

Around the Courts

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Talking tennis with the Tysoes



L to R: Alice and Linda Tysoe

This month, we get to know mother and daughter dynamic tennis duo, **Linda and Alice Tysoe**. We talk about their tennis, and the special relationship they have formed due to their shared love of the game.

Linda has an impressive tennis background. As a 12 and 14-year-old she won the Upper Hunter Championships as well as the Howe Park - Singleton Club Championships. Linda currently competes in our Tuesday Night Comp.

Her daughter Alice, was a recent proud winner of the HKDTA Under 14 Girls' Club Championship in singles. She is also the No.1 ranked player at her school and she helps coach Hot Shots during school holiday camps and on Saturday mornings.

Here's what we found out....

How old were you when you took up tennis?

Linda: I began hitting with my family when I was about 7 years old. My sister and I went to local tennis camps during school holidays and then started having individual lessons during high school.

Alice: I was about 10 years old and attended holiday tennis camp at Mills Park with my friend Jodie.

What got you interested in tennis?

Linda: We lived opposite tennis courts, a football field and a golf club in the Hunter Valley town of Singleton. I was always outdoors, and tennis turned out to be my favourite sport.

Alice: My mother and grandparents who have a tennis court at their home in the Hunter Valley.

What is it that you love about the game?

Linda: I love the social aspect and the chance to maintain my fitness. No matter what level you are playing you can set goals for yourself within a match, whether you are winning or losing.

Alice: I like being outside, being active and playing with friends. I enjoy the challenge of improving.

How would you describe your game?

Linda: I have an all-court game and love volleying. Growing up and learning tennis on grass courts forced me to focus on volleying as an essential part of my game.

Alice: I would say it's evolving. My serve is becoming more consistent which allows me to set up a point more often and attack when it's appropriate.

Do you see a future playing together in comps or tournaments?

Linda: We thoroughly enjoyed playing together in the recent mini-comp doubles at Mills Park. I enjoy watching Alice improve her tennis and I'm happy to play with her if she wants me around (remember she is a teenager!).

Alice: No not really, let's just say I prefer to play with other styles of tennis players.

Editor: Don't worry Linda! It will be a step down, but I'll play with you!

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How has your shared love of tennis brought you closer together as mother and daughter?

Linda: It has meant we spend time together in the car driving to and from tournaments, which means she has to talk to her mother! I am so thrilled that Alice is playing tennis even though it is stressful at times but knowing that she is learning how to control her emotions to play well is a helpful skill to have off the court also.

Alice: Lots of time on the court practicing and time in the car. We would love to go to all four grand slams together one day. We enjoy watching tennis together, as long as Djokovic is playing.

Any advice for other tennis loving mothers and daughters?

Linda: As long as she is playing because she loves it I encourage her to keep improving and be the best that she can. Finding a few friends that have the same goal

is beneficial as they can push each other along and have fun whilst doing it.

Alice: It can be stressful having mum around during tournaments and making 'helpful' suggestions which contradict what my coach is wanting me to do, but she does help me when I get upset after a loss and I appreciate the time and money she has put into my tennis.

Editor: As tennis enthusiasts, we don't really need to find another great thing about the game of tennis, but we've just shown it's also a super way for parents and teenage children to connect!

Oh tennis! (sigh), is there anything you can't do.....



Tennis is in this family's DNA



Extended Collingridge family on Easter Monday

Winsome and Edith Collingridge come from a tennis playing family. Their father Joseph Collingridge was the Competition Secretary for Hornsby Killara District Tennis Association (now Hornsby Kuring-gai District Tennis Association) from 1950 to 1973, and is also a Life Member.

Their mother, whose maiden name was Hewitt, and her parents owned a house with a tennis court in Unwin Road Waitara, now part of Barker College.

The whole family played tennis and Winsome and Edith's aunty, Win Hewitt, achieved the distinction of

becoming the District Champion in Ladies Singles, Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles and captained the Angus and Coote Interdistrict team.

The family's love of tennis continues to this day. Each year on Easter Monday the extended family gathers to enjoy a few sets of tennis and a family reunion. This year, 43 people attended at Mills Park with about half of those playing tennis and the rest enjoying the park-like setting and sunshine. For many of the younger generation it was their first time playing tennis.

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Winsome and Edith have organised the tennis day since 2001 with the event being held at Mills Park since 2016. The ladies said, "This has proved to be our best venue with great courts and facilities, so that those not playing tennis can also enjoy the day. We have always been welcomed and well looked after by management for the enjoyment of all."

What a great way to get the extended family together and have fun at the same time.



We have court/clubhouse hire packages available for your next event.

Contact: office@hkdt.net.au for information.

Words of wisdom from our coach Shane



Shane Hiscox

Shane Hiscox has been a coach at Mills Park for many years now. He knows the game inside out and he puts energy and thoughtfulness into each coaching session he conducts. Here's some of his thoughts to keep in mind as you go about enjoying your tennis and improving your game:



You can see a lot by looking! For each ball your opponent hits, look for various helpful signs and watch "how" the ball is hit, whether flat, topspin, underspin, or sidespin. "See" the ball at the moment it leaves your opponent's racquet, watch the height, pace and movement of the ball in flight, watch the effect on the ball on landing on the surface of the court. And try to watch your racquet's contact with the ball.

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Play each point according to the score! The first point of your service game is VERY important so don't make a risky placement or try to hit too hard! If you lose this point, you are then in a position where you have to win the next three points in a row to be better than thirty all This creates pressure. If you only win two of the next three points, you will still be risking your opponent getting to the game winning point before you. To have the best chance of hitting the first ball of your service game in, aim at the middle of the box directly at your opponent, hopefully jamming them up and getting a short easy reply you can take advantage of.



Always use the POWER of your legs! With your legs, you can push forward and upward, or even jump as you hit the ball. This results in power added to your shots. Your legs create "energy" when they are bent and then quickly straightened. This energy is then transferred to power as you make contact with the ball.

We are hiring!



HKDTA is looking for an energetic **Facility Maintenance Officer** to assist with day-to-day maintenance of our centres at Mills Park Asquith and Berowra Tennis Centre.

The position is for 15-30 hours per week @ \$19.49 per hour.

You must be physically fit, reliable and friendly and you'll need to be flexible with your hours of availability with some days requiring a 7am start. You'll need a current driver licence and your own car for travel between our Asquith and Berowra centres.

Main tasks include (but are not limited to):

- Sweeping the sand on our courts and removing debris
- Lawn mowing and gardening
- Cleaning of clubhouses and toilets
- Simple maintenance tasks



For a full job description or enquires email pres@hkdt.net.au or **0410 487 219**.

Strings and Swings at Mills Park this October



MILLS PARK TENNIS CENTRE PRESENTS

Twilight Jazz & Tennis

SUNDAY OCT 10, 2021 5PM - 9PM

Strings 'n Swings





Enjoy the music while playing social tennis!

FEATURING: Sussudio Big Band

Light finger food & refreshments | **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$15** (Expires: 24/9/2021)

Adults: \$20 | Concession: \$15 | Adolescent: \$10 | Children under 12: ***FREE**

Tickets available via Trybooking

www.trybooking.com/745245

*Ticket must be presented.

Enquiries: office@hkdt.net.au

On the 10th October, Mills Park will come alive to the sounds of Jazz and Swing!

Strings and Swings is a community event open to HKDTA members, their guests and the local community. You'll enjoy the sounds of a four piece jazz band as you play tennis with friends or indulge in light refreshments in the beautiful parklike surrounds of our bushland setting.



Bookings are now open at <https://www.trybooking.com/BQKLH>

Don't miss out. This event will book out quickly.

Want a genuine discount on your new racquet?



The Pro Shop offers genuine discounts on a good range of racquets. Don't pay full price before you check with Tim in the Pro Shop to see what he can offer on:



Committee vacancy

We currently have a casual vacancy on our committee and are looking for a volunteer to fill this position from now until our AGM in September. This is your chance to get involved and help set the future directions of HKDTA and to be involved in the oversight of the management of our Berowra and Mills Park tennis centres.



For more information or enquires email pres@hkdt.net.au



New club name will be revealed soon!

After consulting with members, the committee has landed on a **new club name**. Our new name and logo will be revealed in the coming weeks.

We are busy organising a launch video and creating a new website, signage and other club materials. It's taking some time, but we want to get it right!

How to track your results through League Manager

Did you know that most HKDTA competitions use Tennis Australia's League Manager software? This gives all HKDTA players a Tennis Australia profile on your dashboard. It allows you to see all the matches you have played and any upcoming matches (both within HKDTA and in any other comps that are using the League Manager software).

It also shows an up-to-date ladder in comps that you are a part of, as well as your Tennis Australia rating and Universal Tennis Rating (UTR).



For more information on how to get your Tennis Australia League Manager profile check out our [website](#).

Check out the dashboard for HKDTA President, Eddy Watson, below. ▼



Eddy Watson

RATINGS

Tennis Australia

3^P Singles **3** Doubles

UTR

4. Singles **5.** Doubles

[View MyUTR profile](#)


LAST 5 RESULTS

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To Do

Hornsby Kuring-Gai District Te...
Thursday Mixed Autom... | Division 1



Kuring-gai P...

Round 7


HKDTA

Fault Less

Enter Score


Upcoming Matches

Hornsby Kuring-Gai District Te...
Tuesday Night Compet... | A2 (Wimbledon)



The Phantoms

Round 10
27 APR
Tue 07:00 PM




Comeback Kid...

Match Details


Past Matches

Hornsby Kuring-Gai District Te...
Tuesday Night Compet... | A2 (Wimbledon)



Tigers

Round 9
0 - 5
Official



Comeback Kid...

Full Score

Ladders

Hornsby Kuring-Gai District Te...
Tuesday Night Compet... | A2 (Wimbledon)

POS	TEAM	P	PTS
1	▲ Comeback Kids	5	19
2	▼ Casual Sets	5	18
3	● The Phantoms	5	14
4	● WIP	5	11
5	● Frame Shotz	5	11

Full Ladder

Results

58%


15 wins

Results

42%

11 losses

2019



Performance

All Results

