



80th Annual General Meeting

Hills District Tennis Association Inc.

Monday 16th December 2013

Caterson Tennis Centre

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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Agenda

The Business of the 2013 Annual General Meeting is as follows;

1. Receipt of apologies
2. Reading & confirmation of minutes from prior AGM
3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report
4. Consideration and adoption of Financial Report
5. Consideration and adoption of Honorariums
6. Notices of Motion – None received
7. Election of office bearers
8. General Business

Nominations for Committee of Management for 2013/14: -

- President
- Vice-President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Positions: - (3 positions)



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Minutes of 79th Annual General Meeting 6th December 2012

Robert Waller, Association President opened the meeting at 7:40 pm and welcomed all members. There were 12 members eligible to vote in attendance.

Agenda

1. Receipt of apologies Craig Edwards , Stephen Hill

2. Adoption of 2011 AGM Minutes.

Motion was moved by Linda Bestford seconded by Trish Sanford to adopt the Minutes - carried.

3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report 2011.

Motion was moved by Ruth Didsbury seconded by Hans Luttringer to adopt the Annual Report - carried.

4. Consideration and adoption of audited Financial Statements 2011/12.

Glen Sanford (presenting as acting Treasurer) spoke to the meeting regarding the financial statements. He stated that we had experienced an overall deficit for 2012; however the writing down of the depreciation expense for new Fences at Dural had contributed to this loss. DTC assets have now been fully depreciated and aligned with the expiry of the DTC Lease in October 2012.

Glen highlighted that the financial reports indicate that we are now in a stronger position than in the past.

Motion moved by Lal Jawardene seconded by Trish Sanford to adopt the Financial Statements - carried.

5. Consideration and Adoption of Honorariums.

An amount of \$7,000 was recommended by the Committee of Management. This amount will be allocated to both Committee Members and Competition Secretaries to reimburse out of pocket expenses such as personal use of motor vehicles, mobile phones and home computers, printers & internet connection.

Motion moved by Michelle Smith; seconded by Trish Sanford to adopt the Committee of Management recommendation - carried.

6. Election of Office Bearers of the Association and Ordinary members of the Committee



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Nominations for Committee of Management 2012/2013

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Result</u>
Officer Bearers:-		
1. <i>President</i>	TRISH SANFORD	Elected Unopposed
2. <i>Vice President</i>	HANS LUTTRINGER	Elected Unopposed
3. <i>General Secretary</i>	LINDA BESTFORD	Elected Unopposed
4. <i>Treasurer</i>	No nomination	To be addressed by new Committee of Management
Committee: (3 positions)		
1. <i>Ordinary member</i>	RUTH DIDSBURY	Elected Unopposed
2. <i>Ordinary member</i>	NEIL SMITH	Elected Unopposed
3. <i>Ordinary member</i>	CRAIG EDWARDS	Elected Unopposed

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Neil Smith requested that we should consider updating the Honary Board in main CTC clubhouse
- Neil Smith thanked Bob Waller and Stephen Hill for all of their contributions to HDTA as outgoing committee members

Meeting closed at 8:11 pm.



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President's Report

Welcome to the Association's 80th Annual General Meeting.

In my first year as President, our Committee of Management has worked tirelessly and I would like to thank them for all they have undertaken and achieved. We have some particularly pleasing achievements. A big thank you is extended to our Competition Secretaries; Lal Jayawardene, Helen Price, Linda Bestford and Tournament Director Alan Ling and Tournament Coordinator Ruth Didsbury and their support team. Without the personal effort of these people the organised playing opportunities for members would not exist. I wish to also thank our centre managers, their families and all of the coaching staff. We also thank the management and staff at Tennis NSW and special thanks to our Community tennis Officer Lucy Wood for all her support and assistance throughout the year.

HDTA is pleased to announce that Neil Smith, our Head coach at Caterson Tennis Centre for the last 21 years is now one of three finalists in the running for the 2013 Club Coach professional of the Year at the annual Newcombe medal awards. HDTA submitted the nomination for Neil as a way of recognition for Neil's tennis achievements, his great coaching skills and for the many contributions he has made at the association which has all earned him an excellent reputation as a coach in the Hills. We wish Neil luck as he attends the awards ceremony to be held 2nd December in Melbourne.

Ruth Didsbury, a Member of our Committee, has also been busy this year. Ruth has received her Court Supervisors certificate, Level B Referee and Lines Persons Certificate and has been chosen by Tennis Australia (TA) for the Exchange Program between the states to train officials in Melbourne later this year. TA is implementing this program, building a better rapport with the other states. She will be a Court Supervisor at an AMT/Platinum tournament at Melbourne Park later this year.

Well done Ruth, a great achievement.

Trish Sanford
President



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HDTA Highlights for 2012/13

- ❖ **Hills Tennis Open Day 2013** was held again as part of our club marketing and promotions. Our event this year was held at Dural Tennis Centre on Sunday 17th Feb. These annual Open Day events give the Association and our coaches a wonderful opportunity to advertise and promote all of our tennis offerings including competitions, coaching programs and provide some free tennis fun to our members. It's also a great opportunity to open up our centres to all of the local community and welcome new members to our great tennis facilities. We extend thanks to all HDTA staff, volunteers and our Coach/Centre Managers, Craig Edwards and Neil Smith for the role they play conducting this event in partnership with the Association in each year. We look forward to our next Open day which will be held at our Castle Hill Centre in February 2014.

- ❖ HDTA was successful again this year in being awarded two Tennis Australia sanctioned Australian ranking point tournaments. Our **Junior Hills Open Tournaments in 2013** were held in April & July school holidays at both of our centres at Castle Hill & Dural. We thank our HDTA centre managers and staff in ensuring the courts and facilities were always at their best during the tournaments and for the diligent service you delivered to the players and visitors in providing food and beverages each day. We also thank Andrew Sun and Kenthurst centre management for providing us with another high quality tennis facility to hold the large entry numbers at our tournaments. We are very proud of the good reputation HDTA has earned over the past few years in being able to consistently deliver well managed tournament events. The success of our junior tournaments has been a result of being able to have such a professional, qualified and well organised tournament team. Thank you to Alan Ling (Tournament Director), Ruth Didsbury (Tournament Coordinator) Dave Allen (Tournament referee) Sarah Didsbury (Tournament desk) and their team court supervisors for consistently delivering successful junior tournaments at our centres. We hope to continue to provide more tournament opportunities for all of our playing members in 2014.



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- ❖ **2013 Winter Badge Competition:** This year we had 3 men's teams and 1 Ladies team representing HDTA and competing in the Tennis NSW badge competition. Congratulations to all of our HDTA Badge teams competing this year.

Mens Premier League team

Neil Smith
Robert Kilborn
Blake Smith
Cameron Smith
Jordan Smith
Iggy Javanovic
Paul Hoysted

Mens 1:1

Craig Edwards
Daniel Brewer
Brian Leggett
Senaka Subasinghe
Clinton Schoeman
Todd Woodlands

Mens 1:2

Chris Fletcher
Michael Johnson
Marcus Kilborn
Daniel Curran
Darren Wood

Ladies 1:2

Marie Brandis	Samantha Reid	Denise Martin	Bev Eddington
Robyn Langdon	Lyn Bellamy	Denise Plummer	

We make a special mention of the Men's Premier league team (captained by Neil Smith) who were successful again this year in the winning the finals against Hawkesbury. HDTA can be very proud of this team and make special mention that they are the first team ever to have played and won with four members of the same family in the team. Congratulations and well done to Neil and his team.

- ❖ **Our 2013 representative Interdistrict** team comprised of some more high quality tennis players. Nathan Boniel, Daniel Brewer, Daniel Curran , Jamie Fraser and Mark McCleay all competed in Division 1 of the Open Blackwell Cup and finished 5th in the competition . We thank our players for once again representing the Association and congratulate them on this achievement. Thank you also to Leanne Brewer for taking on the team manager role once again and for assisting the boys throughout the competition.

Social Thursday Night Tennis

- ❖ The association commenced the social tennis on the 10th October 2012 and it has gone from strength to strength. We have around 80 keen tennis enthusiasts on our books who turn up to play on a regular basis and we average around 30 players attending every Thursday night. Our biggest turn out so far was 45 players and we averaged 20 in the winter months. We often have competition players attending during the school holidays and a lot of our group have moved from the social tennis and joined one of our many competitions. A friendlier bunch of people you could not meet and I look forward to running the social tennis in the future. We are hoping to create a social tennis night on the Thursday night at the Dural Tennis Centre in the near future.

Kim Crane
HDTA Staff



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Status of the Association and the Future Plans

- ❖ **Proposed Masterplan for CTC facility** – as a result of a meeting held between The Hills Shire council and the HDTA committee in December 2012 it was determined that a master plan for the CTC tennis facility was much needed to be able to plan better for all future facility improvements and capital works at the Castle Hill site. The HDTA committee along with the guidance and assistance of Brett Andrews (Tennis NSW facilities manager) were able to produce a Master plan design brief in June this year. The function of this design brief was to become a “wish list” containing the guidelines for the future needs and wants of our tennis playing members as well as catering to all casual visitors to our centre. This design brief contains a vision for providing quality tennis facilities which will meet the needs and expectations of members and our local community. Some of the suggested wish list items included the better use of our open grassed areas by planning for a family and kids friendly zone with the potential to offer facilities such as Hot shot courts, a practice hitting wall, playground and even crèche facilities. We look forward to working closely with council on developing the CTC Master Plan in 2014 and hope to ensure that our tennis vision and community needs are met become part of an approved master Plan for the Fred Caterson Tennis centre.

- ❖ **The Dural Tennis Centre Lease expired** in October 2012. The Hornsby Shire Council advised committee in July that the tender process and expression of interest notification will take place sometime before June 2014. During this time council has agreed that HDTA continues to manage the Dural centre with our coach and centre manager Craig Edwards on a monthly basis.

- ❖ **Sponsorship 2014-** HDTA committee is pleased to announce that we have acquired a major club sponsor for 2014. It has been a fairly slow process however as we are now currently in final negotiations with the sponsor, we will be better positioned in early 2014 to deliver details on future player and added membership benefits. We hope that the signing of this major sponsor will set a precedent for more tennis club sponsorship opportunities for businesses within our local district.

- ❖ **New Website for 2014-** HDTA committee will be looking at improving the look and feel of our current website in 2014. We aim to make it more user friendly and to also provide better online capabilities including new membership sign up, online registrations and real time scoring options. We believe that an improved site will further assist us in the effective management of our competitions and communications to our members and visitors.



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- ❖ **The HDTA membership** base for 2012/13 included 265 Adults and 455 junior tennis playing members. HDTA is proudly affiliated with our state association Tennis NSW and supports the new model of membership for 2013 /14 .The new model now available to clubs and associations allows for more flexibility and our ability to be able to offer better membership packages for every player who uses our tennis courts and facilities.

Tennis Centre Development Report

- ❖ Capital work projects completed in 2012/13
 - At CTC- Conversion of Shelter near Court 1 to secure pro shop / office storage room, new court surface to courts 4 & 10 Total cost \$60210 (which was fully funded from The Hills Shire council rent rebate program)
 - At Dural – New roof & insulation to pro shop and storage shed, new entrance fencing and gates to secure centre. Total cost \$8811 (which was 50% funded by HDTA and 50% by Hornsby council). Purchase of 7 new court sight screens \$700 (100 % funded by HDTA)
- ❖ Grant applications in 2012/13 – HDTA was successful in obtaining a volunteer grant of \$4490 which was used to purchase much needed new super-soppers and clean sweeps for our courts at CTC and Dural.
The Committee will continue to seek grant funding throughout 2013/14 to compliment and support suitable investments the Association needs to make.

Competitions Report

We are very fortunate here in the Hills to have so many opportunities to play in well organised and graded tennis competitions. Our competitions are alive and well and continue to offer a good variety of formats to suit players of all ages and standards to enjoy. Our current competitions include; Monday & Friday morning Ladies doubles, Tuesday & Friday morning breakfast , Tuesday & Wednesday evening doubles , MyChoice[®] midweek singles, Thursday Night Social , Saturday Morning Juniors , and Saturday Afternoon Singles/doubles.

Many thanks are extended by the Committee on behalf of members to those who volunteer to assist HDTA administration to manage the scoring, grading, pool lists and regular player communications of the various club competitions. Our Competition Secretaries for 2012 were Trish Sanford (Juniors), Lal Jayawardene(Tues doubles), Linda Bestford(Saturday and MyChoice singles) , Helen Price(Wed doubles). We also thank our coaches who continue to organise their own weekly competitions and groups (Early Morning breakfast & Ladies comps and mid week social groups) which allow us to further enhance all of the tennis offerings that we can deliver to members at both of our centres.



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We are very pleased with the success of the new Thursday Night social tennis which HDTA introduced in October 2012. We started with a small group of 12 interested players and it didn't take long for the word to get around. We currently have an average of 40 + keen players turning up to play and utilising all of the CTC courts each week. Thank you to Kim Crane (HDTA Staff) for your commitment in being there each week and organising the sets to ensure that everyone enjoys their tennis.

Linda Bestford
Competition Co-Ordinator and HDTA Secretary

Competition Results

TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 19th February 2013</u>	<u>Finals 30th July 2013</u>
<u>PREMIER LEAGUE</u>	Cameron Smith Shane Costello & Veronica Jorge	Blake Smith Marcus Kilborn Dan Curran
<u>Division 1</u>	N/A	Wayne Cox & Joel Cox
<u>Division 2</u>	Brooke Jackett & Katie Ragusa	Glen Sanford Michael DePalo Gerhard Groenewald
<u>Division 3</u>	Craig Francisco & John Relyea	Tony Care & Adrian Raethel
<u>Division 4</u>	Peter Wallace & Joy Griffiths	Tej Mankar & Gautam Kulkarni

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 27th February 2013</u>	<u>Finals 7th August 2013</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Josh Darouti & Ali Khorram	Hubert Herliczko & Derek Kom
<u>Division 2</u>	Peter White & Matt Langdon	Scott Vernon & Brett Hand
<u>Division 3</u>	Nick Duigan & Chris Banks	Rod Green & Daniel Green
<u>Division 4</u>	Brett Hand & Scott Vernon	Viviana Esquivel & Clarice Capala
<u>Division 5</u>	John Wakeford & Chris Cheeseman	Chris Kalmar & Sid Kapour
<u>Division 6</u>	Susan & Aubree Harrington	N/A

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SINGLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 2nd March 2013</u>	<u>Finals 3rd August 2013</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Josh Darouti James Harb Frank Sebaratum	Josh Darouti & James Harb
<u>Division 2</u>	Jamie Gaylard Mark McLeay	Corrado Tam & Rohaan Khan
<u>Division 3</u>	Anthony Kaelin & Brendan Donnelly	Rachel Hercus Colin Jaques & Tom Ford
<u>Division 4</u>	Brett Duffy & Bernard Geoghegan	N/A



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MyCHOICE SINGLES – COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 3rd August 2012</u>	<u>14th June 2013</u>	<u>18th October 2013</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Peter Jephtha	Simon Ochudzawa	Christian Teng
<u>Division 2</u>	Christian Teng	Connor Wood	Stuart Hackett
<u>Division 3</u>	AJ Karim	Tony Care	Peter Oliver
<u>Division 4</u>	Emilya Jankov	N/A	N/A

HDTA Representative Squads

HDTA continues a long standing tradition to maintain and organise weekly Representative squads which are held each school term at both of our centres. The association subsidises a portion of the squad fees for those junior club players who apply and who meet the criteria. HDTA currently hold 5 squads, 4 at CTC and 1 Development squad at Dural with limited numbers in each graded squad. Our highly qualified coaches instruct the squad training sessions over 2 courts for 1.5 hours which incorporate teamwork, tennis drills for footwork and fitness, this also coaches to work with the player's individual strengths and weaknesses in order to gain a greater understanding of the tactical and technical aspects of their tennis game. The measure of success of our squads is evidenced by the number of keen juniors we have returning each term and each year. We encourage all of our club junior players to consider this opportunity in 2014 as another way to practice and to improve your tennis skills and to be the best you can be.

Squad members as at June 2013

Allen Qi	Tom Rubel	Jeremy Grierson	Andy Smith
Edwin Ramos	Angus Cox	Ethan Bradford	Jessica Hyde
Jacky Zeng	Ben Sandercock	Sophie Kaelin	Jessica Luland
Luke Didio	Reegan Cooke	Claudia Penlington	Jada Matalavea
Christian Teng	Lachlan Mealey	Roland Huang	Emma Bugarija
Kieran Kander	Marcus Daffern	Lachlan Flower	Caitlin Oschadleus
Jeffrey Kohen	William Spencer	Harrison Goudappel	Belinda Philp
Dale Shae Hee	Noah Coleman	Tyler Shae-Hee	Jasper Chick
Harry Hamilton	Olivia Lai	Matt Kingham	Patrick Reylea

Saturday Morning Juniors Report

It's been another successful year for our Saturday Morning Junior tennis. We continue to have a good strong competition in the Hills District. In winter 2013 we had 136 boys and 61 girls across 12 divisions creating 96 teams who played our winter competition.



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This summer 2013/14 we have 192 boys and 93 girls across 17 divisions creating 131 teams playing in our current summer competition.

Our registrations have continued to grow with entries from schools and coaches in the Hills area. Oakhill College has returned again this summer with 14 teams. I thank all of the local Hills district coaches who continue to submit their juniors which also give strength to our competition.

It is pleasing to see an increasing number of our children playing in other Association competitions including the Tuesday & Wednesday Night Doubles, Saturday Afternoon Singles and MyChoiceTennis®. Some also take advantage of the Association Squad program to help them grow their tennis skills. We feel it is critical for junior development to offer a pathway from junior tennis into adult competition.

I am encouraged by the growth in the number of local juniors playing the Associations open junior tournaments during the school holiday breaks and as well those competing in many of the Tennis NSW sanctioned tournaments offered throughout the state. The level of success being enjoyed and experience gained is a just reward.

Our Saturday Morning Junior Competition's success is largely due to the people who have volunteered to help. I would like to thank Ruth Didsbury who regularly gives her time each week to update the website with all of the junior scores and who also maintains our individual player statistics. These statistics are important and help to assist with player grading for the subsequent season. I would also like to thank our Association administrators Kim and Linda who always contribute from the CTC office to ensure the smooth running of the junior competitions.

Our Saturday Morning Juniors Competition is thriving and I am happy to continue in 2014 to be a part of this success and growth.

Trish Sanford
Junior Competition Secretary

JUNIOR COMPETITION RESULTS

BOYS DIVISION	JUNIOR SUMMER COMP WINNERS FINALS 23rd March 2013	JUNIOR WINTER COMP WINNERS FINALS 7th September 2013
1	Luke Didio Jacki Zheng	Chris Aguire Ben Lim
2	Geoffrey Sutherland Dylan France	Brendan Hohnen Angus Cox
3	Angus Cox Brendan Hohnen	Mark Haskins Lachlan Flower
4	William Spencer George Papadopoulos	Ethan Suen Jack Fu
5	Noah Coleman Jonathon Khonasti	Landy Huang Jackie Lok
6	Mark Haskins Lachlan Flower	Jasper Chick Patrick Relyea



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7	Calvin Louangsonbath Chris Ryan	Pasindu Sirimanne Raphael Muranty
8	Nathan Pace Pahan Rodrigo	Cameron Ede Alexander Whiteside
9	Cameron Hall Damien Gardiana	
10	Christopher Berle Max Baylie	
11	Samuel Draybi Brendon Draybi	
12	Josh Cameron Chaojun Yang	
13	Peter Quan Nicholas Connellan Lourdes Nathan	
Most Improved Player Summer 2012/13 Mark Haskins		

GIRLS DIVISION	JUNIOR SUMMER COMP WINNERS FINALS 23rd March 2013	JUNIOR WINTER COMP WINNERS FINALS 7th September 2013
1	Sophie Kaelin Emiliya Jankov	Christina Willimson Sheree Cheung
2	Natalie Jones Elise Pawelko	Jessica Hyde Jessica Luland
3	Andrea Garcia Emily Rose Abrams	Bonita Ashtari, Dhivya Kalyanakumar , Serena Suen
4	Anvi Kohli Tiana Perry	Alexis France Alice Christie
5	Chantelle Young Elizabeth Rawnsley Ciel Vella	
Most Improved Player Summer 2012/13 Brianna Glavinovic		

Tournament Report

The Association was granted two TNSW Sanctioned AR Junior Tournaments for 2013 in the 12U, 14U and 16U age groups for boys and girls.

- ❖ The Hills Easter Junior Tournament (White Series) was held over four days in the April school holidays with 310 entrants from across the State.
- ❖ The Hills Winter Junior Open (Bronze Series) was equally successful and was held over 4 days in the July school holidays with 252 entrants.

Both tournaments were successful and led by Tournament Director, Alan Ling, with Tournament Coordinator, Ruth Didsbury, assisting. Planning starts months in advance for the tournaments with booking courts, arranging officials with TOA, player registration etc. A big thanks must go to Sarah Didsbury who took on the role of Tournament Desk at Dural for the 14U age group and Brooke Jackett who took on the role of Tournament Desk for the Kenthurst venue for the 16U. These young people kept the tournament running smoothly at the two other centres.



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A successful tournament is not possible without the wonderful support of the Admin Staff of HDTA, Linda Bestford and Kim Crane. These ladies worked very hard to help make the tournament a successful.

You don't have a tournament without a venue so with that in mind, huge thanks must be given the Neil & Michelle Smith and their team at CTC, Craig and Natalie Edwards at Dural Tennis centre and also Andrew and Sharon Sun at Kenthurst Tennis Centre. All centres were presented beautifully and the number of compliments received from visitors to our venues was very satisfying. Most players are looking forward to returning again next year.

We have **three (3)** tournaments sanctioned for next year. We are very excited to announce we have been sanctioned by Tennis Australia to hold our first **AMT (Australian Money Tournament)** this will be a Bronze (twilight) AR tournament and held from 28th Feb – 3rd Mar 2014 at our centres with \$3,000 in total prize money on offer. The other two (2) will be OJT AR Juniors events in April and July similar to this year's events.

To everyone who participated in the tournaments, their parent/grandparents and friends who supported them, thank you.

Hopefully most of you will be back again next year!

Ruth Didsbury.

Tournament Co ordinator /HDTA Committee Member / TOA Official.