as possible to ensure we make quorum and more important to see the member support for our chosen committee members. I hope to see you there!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS STEPPING DOWN

Chantelle Hoffrichter

Chantelle has been a player at the Esperance Tennis Club since 2016, she became a committee member in August 2018 and Secretary at the club in 2021. Chantelle has committed her time and effort in the running of the clubs' social events over the last 4 years which can be particularly difficult with a young family. Thank you for your support and everything you have done for the club over the last 6 years Chantelle.

Jill Wehr

Jill has been playing at the Esperance Tennis Club for 26 years and has been volunteering for I am sure the same amount of time. There is not much about the club and how it is run that Jill doesn't know, and she has been a wealth of knowledge for me when I first starting in the role as President last year. Not sure what I am going to do without her, but I know she will be playing for as long as she physically can and will always be there to support anyone when it is required. Jill become Treasurer 11 years ago and began helping out at the March Tournament 16 years ago. She is such a kind and generous person and I can't thank her enough for everything she has done at the Esperance Tennis Club. Thank you, Jill!

RED BALL COMPETITION

The annual Red Ball Competition is set to be held on Friday 23rd September. This is a tournament open to 10-year-old students from the Primary Schools in our area. Tennis West Regional Development Officer, Scott Culpin will be travelling to Esperance to organise and run the tournament at our club. The aim of the Red Ball Competition is to encourage young students to have a go at tennis and see what our club has to offer. Our club information and Esperance Tennis Academy details will be sent home with the players for their parents' information. It is a wonderful day for both the teachers and the students and I hope it can encourage more young children to take up the sport.

OPEN COURT EVENING

With the Tennis West Regional Development Officer, Scott Culpin travelling to Esperance for the Red Ball Competition, it provides a great opportunity to open our courts to the community on Thursday the 22nd of September from 5.30pm. The courts will be open for all, \$5.00 ball fees unless you hold a FULL membership.

Bastien will also be showcasing his coaching skills with his men's group that evening so come and check it out.



ETC MIXED DOUBLES

TOURNAMENT

Plans are in place to hold an Esperance Tennis Club Mixed Doubles Championships in early Term 4. Date is yet to be confirmed. Keep an eye out for this event on our Facebook page or next newsletter. It will be great to see a large number of members together for another club tournament. The events will be Open Division 1 & 2, Veterans Division 1 & 2, Juniors Division 1 & 2 depending on registered numbers.

