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Dear HKDTA members and friends,

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

### **Message from the President:**

In the report from the Treasurer that was circulated last week you will have read the reference to a need for more volunteers to assist with some aspects of running our club. This is crucial for us as a club to continue to improve the services we offer. We need to have some more people step forward to donate a small part of their time to take on some roles within the club that are currently not being fulfilled, or are being carried out by people who have a multitude of small roles to fulfil. We will have up on our website soon some information about these roles and tasks for members to look through and determine how they can become involved. I would also encourage everyone to talk to one of the Committee members, Tim in the Pro Shop, or Beate in the office about the opportunities that are available, and how you may be able to assist.



The Committee is putting the final touches to our Strategic Plan 2020-2030, which will be circulated to members early in December. This important document will guide our development over the next 10 years, ensuring that we are working in a coordinated manner with Tennis NSW, our local councils and state and federal governments to develop and provide improved tennis services to our community.

I would like to thank all of the Committee members (and particularly the Office Bearers) who have put so much of their time into the club over the past 6-9 months as we have implemented many changes at Mills Park and Berowra tennis centres; Beate for her longstanding and ongoing excellence in our Office, and to Tim who has had a major impact in the few months he has been with us. As you will see in our strategic plan, we have much more that we want to achieve in the future, and I look forward to many more club members coming on board for the journey as we work to achieve those goals.

### **FINANCIAL UPDATE from the Treasurer:**

Hi Members

I am pleased to report, that after recording a loss last year, four months into the current financial year, we have now returned to a profitable situation.

At one stage our financial situation was looking catastrophic to me, as we have massive capital commitments looming. In particular, we need to replace all 14 court surfaces over the next five years. A quick return to profit was critical if we were to start accumulating the funds required to meet this commitment.

However, initiatives taken over the last 12 months appear to have put the club back on track. While it is early to make a call on this, I feel a lot more comfortable about our situation than I did a couple of months ago.

Considered a bit too long for inclusion in this ATC, I have separately sent members a more detailed report to provide background on our financial situation and actions taken by the Committee to address this. I hope some of you will be interested to read that report, although, I warn you now that the report is a Halloween edition and includes some true scary stories.

Mark Bloomer  
HKDTA Treasurer





## JUNIOR SUPERSTARS:

**David Mitchell** - Winner of the Bruce Cup Schools Australian Championship for NSW

**Elyana Moonen** - Qualified for Australian Championship U/14s December Showdown

**Pavle Marinkov** - 1/4 Finalist of the Australian U/14'S Singles Championship in Perth and winner of the doubles

**Leo Phijidvijan** - Qualified for Australian Championship U/14s December Showdown

**Andre Filip** - 1/4 Finalist of the Australian U/14'S Singles Championship in Perth

**Taylah Lawless** - Qualified for the \$60,000 WTA Event in Bendigo

**Nikita Volonski** - Won the ITF Junior Singles U/18'S IN Christchurch New Zealand and now has a World Junior ranking of 80

**Bojana Marinkov** - Awarded a Tennis Scholarship to Texas Tech University

Well done everybody!



## Thommo's Tennis Tip of the month – Smashes

The most important thing is to read the flight of the lob coming towards you. Get into a side on position and try to get behind the ball, even if moving back, so that you can get your weight into the shot. If the trajectory of the ball is very high it might be better to let it bounce and hit the smash then.

## Tim's Monthly Report

### Pro-Shop News

Your Tennis Pro Shop has now signed supply contracts to stock the full product range of leading brands in our game. From shoes, racquets, clothing or accessories; you will receive "Member pricing" with your current HKDTA membership. We are eager to look after our members with the best gear at competitive prices.



### Maintenance News

A productive couple of months have gone by quickly. We are keen to provide a safe and comfortable venue for your Tennis fix.

### Court Sweepers

We have left court sweepers in between courts on the fence lines at Mills Park & Berowra to use if required. Whilst we have a regular schedule to sweep and clean the courts, weather can play havoc and we welcome players giving the courts a quick sweep before playing if I am unavailable. Please tie them up & off the ground when finished as they are an important tool that can be damaged if not hanging up after use. Thanks!

### **Mills Park Update**

- Thanks to Stuart Hillier for your volunteer help these past few weeks in the gardens. We are improving the landscape at the complex slowly but surely. Thanks Stuart.
- Courts surfaces on 3 & 7 have improved in appearance with a little focus and assistance. Council are working with us to remove the trees that are causing the problem.
- An audit with Tennis Australia on the complex facilities was completed. We are working with TA to deliver the best experience we can for all our customers.

### **Berowra Update**

- Improvements to the amenities in the clubhouse are completed.
- As it is at times with Mills Park, the court surfaces have received a fair amount of debris these past weeks from the weather. We will continue to provide a regular service to assist in keeping the courts clean.

### **Social tennis UPDATE**

Our social tennis at Asquith is growing and we want you and your friends to join us!

HKDTA organises three social tennis events every week:  
7:30-9:30 Wednesday evenings (for all player standards)  
1:30-5:00 Saturdays (intermediate and higher standard)  
2:00-5:00 Sundays (for all player standards)

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

No need to book. Just turn up when it suits you. We will do our best to provide you with challenging tennis which is fun and non competitive.

See <http://hkdt.com.au/HKDTA-Social.aspx> for more details.

Watch out for NEW Open Court Sessions starting summer evenings for fun social tennis with a difference!  
We will provide details soon.





Congratulations to HKDTA member Kristine Papasin who recently won the “Mrs Glamour Look of the Year International 2019” at the Cristina Villa Mountain Resort in Manila, Philippines. Kristine will be promoting tennis and HKDTA at her media appearances around Asia during her reign as Mrs Glamour Look of the Year International. A part of her role is also to support charities, and Kristine is supporting Blue Whale Mission of our Lady ( logo attached). More information is available at Mrs Glamour Look International Facebook page

or you can contact Kristine on [0473005038](tel:0473005038).

She is going to Philippines in November to visit the charity. Any donation is highly appreciated.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MrsGlamourLookOfTheYear/posts/>



## **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.

## **HKDTA Competitions**

### **NEW THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED COMP STARTING 5 DECEMBER**

Four players to a team. Two men & two women. Each man plays two men’s and two mixed doubles. Each lady plays two ladies and two mixed doubles.

If you have any questions and would like to register, please email [pres@hkdt.net.au](mailto:pres@hkdt.net.au) or call 0410 487 219.

