

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Albert Park Lawn Tennis Club



Diary Dates

Sunday March 6:
Mixed-Up Doubles

May (TBC):
Men's and Women's Club
Championships

Weekly – Thursday Night:
Ladies tennis resumes this week. Just turn up to the club around 7 pm with play going to 9pm. \$2 covers the cost of balls and lights. The standard is competitive but the atmosphere is friendly and welcoming.



MIXED UP DOUBLES

Mark down Sunday, March 6 for the annual Mixed-Up Doubles competition. It's a fun, relaxed day, but you will also get to play some good tennis. Matches consist of 8 games with a change of partner after 4 games. (Don't worry, there will be someone adding up the scores.)

The club will provide tea, coffee, buns and lunch but BYO drinks. The event kicks off at 8.30 am and finishes around 3 pm. Sign up on the noticeboard in the clubhouse or contact committee member Michael Fisher on 0424 644651.

VISITORS

A reminder that visitors are welcome but they must be signed in by a member, pay a \$5 fee and they are restricted to three visits a month.

Also, there have been reports of people climbing the fence to get in which is an extremely dangerous thing to do. We are certain that on at least one occasion that the group weren't members of the club and so were trespassing. If you see this happening, please call the police.

MEMBERS CORNER



Gaye Mason is into her third year on the Committee and as a CPA and risk governance person by profession there's usually something she can help with.

Gaye and her husband Bob Snell have been members of the club since the lights went in and the courts were rebuilt, so nearly 10 years. However, she reckons that she was on the waiting list for seven years before that.

Her favourite thing about the APLTC? "I love that we can walk to and from the courts, especially after the Wednesday night social tennis and barbecue."

TENNIS COACHING

Our coach Nicole Bruce-Smith will be known to many of you. She should be, she's been the APLTC coach for 26 years and has coached more than 3000 locals. You'll find Nicole at the courts every afternoon and on Saturday from 8 am until 1 pm.

Nicole Bruce-Smith
Home: 9504 2509
Mob: 0403 610 547

NEW PLAYERS WANTED

Both the APLTC ladies and men's' pennant teams are looking for new players.

The Bayside mid-week ladies pennant team plays on Thursdays from 10 am to 2.30 pm and welcomes new players even if you can't commit to weekly games. Please contact club president Peter Davidson on **0409 935 936**.

The APLTC men's pennant team is looking for new players. There is a range of formats to play including singles and doubles and all playing standards are welcome.

The upcoming Winter competition from mid-April to August is played Saturday afternoons from 1pm and the team play both home and away matches. Please contact team captain Bill Katelis on 0407 827 876 or email bkatelis@gmail.com

COURT AVAILABILITY

With only two courts and a busy schedule, court access is limited. Here is an overview of when the courts are in use.

- **Coaching**
Monday: 9.30 am to 10.30 am - both courts used.
3.30 pm to 7 pm - one court available
Tuesday: 3.45 pm to 5.45 pm - one court available.
Wednesday: 3 pm to 5.30 pm - one court available.
Thursday: 3.45 pm to 8.45 pm - one court available until 7pm when the ladies social game starts.
Friday: 9.30 am to 12 noon - one court available;
3.30pm to 8.30 pm - one court available.
Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm - both courts used.
- **Competition**
Our Bayside Mid-Week Ladies pennant team takes over both courts every alternate Thursday from 10 am – 2.30 pm during school terms. Check the noticeboard in the clubhouse for when they are playing.
- **Social Tennis**
Both courts are used on:
Sunday 8 am to 12.30 pm – mixed group, games to 8.
Tuesday 5.30 pm to 10 pm – men's group, high level.
Wednesday 5.30 pm to 10 pm – mixed group followed by barbecue.
Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm – women's tennis, competitive standard.

New players welcome, although Tuesday is a long-established group of top players. For more information call APLTC president Peter Davidson on 0409 935 936.