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Dear HKDTA members and friends,

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

Message from the President:

Happy Easter everybody!

As I was overseas for Christmas and didn't wish you all Merry Christmas, I'm getting in a bit early for Easter!

January, February and March were busy for many Committee members, attending a number of Tennis NSW events that they have put on to provide assistance and advice to tennis clubs on ways to improve the tennis experience for all. We also installed in early March an electronic locking system at Berowra to better control court access, and will update you further on that next month.

Your Committee has also been busy working in smaller subcommittees to review many areas of operation in HKDTA and to put together plans for improvements and future developments. You will see later in this newsletter a revised program for Wednesday night social tennis that the "**Social Tennis**" subcommittee has put together, the "**Paid services**" subcommittee is putting together a proposal to refine the way that we engage contractors to provide services which we will discuss at our next full Committee meeting, and other sub committees are working through their issues.

There are two more subcommittees that I am asking for volunteers from outside the committee to join to provide a different perspective. One is the "**Competitions**" subcommittee, which will be looking at the types of competitions we are offering, and what alternatives there might be. The other is the "**Berowra**" subcommittee which will be closely involved in all aspects of running our Berowra tennis centre. Being involved in these sub committees doesn't need to take a huge amount of your time, basically we would probably meet once, have some general discussions around the ideas we want to explore, and then mostly discuss further via email, and then present any recommended plans for action to the full Committee. If you are interested, please contact me at pres@hkdt.net.au, or 0410 487 219. Even if you can't take a small role in a subcommittee but have a brilliant idea to share please send it to us!

If you are off somewhere for the school holidays have a great break, travel safely, and we will see you back on court soon!

If you aren't going away, we offer school holiday camps both at Mills Park and Berowra, and although most comps will be having a break, the courts are ready and waiting for you!



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New Berowra Court Locking System

From 11 March 2019 the method of booking, payment and access to the four tennis courts at our Berowra centre has changed. An electronic locking system was installed, which will unlock the gate, and turn on the lights if required, for each court that is booked. The system is connected to our existing on-line court booking and payment system. This improvement is being made to make the Berowra centre more financially viable, and to provide better access to court hire at Berowra.

It is not cost effective to have someone permanently attending the Berowra centre as a manager. This new system will enable the courts at Berowra to be open for most of the day without the need for supervision, and will ensure that only people who have a booked a court are playing there. We do anticipate that this system will result in an increase in revenue generated at Berowra.

Players can book and pay for court hire using a computer or on their smart phone or tablet. If necessary, bookings and payments can also be made by phoning our Mills Park centre at Asquith on 9482 1370. Cash payments at Berowra will cease, which will eliminate the risk of cash theft from the clubhouse.

Bookings via Mills Park Centre or online via website <http://hkdt.net.au/applns/bookings/bookdisp2.aspx>



Easter Holiday Tennis Camps:

HKDTA will be running our regular camps for children during the school holidays at Mills Park & Berowra.
More information & registration on our website: <http://hkdt.com.au/HKDTA-Camps.aspx>

HKDTA Competitions

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WEDNESDAY LADIES FINALISTS:

DIVISION 1: LUCINDA DEF MATCHPLAY



DIVISION 2: HORIZONS DEF FINESSE



AND MONDAY NIGHT MIXED FINALISTS:

SEEING DOUBLE DEF ON THE LINE



A new competition will start after the Easter holidays. Registration & free hit up on Monday 8 April from 7pm – please contact Margaret Stirling on 0418 211 115 if you are interested in playing.

NEW SOCIAL TENNIS ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FROM 17 April

- **Starting on Weds 17 April**, 7:30 - 9:30pm and run until July.
- Limit to 24 players on 6 courts.
- \$15 members/\$20 registered players (after first free event)
- All players rotate every 30 minutes.
- Committee members to organise sets and take responsibility for running the event.
- E-mail with full details to follow soon



Saturday afternoon doubles social for intermediate & advanced players

1:30 – 5:00pm on Courts 7 & 8

Men and women of reasonable standard are invited to join Stuart Hillier, Robyn Flood, Matt Noone and many regulars for a fun afternoon of competitive but friendly doubles. Players are matched with partners and opponents for evenly balanced 8 game sets. You will enjoy at least 4 sets and be on the court most of the time with new balls. Snacks are provided. \$13 for members.

Come along whenever it suits you. Bring your friends if you wish.

Contact Matt Noone (0418 203 596 or email vp@hkdt.net.au) for more information.

JUNIOR SUPERSTARS:



MILO PHIJIDVIJAN
AARUSH SETHUPATHI
LEO PHIJIDVIJAN
PAVLE MARINKOV
BOJANA MARINKOV

Made Sydney North Primary Schools For NSW Championships
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Runner Up U/16's Doubles Canberra Open
Won 3 14/Under State Singles Titles North Shore-Nepean and Newcastle
Semi Final Singles \$15,000 Pro Tour Event In Port Pirie
Runner Up AMT Women's Singles Platinum AMT Albury

NIKITA VOLONSKI
ANASTASIA BEREZOV
IVANA POPOVIC

Won New Zealand U/18's ITF Junior Boys Singles Title In Auckland
Won The Australian Junior U/16's Girls Singles Title December Showdown
Won New Zealand U/18's ITF Junior Girls Singles Title In Auckland
Qualified And Won 1st Round In \$25,000 Pro Tour Event In Mildura



2019 InterDistrict Tennis

Entries close Seniors (Vets): Friday 31st May 2019

Open & Junior: Friday 21st June 2019

Vets/Seniors to commence (Subject to Entries) Commences 23rd June; then 30th June, 7th July, 14th July, 21st July, 28th July, 11th Aug, 18th Aug, 25th Aug, 8th Sept No Play 4th August — Bank Holiday Weekend

Open & All Junior Cups to Commence Commences 28th July; then 4th Aug, 11th Aug, 18th Aug, 25th Aug, 8th Sept
There will be No Play in any Cup on Sunday 1st September (Father's Day)

Semi Finals & Divisional Play-Offs Sunday 15th September 2019

Finals Sunday 22nd September 2019

For more information or to register please contact Eddy Watson 0410 487 218 or pres@hkdt.net.au

2019 National Primary Games - Save the Date



The NPG is a unique Sports Carnival for girls and boys aged **8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14** representing their school, club or association in teams of all levels. They will compete in a feel good atmosphere against clubs and schools from all regions with the support of the Australian Olympic Committee which includes the presence of Olympians over the weekend. Competitions will be coordinated by Sporting bodies (local, state and in some cases national) and is set to be held over the last weekend of the July school holidays in NSW – **20th and 21st July 2019**.

Wednesday Adult Group Tennis Lessons

Learn to play tennis with an accredited tennis coach in small groups.



Beginners will learn the basic to enjoy playing this fantastic game and more experienced players will improve their technique and develop a winning strategy.

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!

- 7.30-8.30pm is for beginners and social players starting to develop their skills.
- 8.30 -9.30pm is for intermediate and comp players looking to take their game to the next level.
- All sessions are run by Shane, under the supervision of the HKDTA Head Coach, Steve Thompson.
- Cost is only \$20 per night, or \$90 for a 5 week course.
- Players are welcome to join the Wednesday evening "Social Tennis" before or after their coaching session.

Booking is essential! Please contact Steve Thompson on 0414 708 701

Players wanted - Mixed doubles social group at Berowra

A friendly group of women & men have been playing socially for years and now due to dwindling numbers we require new players. We play at the Berowra Tennis Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday nights. If interested, please contact May Smart on 9456 3363.

