

Serpell Tennis Club Electronic Newsletter

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Club Updates.

Annual Fees Now Due — The annual fees to be a member of the Serpell Tennis Club have been kept unchanged from last year. The value for money that you get for being a member is outstanding and is significantly less than Cricket, Football, Soccer, Joining a Gym or even Lawn Bowls. An entire year of access to courts, competition, social tennis and companionship for less than \$3 per week. What a BARGAIN!

You should receive your renewal notice soon, so please pay your fees by the end of this month so that the club can continue to offer the best value for money exercise going around. Fees can be paid at the Club House on October 23rd during the Club Open Day.

- **Club Open Day October 23rd.** — Every couple of years we run an Open Day/Family Day where we invite members and non-members to avail themselves of all that the club has to offer. We run games, have a ball machine available, demonstration rackets to try, a serving radar to test the speed of your serve and put on a BBQ. Cardio Tennis sessions will be run so you can improve your fitness as well. This year will also include a presentation by Rod Lack on the History of Tennis and will include a fine selection of Tennis Memorabilia. It's a great way to meet other members and to introduce your friends and family to our fantastic club. The day starts at 3pm and will run until 6pm. Come along and bring your family and friends
- **Working Bee**—The club will be holding a working bee on Sunday October 16th from 3pm until 5pm. If you can spare some time to help with some painting, gardening or general odd jobs, it would be greatly appreciated. BBQ and Drinks after. Sign up in the club house so we know how many to expect.
- **ERTA Update**— Serpell's OR3 Sunday team, Ben Mansell and Alex Jayawardene, finished second on the ladder, and earned the right to meet the undefeated Doncaster team in the final. In the final, Doncaster used all their skill and experience to take out the title. Alex and Ben both put in good performances in the sunny conditions and made all three Doncaster players work hard for their victory. Well done to both Alex and Ben for taking out the runner's up flag.

ERTA Competition tennis for both Juniors and Seniors recommences on Saturday October 8th. Check with you convenor (Junior—Jennie Waters, Senior—Paul Baldwin) for your section and game roster.
- **Club Champs**—The 2016 Club Championships doubles competition was held in September with some outstanding tennis played. The winners were:
Open—Rohan Mawby and Paul Carty def. Paul Baldwin and Eleni Thomas
18 and Under—George Kypranou and Justine Grimaldi def. Lachlan Roper and Luisa Watkins
14 and Under—Cameron Roper and Ben Mansell
- **Club House Keys**—Every few years we replace the locks on the doors to ensure only members have ongoing access to the club and its facilities. This year we will be changing all of the locks on the 24th of October. If you have a key, and you are a financial member, you may exchange your old key for a new one on Sunday October 23rd during the Open Day. New keys may be procured at the same time.

Happy Tennis.



Ben Mansell and Alex Jayawardene
Runners Up in the Winter ERTA Open Rubbers Section Three.

Member of the Month...

Name: Ross Hocking—Club President
 Birthday: 21 March, 1970
 Work/School: KPMG Law

I play tennis because... After more than 30 years I still play because it is a great sport that allows physical exercise, is challenging mentally and most importantly has allowed me to make life long friends.

My best tennis memory is... My fondest tennis memory is hitting a cross court back hand winner to win a tie break and with it a junior premiership. Not so fantastic, was the trip to Albury, where after a 320km journey, my partner and I were thrashed 8-0, after only winning two points for the entire match.

Keep up with all the latest news



What's on at Serpell...

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events at Serpell Tennis Club

Oct 8/9 - ERTA Summer Season Starts
 Oct 16 - Working Bee—3pm until 5pm
 Oct 23 - Open Day/ Registration Day
 Dec 16 - Christmas Breakup
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 Feb 4, 2017 ERTA Season recommences

Serpell Tennis Club Open Day
Sunday October 23rd—3pm until 6pm
Cardio Tennis, Ball Machine, Serving Radar, Demonstration Rackets, BBQ. Friends and Family all Welcome

Tennis Tip of the Month

Beating players in "No Man's Land."

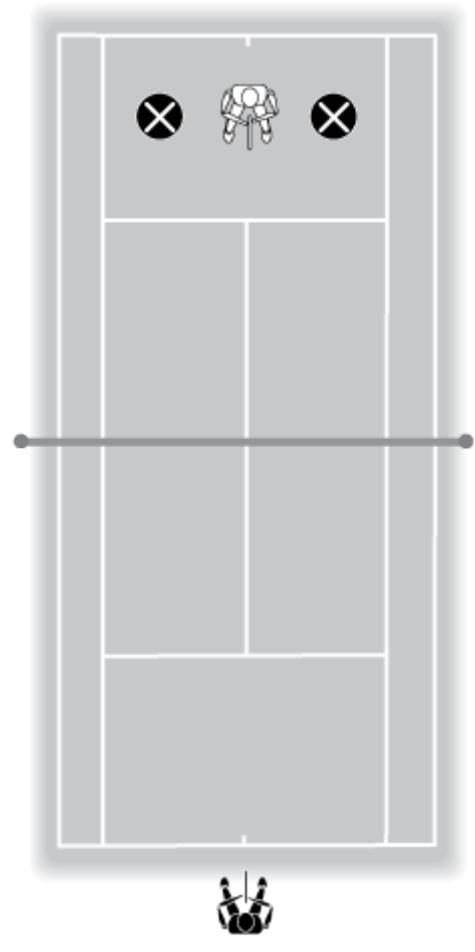
Have you ever lost to a player who plays from no-man's land and runs you all over the court? Hitting drop shots doesn't work because your opponent is half way to the net already and lobbing doesn't work because he is too close to the baseline. What can you do?

Your opponent is playing from no-man's land because he does not move very well. Playing from the center of the court provides the best opportunity to reach your shots.

The disadvantage is that many balls land at his feet. This is how you need to exploit his court position.

To beat a player who plays from no-man's land you must bounce your shots at foot depth- this forces him to hit up. But even better than aiming for his feet is to aim foot-depth but into the openings to either side. This forces him to move AND hit up. To do this, you must have good control of the depth of your own shots.

Once you've hit low and created an opening, move toward the net and play your next shot into the opening you created or angle the ball off the court.




Aim at foot depth.

Birthdays and Celebrations: Best of wishes to the following members who will be celebrating their birthday in October:

Beth BOLTON	Joanne STANTON
Ruubin HUANG	Stephanie ESHAK
Qian MANTON	Donna LACK
Julia WALLIS	Jasper GLAB
Tilly ROPER	Joel HENRY
Mariah PAPAKONSTANTINO	

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