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Dear HKDTA members and friends,

Welcome to the September edition of "Around the Courts".

Message from the President:

The AGM is coming up soon (11 September), and I encourage you all to attend. Nominations for committee positions closed yesterday, and there are still some vacancies for general committee members, so we will accept nominations on the night of the AGM. I encourage you all to consider becoming a bit more involved in the operations of the club.



The committee is currently exploring options for a new Thursday Night comp to run in addition to our regular Thursday Mixed comp, details of which will be circulated soon. We can still slot one more team into the existing Thursday Mixed comp, so if you are interested please contact me on 0410 487 219.

Mills Park Maintenance and Pro-Shop



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Thanks for the goodwill and support offered from day one. My role is multi-faceted but is generally grouped into three aspects. I will be providing you with clean, comfortable facilities, a Pro Shop that adds value to your visit and help with the administration for the association. [bookings, comps, coaching, membership etc.]

PRO SHOP

Whilst we are re-building the Pro Shop, the hours that we will be "open for business" will vary a little. As I better understand the ebbs and flows of demand we will adapt &/or expand these times. I am keen to hear my customers thoughts on hours, stock, services and opportunities to serve you better. Remember; if the pro shop is closed, you can still [book a court online](#).

Currently we are opening the Pro Shop for the following times:

	<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>Evening</i>
<i>Monday</i>	Open	By appointment	Open
<i>Tuesday</i>	By Appointment	By Appointment	Open
<i>Wednesday</i>	Open	Open	Open
<i>Thursday</i>	By Appointment	By Appointment	Open
<i>Friday</i>	Open	Open	Open
<i>Saturday</i>	Open	Limited operations provided by committee members	Closed
<i>Sunday</i>	Open	Limited operations provided by committee members	Closed

My family & I are excited about this new opportunity. Tennis = FUN in my house & no matter the ability; enjoying your time here and at Berowra is the aim. I have been a tennis tragic since I was 6 but its' my careers in hospitality, sales, retail, management and facilities that fit well with the skills needed to succeed in this new role. I am happy to be making a difference to your tennis time.

Lastly; thank you:

- To Mai & Marc for their efforts. I hope you both continue to add value to our community for years to come.
- To the association for placing their trust in me.
- The team “on the ground” that have been so welcoming and helpful. [Head Coach, Admin, Comp Secretaries to name a few]
- [As a member] to the committee for giving up their time to ensure we continued to enjoy playing tennis.
- To everyone who have said hello and offered a smile, advice, thoughts and assistance. Its' all welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Regards, Tim

PS: I will be attending the AGM on Wed 11 Sept. I encourage you to attend, take an active interest in your association, & say hello if we are not well enough acquainted yet!

JUNIOR SUPERSTARS:



Pavel Marinkov & Andrew Filep were both chosen in the U13s and U14s Australian team to tour Europe.

Well done – how exciting!



Thommo's Tennis Tip of the month – Ground Strokes

No matter what level you play in tennis, one of the keys to winning is to take time away from your opponent. This can be either hitting the ball harder or recognising when you hit a good shot and the opponent is slightly off balance to take a more aggressive position inside the court. If you can do these things well and limit unforced errors you will always give yourself a good chance of winning.

Tuesday and Thursday Night Competition Secretaries

We are currently looking for people to take on the role of Competition Secretary for the Tuesday and Thursday night competitions.

This role includes establishing division structures and organising entries for new comps, as well as being the main communication between HKDTA and team captains for management of each comp and assisting in the search for pool players when required. A full description of the tasks in this role will be provided to people who are considering it. Competition Secretaries will be rewarded in tennis credits.

If you are interested, please contact Eddy Watson on 0410 487 219.

Social tennis on Wednesday nights



Our new fast sets social tennis is very popular with members and other players. They enjoy playing 4 carefully graded and/or balanced sets with new balls and a minimum of time off the court. The first sets start at 7:30, but you are welcome to arrive later and start at 8:00 or 8:30 if you prefer. You can start anytime after 7.00pm, giving you time for a good warm-up before that first set at 7.30. After 9:30 is free style social tennis if you wish to play a bit more. We think you will enjoy it. Bring a friend. \$15 members/\$20 registered players.

Competition prizes

The Committee has been considering the prizes offered to winners and runner-ups for club competitions. The practice varies between comps with some comps having trophies and others providing cash, as previous winners have said they are not interested in receiving trophies.

While the prizes are of relatively small value per person, when compounded for all the teams and all the comps throughout the year, the total cost to the club becomes thousands of dollars.

The Committee feels that this is not the best use of member funds and is proposing the following changes:

1. To cease issuing the trophies or cash prizes for future comps
2. To issue engraved medals to future comp winners and achievement certificates to comp runner-ups.

This cost saving (of about \$3,000) would help delay the need for future comp fee increases.

If any member wishes to express a view in relation to this proposal (either in favour or against), please email Eddy at pres@hkdt.net.au.

Interdistrict 2019

HKDTA has entered 4 teams this year in the Interdistrict competition. Our Open Men's team have moved up to Division 1 in the Blackwell Cup after a strong showing in Div 2 last year. For the first time since at least 1991 (records before then are a bit difficult to get hold of), we have a team in the Open Ladies competition, the Angus & Coote Cup. Congratulations to Natalie, Julia, Kirsten, Lynda, Kitty and Robyn who have all played in the team so far! Our victorious Under 10 Boys team from last year have found it tough moving into the Under 12s, where a year's difference in age can make a big difference! Our George Fletcher Cup team (Over 50's) have also had a tough time with some injuries and absences, but are currently still in the hunt for a semi-final position.



Angus & Coote Cup team from 11 August (Julia Kraemer, Kirsten Johnston, Natalie El-Hage)



HKDTA Competitions

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MONDAY NIGHT WINNERS:

Queens Road Rangers def Ballistic

AND OUR MONDAY LADIES WINNERS:

Federer def Nadal



AND OUR WEDNESDAY LADIES WINNERS:

Div 1: Phoenix def Lucinda



Div 2: Highly Strung def Westleigh



2019 Club championships

This year the Club Championships will be held mostly over the long weekend from 5-7 October, the full schedule of events will be published soon.

