

# Across The Net

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## **New!! SOCIAL SUNDAYS AT SERPELL.**

The weekend has come to an end, you've partied, worked, studied, look after the kids etc. etc. But you didn't get around to any exercise. Well, here's your chance to fix that! With the weather improving and the days getting longer, Sunday evenings make the perfect time to finally get some exercise and have some fun.

**SOCIAL SUNDAYS AT SERPELL** is just as it says. Social tennis, on Sunday evenings at Serpell Tennis club. All ages and abilities.

Here's how you can be a part of it.

1. Meet at the club from about 4:30pm onwards.
2. Bring your friends and family (members or not).
3. Join a group, find a court and play some tennis.
4. We'll fire up the BBQ at 6:30pm and bang on some burgers and snags.
5. Of course the Bar will be open all afternoon and well into the evening.

It's all about relaxed, fun, social, tennis.

### **Cost:**

Members – free

Guests - \$2.00

### **Refreshments:**

Drinks at bar prices.

Food - \$1.50 for a Sausage, \$2.00 for a Burger (Chicken or Beef) or we can order in Pizza's.

### **When:**

Every Sunday Afternoon starting from 4.30 November 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Who's in Charge**

Nima Goharpey is the man in charge. You can call or SMS Nima on 0425 727 441 to advise your attendance. Alternatively email [serpelltennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:serpelltennisclub@gmail.com)

## Presidents report.

Welcome to this edition of "Over The Net".

Serpell Tennis Club has had another busy and interesting year. The latest good news is that we have secured a generous sponsorship from Bendigo Bank Lower Templestowe. We greatly appreciate their support and we look forward to building a great relationship. If you need a loan or any other banking products, please contact Ben Leigh on 9846 1455. Please mention you are from Serpell Tennis Club.

As you would have seen in this newsletter we have introduced Social Sundays at Serpell. What a great way to get some much needed exercise and catch up with the friendly folk at our club. It sounds like a lot of fun so I look forward to seeing you at the club.

The new surface on courts on three and four has been down for about seven months now. They have been greatly appreciated by all who play on them.

The night tennis finals are nearly upon us. Good luck to all the teams who are fortunate enough to make the finals.

Happy hitting.

Andrew Lack.

### **CARE and MAINTENANCE of POLICLAY tennis courts:**

The club has invested heavily to upgrade our facilities through the installation of Policlay tennis courts. This surface not only looks great, but plays well in all weather conditions and provides consistent playing conditions all year round.

Maintenance of these courts is minimal, but there are some things that must be done to ensure they continue to look good, play well and last a long time.

All members are asked to follow the following:

1. Only appropriate footwear should be worn. - Shoes with leather soles, or aggressive tread patterns and ladies street shoes with pointed heels can all damage the surface and reduce the life of the courts.
2. After play please bag the court - Bagging the court redistributes the sand to ensure consistent bounce and to protect the underlying fibres of the court. It also removes ball marks, foot marks and makes it easier for players to make line calls in subsequent games. Whilst courts do not require bagging between sets, they **MUST** be bagged after you have finished play for that session.
3. Lock the courts after you have finished - Often courts are left unlocked which increases the risk for misuse and vandalism. Please ensure that the padlock is correctly in place and snapped shut.

By following these simple requests it will ensure that the courts at Serpell Tennis Club continue to offer excellent playing conditions. Thanks for your help with this.

## **Mid-Week Ladies Report - November 2011:**

In the season just gone, we are pleased to report that the ladies playing in the Heidelberg & Dist Association were the Grand Final winners of Section 4.

Congratulations to Wendy, Judith, Rochelle, Sue, Cathy and Margaret. Well done!!! We wish you good luck for the current season ahead.

Our 3 MEMRLTA Serpell Ladies teams are now well into the Summer Season. Our A10 team is currently doing exceptionally well at the very top of their ladder and our A9 & B1 teams have just recently decided to begin a slightly delayed surge upwards on their respective ladders. Our motto is "never give up"!

Any Mums out there with a bit of free time who have now got their kids off to school and used to play when they were teens, we would love to have you put your name down as an emergency for our teams.

You could also brush up your skills by coming down to the Monday Social group - great tennis! Just contact the club via email or ring any of the committee members.

Joy Kaias

## **Thursday Night Social Tennis**

Are you too busy to commit to competitive tennis, yet still looking for some regular exercise and fun?

Then come and join the Thursday Night Social Tennis Group.

The group is currently made up of 9 members and the start time is 7 pm. Emails are typically exchanged during the afternoon and depending on the number of people who show up, we play doubles, singles or even occasionally American doubles.

The players are of varying age groups and have played at different levels so we balance the pairings and once you add in the competitive spirit, most sets are hard fought. Typically the evening finishes between 9 and 10 pm, with close to 3 sets played on most nights. We have had several new members sign up to this group and with the weather improving we are looking forward to some good nights of tennis.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Sandeep Chitale on 0412094945 or [schitale@optusnet.com.au](mailto:schitale@optusnet.com.au)

## **Email Address**

Our preferred way to keep you informed of upcoming events and club news is by email. Our email address is:

[serpelltennisclub@gmail.com](mailto:serpelltennisclub@gmail.com)

If you have a new email address or you have not yet supplied one, please send an email to the above address.

Privacy policy. We collect your personal data only for the use of the Serpell Tennis Club. It will not be shared with third parties except for administration purposes.

For example, Tennis Victoria.

### **Membership Report: David Booth – Membership Secretary.**

The Serpell Tennis Club maintains a healthy level of membership, that allows all members the opportunity to maximise their utilization of the club and its facilities. However **YOU** as a member need to embrace what the club has to offer.

If you wish to play more tennis consider attending any of the Social Tennis Sessions that are available. Monday mornings, Thursday evenings, Friday mornings and coming soon, Sunday afternoons. Players of all standards are welcome.

Need to improve your game - Book a lesson or two with club coach Paul Baldwin. Paul can advise you on how to improve your strokes, read the game, get the most from your shots and generally become a better player. He is always approachable and happy to discuss your game.

Would you like to play competition tennis - This is where Serpell really excels. We have so many different competitions and standards that nearly everyone can be accommodated. The club fields junior teams on Saturday and Sunday mornings, Senior teams on Saturday and Sunday Afternoons, Mid-Week ladies teams during the week and our most popular competition is the Night Tennis held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays. If you want to be in a team, or would like to form your own team, then Serpell Tennis Club can find a competition for you.

Make the most of your membership, by getting the most out of your club. For further information contact Paul Baldwin, Geoff Bandy or David Booth.

### **Eastern Region Tennis**

The Winter season of the ERT Association finished with two of our teams being Premiers. Congratulations to the Mixed 3 team (Aleksandra Sljivic, Celeste Carey, Tabitha Chan, Tim Waters, Matt Nagel & Varum Chitale) and the JOSD 12 team (Lachlan Roper, Brian Lin, Eleni Thomas, Louisa Watkins and Neil Javadi). Both these teams played great tennis to win their finals but were also fantastic representatives of Serpell Tennis Club!

The Summer season commenced on October 15 and there are 10 Junior teams and 4 Senior teams competing. It is great to see some of the older juniors playing in senior teams and continuing to play competition tennis on the weekends. Welcome to the new players and their families. We hope that you have a great time playing tennis and get involved in some of our social activities. There's lots of fun to be had!!

Jennie Waters.



### **Social tennis.**

There is social tennis every Monday and Wednesday morning starting at 9.00 AM.

All you need to do to join in is turn up! How easy is that?

## Club Championships

Each year the club conducts a tournament to determine the best junior and senior players in the club. In 2011, the Club Championships were run during August to determine the top singles players.

After the round robin stage, the finalists in the 12 and under section were Tane Thomas and Devon Fourie. In the seniors Tim Waters and Jonathan Manton emerged as the worthy finalists.

After two highly competitive matches the eventual winners were Tane Thomas and Jonathan Manton. Winners and runners-up were presented with their trophies by president Andrew Lack at the Annual General Meeting

Thanks to all the players who entered and to Paul Baldwin for organising the matches.



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