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Dear HKDTA members and friends,

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

Message from the President:

Another year has almost gone – much tennis has been played, plenty of fun for all those people who have lobbed up to Mills Park or Berowra Tennis Centres during 2019, racquet in hand, ready to hit that frustrating little yellow furry thing somewhere near the intended direction!



Within the Association much has changed, but our overall aim is the same – to provide facilities and services that promote tennis in our area and give all members of our community the opportunity to play the game that we all love, the "game for life".

While our regular comps mostly have a break from now until the end of January, there are many opportunities still to play tennis during the break. Club Championship events will be held during January, social tennis continues, and of course general court hire is still available so that you can pack up the whole extended family visiting over the holiday, come along to Mills Park or Berowra and enjoy some tennis and maybe a bbq or picnic lunch or dinner.

Opening hours over the Christmas/New Year break are below, and will be advertised on our website.

Have a wonderful Christmas/New Year holiday everyone, keep safe, and I hope to see you all playing again in 2020.

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Club Championships

The 2019 Club Championships will be held throughout January.

Entries for Open events close on 6 January, 2020, and for other events entries close 3 days prior to the first scheduled session for that event. Finals will be played on 9 February (as much as possible). Details are available on the website, and at the end of this document.

There will not be Veterans events this year, and the cost to enter will be \$25 per event.

Entries need to be submitted [online](#).

Details of Junior Club Championship events will be available soon.

Christmas/New Year Opening Hours at Mills Park & Berowra Tennis Centres

Berowra Tennis Centre will be open at all times, courts have to be booked online through our website.

Opening hours at Mills Park will be:

Tuesday 24 December	8.30am to 5.00pm	Tuesday 31 December	9.00am to 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 December	Closed	Wednesday 1 January	Closed
Thursday 26 December	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Thursday 2 January	9.00am to 6.30pm
Friday 27 December	9.00am to 6.30pm	Friday 3 January	9.00am to 6.30pm
Saturday 28 December	9.00am to 6.30pm	Saturday 4 January	9.00am to 6.30pm
Sunday 29 December	9.00am to 6.30pm	Sunday 5 January	9.00am to 6.30pm
Monday 30 December	9.00am to 6.30pm		

Please note that the Pro Shop may not be open at all times, but the courts will be open, with bookings to be made [online](#).

Social Tennis

During 2019 your committee has focussed on re-energising social doubles events, with a big increase in player participation at Asquith. Many of our members and friends are regulars at our 3 weekly social tennis events and we want you and your friends to join us!

7:30-9:30 Wednesday evenings (for all player standards)

– recommences 8 January

1:30-5:00 Saturdays (intermediate and higher standard)

– no break for Christmas/New Year

2:00-5:00 Sundays (for all player standards)

– no break for Christmas/New Year

- No commitment or booking required – just turn up when you want.
- Have fun and make new friends
- Enjoy challenging, well balanced sets.
- Play as many sets as you wish.
- Snacks and drinks provided.



Only \$15 for members with new balls and snacks.

Jump online <http://hkdtta.com.au/HKDTA-Social.aspx> for more details.

Summer of Tennis – Social tennis evenings 13 – 23 January

Every January players get a break from playing competition. Some people enjoy a rest, but many of us are addicted to tennis, and have more time and energy in January. That's why we are hosting social tennis on Monday to Thursday nights from 7pm from mid January. The format will be similar to our current fast doubles sets on Wednesday nights with all sets starting and finishing at the same time, to give you more time on court (or take a break if you want).

Monday 13 January

Tuesday 14 January

Wednesday 15 January

Thursday 16 January

Monday 20 January

Tuesday 21 January

Wednesday 22 January

Thursday 23 January

No need to book – just turn up whenever you want, and play as much as you like.

Open Court Sessions – starting Weds 29 January 2020

HKDTA is partnering with Tennis NSW to trial a very different style of social tennis aimed towards adults who want to play in a social, non-competitive fun format. Participants may have played tennis a long time ago and need to build skills and confidence to play conventional social tennis.

Open court sessions include:

- Mini racquets
- Half court tennis
- Low compression balls
- Fun tennis games
- Socialising
- Eating and drinking
- Music playing
- On court host to organise games

This format was very popular with pilot sites – this 1 minute video shows you what it looks like:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3v25mKD3tEI>



We plan to host “On Court Sessions” on 1 or 2 courts on Wednesday evenings for 8 weeks starting on 29 January, during the Australian Open, when they will be heavily promoted on TV and the internet.

On court sessions will held in addition to our usual Wednesday evening social event for \$20-25, and we hope that some of these new players will transition easily to one of our traditional social events.

Perhaps you have friends who might be interested – please share the information with them.

In January we will provide you with more details on our website and Facebook page.

School Holiday Camps

The ever-popular camps are on again this summer. A great chance for your child from 5 to 16 years of age to enjoy a weeks' worth of tuition from some of the best coaches in Australia. A fun atmosphere with a focus on friendship, learning and personal development for all ages.

Tennis camps are available at both Mills Park and Berowra Tennis Centres.

Mills Park camps are run by Steve Thompson, Mills Park Head Coach, and Berowra camps are run by the Berowra Tennis Centre coaches, Trevor Hodge & Gilly Blackwood.

More information and online registration (for Mills Park) is available on our [website](#).

Mills Park

23 – 24 December – 9.30am to 3.00pm (half day option 9.30-12.00, or 12-3pm)

COST - \$80 **two full days** rate/ \$50 **casual daily** rate / \$60 **two half days** rate / \$40 **casual half day** rate.

13 – 17 January – 9.30am to 3.00pm (half day option 9.30-12.00, or 12-3pm)

20 – 24 January – 9.30am to 3.00pm (half day option 9.30-12.00, or 12-3pm)

COST - \$175 **weekly full day** rate/ \$50 **casual daily** rate / \$140 **weekly half day** rate / \$40 **casual half day**.

Berowra

13 – 17 January – 9.00am to 3.00pm (half day option available)

20 – 24 January – 9.00am to 3.00pm (half day option available)

COST - \$185 **for full week** / \$45 **casual daily** rate / \$30 **casual half day** rate.

Before & After Care is available, book early.

Pro-Shop News

Busy month of effort behind the scenes here with systems and technology gearing up to serve you better. We will be running a "sale" on accessories during the Summer of Tennis with existing stock at clearance prices for members only. Hope the festive season is an enjoyable one for all. See you all early January 2020.



Club Championships Schedule

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Open Men's Singles Open Ladies' Singles Open Men's Doubles Open Ladies' Doubles Open Mixed Doubles	<i>Rd 1 – Week starting 6 January Rd 2 – Week starting 20 January Semi & 1/4 finals tbc Final – Sunday 9 February</i>	
A Grade Men's Singles	Tuesdays 7 & 14 January Saturday 11 January Sunday 12 January	7.30pm 8.30am 8.30am
A Grade Ladies' Singles	Thursdays 9 & 16 January Tuesday 14 January Wednesday 15 January	7.30pm 7.30pm 9.00am
A Grade Men's Doubles	Saturday 18 January Tuesday 21 January Thursday 23 January	2.30pm 7.30pm 7.30pm
A Grade Ladies' Doubles	Monday 20 January Wednesday 22 January Thursday 23 January	9.00am & 7.30pm 9.00am 7.30pm
A Grade Mixed Doubles	Monday 13 January Thursday 16 January Sunday 19 January	7.30pm 7.30pm 3.00pm
B Grade Men's Singles	Tuesdays 7 & 14 January Saturday 11 January Sunday 12 January	7.30pm 8.30am 9.30am
B Grade Ladies' Singles	Thursdays 9 & 16 January Monday 13 January Wednesday 15 January	7.30pm 9.00am 9.00am
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