



Superb Tennis

Fun Fitness Friendship

AROUND THE COURTS

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OUR CENTENARY

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

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MARIA GABRYS



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our Centenary celebrations wrapped up recently with a sausage sizzle, the cutting of our birthday cake, an exhibition match featuring two of our club champions and an afternoon of social tennis.

A HUGE thank you to everybody for all the work that went into making this a great event! Particularly to Beate, Margaret, Tim, Laneth, Theresa, Linda, Stuart & Chris for the planning and the fruit plates, flowers, candles, balloons etc that made the place look gorgeous.

It was great to have Mayor Ruddock in attendance, along with Melissa Achten, (President), Brett Bevan (Director) and Darren Simpson (CEO) from Tennis NSW, local Ward Councillors Monika Ball and Nathan Tilbury, and former presidents of our Association Harry Beck, Ian Pack and Marc Donnelly, along with other life & gold members joining us for the celebration!

A special thanks to the Gabrys family for their help over the weekend, Gavin for the tree, Dave Wooldridge for his support and the Collingridge family!

We hope you enjoy the photos in this newsletter, and on our Facebook page.

Eddy Watson
President







MEMBER IN FOCUS

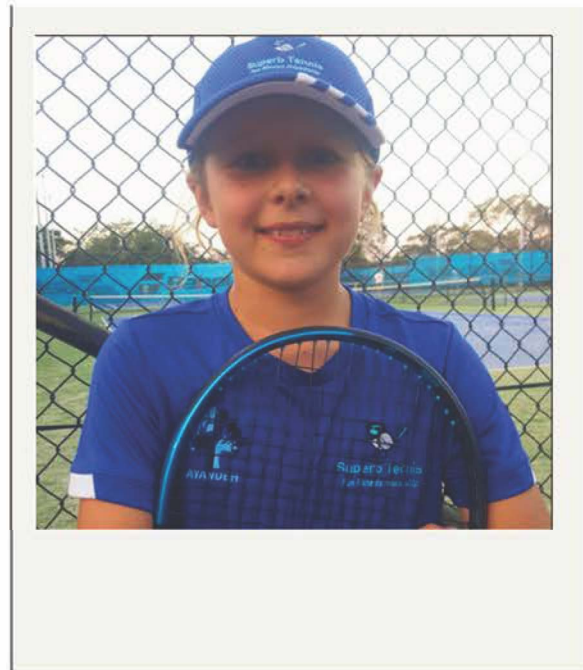
Maria Gabrys

How did you first get interested in playing tennis?

We came across a tennis centre and I said to my mum "I want to play this sport". Ever since then I was determined to play tennis.

Who is your favourite tennis player, and what do you admire most about them?

My favourite tennis player is Iga Swiatek because she is nice on and off the court, and she behaves well. Whenever she plays, she is aggressive and is always going for the shots. Iga fights even if she is losing and never thinks the game is over until it is.



What's your favourite shot to play in tennis, and why?

Probably the serve and forehand because I hit them nicely and with a lot of power but, at the same time, with control. They are easy for me to control even if someone hits it very hard to my forehand.

Who is your tennis coach, and what is the most valuable piece of advice they've given you?

My tennis coach is Steve Thompson. The most valuable piece of advice he has given me is probably about the grip on my forehand and the swing on my serve.

What influence do your parents have on your tennis career?

They are really chill about it and they don't put pressure on me that I have to 'win, win, win!'. All they tell me is to try my best and to have fun, even at big events.

What do you enjoy most about being a part of our club, Superb Tennis?

I really love that everyone knows each other, and that everyone is very nice and friendly. It is a great community to be part of, and the environment around the club is nice too - it is a very peaceful and calm place.

What would you say to other kids who are thinking about trying tennis for the first time?

It is very fun and at the same time it is an active sport. It is a friendly game and at the end of each tennis match you are always friends with your opponent.

What are your biggest tennis dreams for your future?

My biggest dream is to become the World No.1! It has, and always will be, my biggest dream forever and ever. I want to be just like Iga Swiatek and be number one in the whole world. I want to become the new, better version of Iga.



2024 COMMITTEE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS WHO WERE ELECTED AS OFFICE
BEARERS FOR 2024:

President: Ros Read

Vice President: Katarzyna Musial-Gabrys

Treasurer: Lyall Pogue

Secretary: Margaret Stirling

General Committee:

Laneth Bissett

Stuart Hillier

Theresa Johnson

**We have two vacant positions
for the General Committee.
Please email office@superbtennis.com.au
if you would like to volunteer
or nominate for this position.**

**"What inspires
me to be in the
committee is
seeing the
positive
changes and the
progress we
have achieved
in previous
years. It is very
rewarding and
fulfilling.."**

Laneth B.

"After joining competition tennis at Mills in 1995, I found that not only was I getting exercise, but I was also socialising and forming lifelong friendships. When I joined the committee three years ago, I took my commitment to another level by experiencing and seeing the changes and progress made at the club, knowing that I was able to contribute." - Theresa Johnson

TOURNAMENT NEWS

Under 10 Interdistrict

Huge congratulations to our girls in the Under 10's Interdistrict Team who finished as Runner-Up in the Harry Beck Cup. We are very proud of you girls for representing our club. Well done on this fantastic achievement!

Australian Grass Court Championships - 12u and 14u NSW Qualifying

Mills Park had the privilege of hosting the qualifying matches for the 12u and 14u Australian Grasscourt Championships on December 9-10.

The event attracted the best juniors in the state and was a great opportunity to showcase our centre and operations at Mills Park for the state's elite players, and Tennis NSW team who ran the event.



COMPETITION INFO

Monday Morning Ladies Comp: Registration closes 29 Jan. New comp starts 5 Feb.

Monday Night Quick Mix: Resumes 5 February

Tuesday Night Comp: Resumes 30 January

Wednesday Morning Comp: Resumes 31 January

Thursday Night Mixed Doubles Comp: Resumes 8 February

Friday Juniors Comp: Resumes 9 February

Junior Competition Registration and Grading Day: Friday 2 February

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUPERB TENNIS CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2023 - 2024

Please click on the link [HERE](#) to view our opening/closing times as well as events for the next two months of Tennis!

Tennis Holiday Camps at Berowra & Mills Park.

Please check our [website](#) for more info & registration.

"TRY TENNIS @MILLS PARK"

Never played tennis? Not sure it's the game for you? Haven't played for a while? Superb Tennis are offering 1 hour "try tennis" sessions for adults this festive season. Zero pressure & max fun is the plan with hosted group sessions taking beginners through the basics of playing the game of a lifetime.

We provide the equipment, hosts, music & courts.

DATES: Monday 8 January 2024 - Thursday 25 January 2024

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

FROM THE PRO-SHOP



2024 Racquets Released

Most of the big brands are releasing the 2024 range of racquets on the market this month. Some (Wilson) offer a new line, others are freshening the look at their popular lines (Babolat/Head). Prices on some 2023 styles are being discounted to make way for new stock and it could be a good time to upgrade. We offer a monthly ordering service to ensure your pricing is another advantage to being a member. Pop in and have a chat to freshen up your game at the pointy end.

Our special this month is for the Technifibre Range. These are quickly becoming the "go to" weapon of more and more Top 20 players on the ATP & WTA. The quality of the build in these racquets is obvious. They are a serious racquet for those serious about their game.

Value offers

The end of the year presents opportunities for the pro shop & its customers. Most of our suppliers start to clear out their 2023 stock in preparation for the new Aussie season of tennis. This allows our club to provide some great value offers to pass on to our members. Drop by the Mills Park Pro Shop and check out what's on offer.

Members FAQ:

"Do you offer a demo racquet service?"

Turnover doesn't match the bigger stores to be able to provide this service at the moment. However, we have a number of different ways to overcome the challenge. Pop in to the Pro-Shop and let's discuss your needs.

Insoles back in stock

Conversations with respected players and experts in Tennis has led us to renew our partnership with Sorbothane Australia.

Manufacturing tennis-specific insoles, they come highly recommended from those "in the know".

Sorbothane "Sorbo court" is the upgrade to your game that gives your feet the support it needs. Available in most sizes for men and women's.

Cost: \$49 for members



MEMBER OFFERS



United Cup Ticket Discount

We are pleased to be able to offer members a discounted rate to the United Cup Tennis, to be held at Ken Rosewall Arena on 30 December - 7 January.

To access the discounted rate, scan the QR code in the image above. These posters will also be available onsite.

Centenary Merchandise

Exclusive centenary Superb Tennis items are still available for sale at our Pro-Shop.

Purchase your memento of this special occasion while stocks last!



*Wishing all our members
a Merry Christmas!*

FROM THE SUPERB TENNIS TEAM