



81st Annual General Meeting

Hills District Tennis Association Inc.

Monday 8th December 2014

Caterson Tennis Centre

2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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Agenda

The Business of the 2014 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 2014/15: -

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



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Minutes of 80th Annual General Meeting 16th December 2013

Tricia Sanford, Association President opened the meeting at 7:40 pm and welcomed all members. There were 9 members eligible to vote in attendance.

Agenda

1. Receipt of apologies Adrian Rethel , Robert Waller
2. Adoption of 2012 AGM Minutes.

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

3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report 2012.

Motion was moved by Glen Sanford seconded by Ruth Didsbury to adopt the Annual Report - carried.

4. Consideration and adoption of audited Financial Statements 2012/13.

Linda Bestford (presenting as acting Treasurer) spoke to the meeting regarding the financial statements. She stated that we had experienced an overall small deficit for 2013. Income was slightly higher mostly due to the new Club social approx \$6K and new AMT tournament held in Feb 2013. Depreciation amount now significantly lower as Dural lease expiry meant all assets are now fully depreciated end 2012. Increased amount in repairs and maintenance due to new soppers purchased, new upgraded septic pump at CTC and ongoing maintenance fees re the Centre management contract.

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

Motion moved by Ruth Didsbury seconded by Hans Luttringer to adopt the Financial Statements - carried.

5. Consideration and Adoption of Honorariums.

An amount of \$5000 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 Neil Smith; seconded by Ruth Didsbury 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 2013/2014

<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>	ANNE CLARKE	Elected Unopposed
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 suggested we should engage someone to manage our grant applications each year with the proposal we pay fee for a professional to handle . Clive Price commented that would need to understand the term of the contract and to be mindful of how much is spent without guaranteed return or grant application success.
- Glen Sanford congratulated Neil Smith on HDTA successful nomination of The Newcombe Medal award for best Club Coach of 2013. Neil was honoured and humbled in receiving the Newcombe medal at a blue carpet function in December 2013 hosted by Tennis Australia in Melbourne
- Lal Jawardene raised the issue of committee & administration possibly taking more actions with regard to players being un-financial after the commencement of comp. Suggestions made were to penalise with no points awarded until fees paid in full. Lal also commented that we need to review the payment system for pool players. Linda Bestford responded that we should make it mandatory that all pool players are at least current club members for their details to appear on the pool lists as some players are currently listed and not members.
- Glen Sanford suggested we should work on strategies which encourage more Junior players to sign up for night competitions.
- Neil Smith asked whether committee should consider a disciplinary committee to handle disputes with Junior competition. Trish Sanford agreed and felt we need to have a better system to enforce rules and our code of conduct as required.

Meeting Closed 8:40pm



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President's Report

Welcome to the Association's 81st Annual General Meeting.

Let me begin with "Thank You's"

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 .

We are pleased to announce that Neil Smith, our Head coach at Caterson Tennis Centre for the last 21 years won the annual Newcombe medal for Club Coach of the year, 2013. 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 earned him an excellent reputation as a coach in the Hills. We are delighted that he has received this well deserved award.

Our 2 Tennis Centre Managers: Neil Smith at Caterson Tennis Centre and Craig Edwards at Dural Tennis Centre. I thank you and your staff for maintaining our courts and facilities for our members every week of the year. Our players, spectators and visitors to our centres continually compliment us on the presentation of our centres. This accolade is attributable to you and your staff for your continued care and attention at our centres.

To all the committee members and administrative staff who work quietly behind the scenes to keep our Association and our Centres running smoothly. I am truly proud of our achievements over the last 12 months and look forward to the future of our Club to achieve even more in 2015.

Trish Sanford
President



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HDTA Highlights for 2012/13

- ❖ HDTA was successful again this year in being awarded not only our two Junior Tennis Australia sanctioned Australian ranking point tournaments but we were also pleased to have been given the opportunity to hold our first Australian Money Tournament in February this year. The AMT in February was a big success and we look forward to improving on making our AMT in 2015 even better.

Our **Junior Hills Open Tournaments in 2014** 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 2015.

- ❖ **2014 Winter Badge Competition:** This year we had 3 men's teams and 2 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

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
Jack Whitacker
James Harb

Ladies 1:1

Lara Winston
Veronica Jorge
Stephanny Wisely
Kimberley Luttringer
Linda Bestford
Brooke Taylor

Ladies 1:2

Marie Brandis
Robyn Langdon
Sam Reid
Denise Martin
Julie Pratt
Lyn Bellamy



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❖ **2014 Winter Badge Competition:**

Our Premier League men's team once again has proved they are the strongest team in Sydney having won the men's Final defeating Sydney Lawn Tennis club and taking the title for the 3rd consecutive year. Our mens 1:2 team were unlucky to end up Runners up to Tennis Valley in a close Final. Our new Ladies team captained by Lara Winston made their debut to the badge competition this year and had a very successful first competition finishing 2nd on the points table and making the semi finals. We are also very proud of our 1:2 Ladies team who also reached the semi finals in their division.

❖ **Social Thursday Night Tennis**

Our Thursday night group continues to go from strength to strength with many new players joining the group during 2014

We cater for all standards, from those that have had a 20 year break from the game to those returning from injuries or those that wish to become fit so that they can return to competition play.

We have had as many as 140 players commence playing with our group and as many as 30 odd are now playing competition tennis as well as social.

We have a very friendly group of players who not only enjoy the tennis, but also enjoy the friendships formed within the group.

On average we have around 35 people turn up each week and as we have access to 8 or 9 courts we can cater for that amount easily and the players can be assured of plenty of variety in the play.....

It is a pleasure to run the social group and I would like to thank all of those that make my job as co-ordinator enjoyable.

Regards
Kim Crane

Status of the Association and the Future Plans

- ❖ **Proposed Master-plan for CTC facility** – The CTC facility Master-plan which was submitted by committee to The Hills Shire council in 2012 has subsequently been put on hold as advised by council late in 2013. While council has agreed with the concepts for more recreational spaces playgrounds and improved car parking and access at the centre we were advised it needed to be on hold while council carried out their own environmental study and planning in preparation for the North-west rail link to be completed by 2017. We hope to approach Council re the master plan again in 2015 and have a better understanding of tennis centre future needs and any impact the rail line will have.



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- ❖ **The Dural Tennis Centre Lease** - We still await confirmation from Hornsby council as to any tender applications for future lease arrangements. HDTA will continue to manage the Dural centre with our coach and centre manager Craig Edwards on a monthly basis.
- ❖ **Sponsorship 2014**- The Good Guys-Nash Patel became our first major club sponsor in 2014. We are very happy to have this partnership with them and we look forward to being able to continue in 2015 to offer our VIP members many more benefits and discounts at the Castle Hill Store.
- ❖ **The HDTA membership** base for 2013/14 included 287 Adults and 450 junior tennis playing members and is comparable with 2012/13 total member registrations.

Tennis Centre Development Report

- ❖ Capital work projects completed in 2013/14
 - At CTC- Resurface to courts 7 & 9 Total cost \$39000 (excl GST)
Construction of new stone retaining wall (near entrance) and grass landscaping Total cost \$11600 (excl GST) all of which was fully funded from The Hills Shire council & HDTA rent rebate capital works program.
 - At Dural – New roof and repairs to existing pergola Total cost \$7310 (which was 50% funded by HDTA and 50% by Hornsby council as per lease agreement).
 - HDTA Purchase of 1 new super Sopper and 3 new sponges (100 % funded by HDTA)

We are very fortunate here in the Hills to have so many opportunities to play in well organised and graded tennis competitions. Our competitions 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 2013/14 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.

Linda Bestford - Competition Co-Ordinator and HDTA Secretary



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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.

In Term4 of this year we were offered as part of our annual affiliation with **NSW Hard-court Association** the opportunity to hold an elite Metropolitan Hard-court squad for juniors training at a higher level. Our hard-court squad is held each Wednesday in conjunction with our other HDTA squads. It is anticipated that as part of this squad we may consider entering an elite team into the Inter-district Competition in 2015.

Squad members as at June 2014

Stephanie Auton	Sophie Kaelin	Jasper Chick	Claire Penlington
Noah Coleman	Joel Mickle	Patrick Relyea	Jessica Brand
Ethan Bradford	Harrison Goudappel	Pasindu Sirimine	Jessica Luland
Marcus Daffern	Reegan Cooke	Lachlan Clarke	Katya Repin
William Spencer	Lachlan Perry	Jack Clarke	Jessica Newman
Angus Cox	Tyler Shae-Hee	Justin Leong	Ellen Berios
Jeremy Grierson	Ethan Suen	John Maroun	Sarah Assaf
Dale Shae Hee	Andy Smith	Daniel Clements	
Harry Hamilton	Andre Breenhann	Alex Jeptha	

Emma Bugarija
Caitlin Oschadleus
Belinda Philp
Alice Christie
Jana Van Rooyen
Katie Christie
Nivia Gaylard

Thank you to all Our Squad coaches

Neil Smith , Robert Kilborn , Craig Edwards , Chris Fletcher , Blake Smith



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Competition Results

TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 18th February 2014</u>	<u>Finals 24th June 2014</u>
Division 1	Shane Costello & Kimberly Luttringer	Gerard McCann & Adam Kruhak
<u>Division 2</u>	Gerard McCann & Adam Kruhak	Warren Johnson & Greg Myers
<u>Division 3</u>	Gautam Kulkami & Tej Mankar	Lynda Gyzen & Karl Gyzen
<u>Division 4</u>	N/A	Tony Care & Adrian Raethel

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 12^h February 2014</u>	<u>Finals 2nd July 2014</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Josh Darouti & Ali Khorram	Michael Child & Keith Child
<u>Division 2</u>	Warren Duy Hoa Tran & Luke Weisman	Justin White & Debbie Thompson
<u>Division 3</u>	Andrew Wade & Stephanie Wade	Joanne Stephan & Tommy Ung
<u>Division 4</u>	Nick Duignan & Chris Banks	Helen Price & Clive Price
<u>Division 5</u>	Robert van Werkum & Dika Van Werkum	N/A

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SINGLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 15th February 2014</u>	<u>Finals 9th August 2014</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Josh Darouti & James Harb	Josh Darouti & Michael Child
<u>Division 2</u>	Daniel Vasilev & Neeraj Gupta	Matt Thompson & Daniel Palumbo
<u>Division 3</u>	Lee Newton & Alex Newton	Florin Pralea & Bill Morakis

MyCHOICE SINGLES – COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>6th June 2014</u>	<u>24th October 2014</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Mari Pupo	Simon Ochudzawa
<u>Division 2</u>	Craig Muras	Drew McPherson
<u>Division 3</u>	Nick Duignan	Florin Pralea
<u>Division 4</u>	Trent Kelly	Nader Labib



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Saturday Morning Juniors

This summer will be my 10th year co-ordinating the junior competition and I am delighted with the growth in junior tennis at our club over this time. This summer 2014/15 we have 189 boys and 94 girls across 16 divisions creating 128 teams playing in our current competition.

Our registrations have been consistent over the seasons, with entries from schools and coaches in the Hills area. Oakhill College has returned again this summer with 13 teams. I would like to 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 experience gained and brought to our competitions, 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. Big thankyou also to Phil Didsbury who captures our tennis moments by taking the photos on finals day and our Junior tournaments and keeps adding to an ever growing club album of pictures on our website. I would also like to thank our Association administrators Kim and Linda who help ensure the smooth running of the junior competitions.

Our Saturday Morning Juniors Competition is thriving and I am happy to continue in 2014/15 to be a part of this success and growth.

Trish Sanford
Junior Competition Secretary



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JUNIOR COMPETITION RESULTS

BOYS DIVISION	JUNIOR SUMMER COMP WINNERS FINALS 15th March 2014	JUNIOR WINTER COMP WINNERS FINALS 14th September 2014
1	Dylan France Geoff Sutherland	Dylan France Geoff Sutherland
2	Cooper Woodhead Jake Woodhead	Ethan Bradford Jack Fu
3	Daniel Jarrous Ashwin Fernando	Lachlan Perry Chris Salter
4	Jacki Lok Benjamin Ung	Joshua Barko Liam Munro
5	Adam Pawelko Luke Gardoni	Patrick Finn Kristian Rendulic
6	Josh Cramer Andre Bredendam	Joshua Burnelek Bradley Wilson
7	He Chuan Tee Daniel Siminiuc	Joshua Woo Will Sampson
8	Adrian Leeds Daniel Leeds	James Yuan Damien Teh Jing Huang
9	Kristian Berridge Cameron Bell	
10	Michael Ho Nicholas Aspinall	
11	Sean Krauchi Chaitanya Tindon	
12	James Starr James Brodie	
Most Improved Boys Player Summer 2013/14 Christopher Salter		

GIRLS DIVISION	JUNIOR SUMMER COMP WINNERS FINALS 23rd March 2013	JUNIOR WINTER COMP WINNERS FINALS 13th September 2014
1	Joanne and Rachel Fernando Judy Kennedy	Joanne Fernando Rachel Fernando Judy Kennedy
2	Bonita Ashtari Dhivya Kalyanakummar	Maiki Sun CielVella
3	Serena Suen Suron Tee	Alice Christie Sophie Honeyman
4	Caitlin Oschadleus Belinda Philp	Emma Kaelin NashitaSamy
5	MilarneeMatalavca Emma Assaf	
Most Improved Girls Player Summer 2013/14 Tiana Perry		



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Tournament Report

The Association was granted two (2) TNSW Sanctioned AR Junior Tournaments for 2014 in the 12U, 14U and 16U age groups for boys and girls plus our first AMT in February.

- ❖ Our first AMT in February -The Good Guys Twilight AMT- (Bronze Series) was held over four days with 183 entrants from across the region. The weather wasn't kind for this event but the players enjoyed themselves.

- ❖ The Hills Easter Junior Tournament (White Series) was held over for days in the April school holidays with 285 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 284 entrants.

All these tournaments were successful and led by Tournament Director, Alan Ling, with Tournament Coordinator/Referee, Ruth Didsbury, assisting. Planning starts months in advance for the tournaments with booking courts, arranging officials with TOA, player registration etc.

Big thanks must go to Sarah Didsbury who took on the role of Tournament Desk at Dural for the 14U age group, Meaghan Ling who took on the role of Tournament Desk for the Kenthurst venue for the 16U and Brooke Jackett who assisted Alan at CTC. These young people kept the tournament running smoothly at all centres.

A 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 success.

You don't have a tournament without a venue so with that in mind, big thanks must be given the Neil & Michelle Smith and their team at CTC, Craig Edwards at Dural Tennis centre plus Andrew & 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 only **two (2)** tournaments sanctioned for next year. The first is AMT (Australian Money Tournament) which will be a Bronze AR tournament with \$3,000 in total prize money on offer in February. The other one (1) will be OJT AR Juniors event (White) in July. Tennis Australia has decided to reduce the number of Junior Tournaments next year which is unfortunate for our association and NSW junior players in general.

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 Coordinator/HDTA Committee Member/TOA Official.