



## ESPERANCE TENNIS CLUB

## MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER

### SUMMER SEASON

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It has been a shaky start to the summer season with some late rain causing inconsistency to the tennis competitions. However, on the sunny days we have experienced, it has been nice to see the courts full of both juniors and seniors together.

Gentle reminder to those people who haven't paid their membership. We are now three months into the 22/23 membership period, and it would be great to see all memberships paid to ensure the club is able to cover the maintenance costs for the facility. Also, to those doing coaching- If you or your child are not a member and you are receiving coaching, please ensure your court usage fee is paid into the club account. All details are found on the club website and please contact me or a committee member if you require any assistance.

Term competitions including Monday night, Thursday Pennants, Friday Social and Junior Pennants will be pausing for the summer holidays in a few weeks. Please see below for exact dates. These will all be kick starting again in Term 1, 2023. The Esperance Tennis Club bus with driver, Coach Bastien, will be participating in the Christmas Pageant this year. We would like to see as many members as possible take part in the walk through town. Read below for further details. This is a wonderful tradition for the club and is good fun to be a part of. More information on this is below.

I wish everyone a safe and festive Christmas break. Remember that the courts are always available to our members by using your membership code to access the courts. Book-a-court is also available for non-members and this link can be found through our website.

Happy tennis everyone & Merry Christmas!



# JUNIORS

## **Saturday Junior Pennants**

It seems to have rained on quite a few Saturdays this term. The juniors have managed to sneak in two to three fine weather mornings but unfortunately not able to get into the rhythm just yet. Thank you to those parents stepping into new roles this year. It is great to see the level of volunteers increasing around the club. A big thank you to Jeff and Joan Sortberg for keeping the session on consistently each Saturday, no matter the weather. Also, a big thank you to Susie Balsdon for the food purchasing and BBQ set up each week. Junior pennants break for the Christmas holidays with the last session for Term 4 on December, 17. It will recommence Saturday February 4, 2023

# COACHING

Bastien has done amazing with keeping tennis alive during winter. The use of the Indoor stadium has made this easier thanks to the Esperance Shire grant.

Esperance Tennis Academy will be hosting Holiday programs in January. Likely to be held at the beginning and end of the month of January. We would like to welcome Max Deboris to the Esperance Tennis Club and Esperance Tennis Academy team. He will be assisting Bastien in coaching going forward.

Please watch the social media space and emails from Esperance Tennis Academy for more information in the coming weeks.

# SENIORS

## **Monday Night**

What a great turn out for the Monday Pennants with 26 registered players. Shane Spengler is doing a marvellous job with bringing back the competitive spirit for this evening session. Players are in and out with harvest, but he has seen around 18 players consistently each week during fine weather. The Monday competition breaks for Christmas on December 12, however a social hit will remain in this time slot during the summer holidays. The competition re-commences Monday, February 6

## **Wednesday & Saturday Social**

Wednesday and Saturday social will continue through the summer holidays. The only days it will not occur is if it lands on a public holiday. Thanks Noel Wilson for your ongoing commitment to our social tennis calendar.

## **Thursday Ladies Pennants**

Julie Kirkup and Tracey Marshall have worked continuously on maintaining high numbers and positive vibes for Thursday Pennants. It is always a great turnout and a wonderful morning. The competition will finish on Thursday, December 15 and recommencing Week 1 of Term 1 on Thursday, February 2.

## **Friday night social & Friday Junior Tournament**

Friday Social has seen many new faces at the clubhouse. Bastien has also begun a junior tournament each Friday. Great turn out for the juniors and lovely to see the courts full of both juniors and seniors. Friday Social will finish for the term on Friday, December 16 and recommence on Friday, February 3.





## 2023 MARCH TOURNAMENT

The March Tournament is happening again! It will be held on 3-6th March 2023. Volunteer assistance will be required as we get closer to the date, which will include food donations, canteen/bar rosters and busy bee jobs. If you can help in any way, that would be greatly appreciated. Please keep an eye out for the rosters at the club over January/February and keep up to date with the information coming through social media.

We will be hosting UTR and Non-UTR events. Anyone can register for the UTR events even without aranking. Players with a Universal Tennis Ranking will not be able to register for the Non-UTR events. The aim is to attract locals back to the competition and the tournament is great opportunity for match play practice for both seniors and juniors. Juniors will be grouped in similar ability within their event. Please don't be deterred if your child doesn't have a UTR. This is an opportunity for them to gain one, or simply play in their first tournament with similar ability players.

Please spread the positive word! We would love to see as many local players as we can on the court during the competition.

## CLUB MAINTENANCE

Dave Mc Mullen will be conducting maintenance at the club over the summer holidays. We are replacing our engines in the club shutters and looking into the cost of new shade sails. More information will come out shortly. The maintenance should have minimal impact on any competitions and playing. Please ensure you move carefully around the club if the company is working while you come to use the facilities. All works should be completed by early February.

## BUSY BEE

Please keep a look out for a busy bee date on our social media. This will be in February in preparation for the March tournament. Any help you can offer would be greatly appreciated. After all the rain we have had, the weeds around the court are a little out of control. The shire has been notified about the high grass near the back courts. They are also under the pump around town with overgrown grass, so please be patient there. Ensure your children are aware that snakes will be out and about. Tread carefully during this time when moving between the courts.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The town Christmas Pageant is on Sunday, December 11. Bastien will be driving the tennis club bus in the parade. The parade starts at 4pm and all vehicles must assemble near the Tanker Jetty by 3pm. If you or your children want to be a part of the parade, please meet at the Clubrooms at 2pm where we can throw some tinsel on the bus and get the creative juices flowing. Depending on numbers, children can go in the bus with Bastien (parent permission required) or get dropped at the Tanker Jetty by no later than 3pm to then walk behind the bus in the parade. The parade will be finishing at the end of Andrew St along the foreshore. This is where you can collect your child if you are not walking with them. If you have any further questions, please contact Alysha on 0407 192 768.

## WOMEN LEADERS IN TENNIS PROGRAM

I have had the honour of taking part in the Women Leaders in Tennis program hosted by Tennis West. This was a 4-month program where I was provided the opportunity to connect with women in tennis from all over the state. This has been an empowering program and I encourage anyone with an interest in strengthening their leadership skills to apply for the 2023 program. The aim of the program is to not only build leadership knowledge, skills, and confidence but also to increase the participation of women and girls in community leadership roles and retain women as community leaders. For more information on the program please visit the below link, and I encourage you to apply or encourage someone you think would take value in this experience.

[www.tennis.com.au/community-leadership](http://www.tennis.com.au/community-leadership)



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