



82nd Annual General Meeting

Hills District Tennis Association Inc.

Monday 7th December 2015
Caterson Tennis Centre

2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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Agenda

The Business of the 2015 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 2015/16 : -

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



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Minutes of 81st Annual General Meeting 8th December 2014

Tricia Sanford, Association President opened the meeting at 7:35 pm and welcomed all members. There were 9 members eligible to vote in attendance.

1. Receipt of apologies Lal Jaywardena , Helen Price

2. Adoption of 2013 AGM Minutes.

Motion was moved by Glen Sanford seconded by Hans Luttringer to adopt the Minutes - carried.

3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report 2013.

Motion was moved by Ruth Didsbury seconded by Ann Clarke to adopt the Annual Report - carried.

4. Consideration and adoption of audited Financial Statements 2013/14.

Motion moved by Glen Sanford seconded by Hans Luttringer to adopt the Financial Statements - carried.

5. Consideration and Adoption of Honorariums.

An amount of \$5500 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 Ruth Didsbury seconded by Linda Bestford 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 2014/15

<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
4. <i>Ordinary member</i>	JOANNE DAFFERN	Elected Unopposed

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- It was suggested that we should investigate the use of Internet banking for payment of accounts using two signatories for added convenience. Is it possible to set this up with NAB and have Treasurer sign on and approve payments by a direct banking method.
- Trish Sanford thanked Phil & Joanne Daffern for the completion of updating CTC Clubhouse Honour boards during 2014. The board is now up to date with names and years of committee and junior awards.
- Trish Sanford expressed desire to hold a family fun day event which might incorporate kids & parents pairing together to help encourage more parents to get involved in playing tennis at our club.
- Joanne Daffern thought the "coaching clinics" which were held over a few weeks at Thursday Night Club social should be held more regularly throughout the year. It was also suggested that Dural may wish to offer these coaching clinics for Thursday Night social.

Meeting Closed 8:25pm



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President's Report

Welcome to the Association's 82nd Annual General Meeting.

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, Jody Brand, Linda Bestford and Tournament Director Alan Ling and Tournament Coordinator Ruth Didsbury and their support teams. 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 .

To our two Tennis Centre Managers: Neil Smith at Caterson Tennis Centre and Craig Edwards at Dural Tennis Centre. Thank you to you and your staff for maintaining our courts and facilities consistently and at such a high standard for our members and visitors to enjoy every week throughout the year. 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.

Caterson Tennis Centre: Through our working relationship with Hills Shire Council we undertook a project to re-furbish our office and Pro-shop at the centre. Many hours of discussions, drawings and liaising with council and their contractors, along with HDTA, CHTA and CoM members resulted in us agreeing on a workable plan. This plan was implemented in the Christmas holidays in December 2014 and January 2015, with outstanding results. The shop and the office have been completely transformed into a stylish and workable show piece of our club. Many thanks to Alan Ng (project manager) at The Hills Shire Council who worked tirelessly to get this project off the plan and into reality. We are all very happy in our refurbished premises.

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 2016.

To all our loyal and new players, who come back every week, playing in each competition, having coaching, or as court hirers and social members, we thank you for your continued support of our association in 2014 and look forward to maintaining a long and happy relationship while providing more tennis playing opportunities in 2016.

Trish Sanford
President



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HDTA Highlights for 2014/15

- ❖ **2015 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

Neil Smith (captain)
Robert Kilborn
Blake Smith
Cameron Smith
Jordan Smith
Iggy Javanovic

Mens 1:1

Craig Edwards (captain)
Daniel Brewer
Brian Leggett
Senaka Subasinghe
Cos Macri

Mens 1:2

Michael Johnson (captain)
Marcus Kilborn
Daniel Curran
Jack Whitacker
Michael Child
Jordan Nguyen

Ladies Premier League

Linda Bestford (captain)
Veronica Jorge
Stephanny Wisely
Kelly Lovely
Kimberley Luttringer

- ❖ **2015 Winter Badge Competition Results:**

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 4th consecutive year. The men's 1:1 team captained by our resident coach Craig Edwards finished in 6th position, the men's 1:2 team ended up 5th and our Ladies Team who were promoted to premier League for the first year ended up 7th on the points table.

- ❖ **Social Thursday Night Tennis**

Our Thursday night club social continues to offer all players the opportunity play each week without the commitment of competition.

We have a very friendly group of players who not only enjoy the tennis, but also enjoy the friendships formed within the group. This year we averaged 35 players attending each week. We thank our staff member Kim Crane for managing the social and ensuring all of our social players get a good hit of tennis each week.



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Status of the Association and the Future Plans

- ❖ **Proposed Master-plan for CTC facility** – We look forward to revisiting our Master Plan for CTC facilities in 2016 and form part of a proposal for future long term plans as part of lease renewal in 2017.
- ❖ **The Dural Tennis Centre Lease** - HDTA will continue to manage the Dural centre with our coach and centre manager Craig Edwards on a monthly basis.
- ❖ **Sponsorship 2015**- The Good Guys-Nash Patel became our first major club sponsor in 2014. We are very grateful for their continued support in 2015 and allowing us to offer extra benefits to our club members while we continue to receive exclusive discounts at the Castle Hill Store. We also say thank you to Nash Patel for the New Brother printer in CTC Office and also the new 50" TV which fits in perfectly with the newly renovated pro shop/office area.
- ❖ **The HDTA membership** base for 2014/15 included 310 Adults and 346 junior tennis playing members. These figures are consistent with the previous 2013/14 year.

Tennis Centre Development Report

- ❖ Capital work projects completed in 2014/15
 - At CTC- in Dec/Jan there was a much needed Upgrade with the renovation and refurbishment of HDTA office and pro shop area. This included installation of new Gyprock walls and ceilings, new lighting & electrical wiring, new timber flooring, new modern display wall with additional storage storage, custom made reception desk and counter, 2 x split air-conditioning systems and new glass entrance doors.
 - At Dural – There were no capital work projects in 2014/15

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 2014/15 were Trish Sanford (Juniors), Lal Jayawardene(Tues doubles), Linda Bestford(Saturday and



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MyChoice singles), Jody Brand (Wed doubles). We also wish to 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

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. In 2014/15 due to the popularity amongst our junior competition players, we increased from five squads to six squads in total , with four at CTC and two Development squads at Dural. We are very fortunate to have such highly qualified and dedicated coaches within our club and who continue to deliver the highest quality squad training programs which ensures that each squad member trains to reach their best potential.

Squad members as at June 2015

Dale Shae Hee	Sophie Kaelin	John Maroun	Claire Penlington
Noah Coleman	Angus Cox	Daniel Vicaretti	Emily Galdes
Ethan Bradford	Harrison Goudappel	Alex Jeptha	Jessica Luland
Reegan Cooke	Andy Smith	Bryce Hayes	Alice Christie
Joel Mickle	Lachlan Perry	Raymond Luo	Katie Christie
Ashwin Fernando	Tyler Shae-Hee	Nicholas Connellan	Caitlin Oschadleus
Jeremy Grierson	Andy Smith	Daniel Simiminiuc	Belinda Philp
Ethan Suen	Aran Muhunthan		Vivienne Loyoddin
Raagi Shah-Brittain			

Nivia Gaylard	Emma Bugarija
Hannah Mealy	Sophie Borazio
Victoria Khamu	Tahlah Dunn
Julia Dolahenty	Luca Dolahenty
Aimee Karram	Patrick Bell
Charlize Capri	George Zoe
Tahlia Coleiro	

Thank you to all Our Squad coaches

Neil Smith , Robert Kilborn , Craig Edwards , Chris Fletcher , Cameron Smith and Daniel Curran .



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HDTA Competition Results

TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 14th Oct 2014</u>	<u>Finals 24th March 2015</u>
Division 1	Gerard McCann Adam Kruhak	Matt Langdon Phil Langdon
<u>Division 2</u>	Ben Brodie Sylvio Spasaro	Aakash jain Nitin Jain
<u>Division 3</u>	Hayden Reedy Mitchell Moore	Steve Thomas Rob Jones
<u>Division 4</u>	Sandra Grierson Jeremy Grierson	N/A

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 24th Sept 2014</u>	<u>Finals 25th Feb 2015</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Josh Darouti Ali Khorram	Michael Child Keith Child
<u>Division 2</u>	Linda Bestford Veronica Jorge	Mark Galdes Phil Farrugia
<u>Division 3</u>	Brett Sandercock Paul Eisen	Claire Sandercock William Barry
<u>Division 4</u>	Steve Gaal Greg Miles	N/A
<u>Division 5</u>	N/A	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SINGLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>Finals 9th August 2014</u>	<u>Finals 14th Feb 2015</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Josh Darouti & Michael Child	Josh Darouti Michael Child
<u>Division 2</u>	Matt Thompson & Daniel Palumbo	Anthony Kaelin Brendan Donnelly
<u>Division 3</u>	Florin Pralea & Bill Morakis	Peter O'Reilly Patrick O'Reilly

MyCHOICE SINGLES – COMPETITION WINNERS

<u>GRADE</u>	<u>23rd October 2014</u>	<u>6th March 2015</u>
<u>Division 1</u>	Simon Ochudzawa	Simon Ochudzawa
<u>Division 2</u>	Drew McPherson	Anthony Kaelin
<u>Division 3</u>	Florin Pralea	Nader Labib
<u>Division 4</u>	Nader Labib	Peter Oliver



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Saturday Morning Juniors

2014/15 was another busy year and with the completion of two more successful seasons of junior HDTA competitions. This year and in our current summer competition we have 185 boys and 85 girls registered across 17 divisions creating 127 teams playing in our current competition.

Our registrations have been consistent over the summer and winter seasons, with entries from schools and coaches in the Hills area. Oakhill College returned again this summer with 11 teams. I would like to thank all of the local Hills District coaches who continue to submit entries for their juniors, which also give us the benefit of strength in numbers to our competition. We appreciate all the contributions from our Hills coaches. The commitment to coaching and continued progress through the weekly competitions year after year is ensuring our junior players will have a pathway to strive to be the best they can be. It is very satisfying to see the player's progress up the competition ladder over the years, and is a credit to all the coaches.

With special mention and thank you to:

Neil Smith and his staff - Castle Hill Tennis Academy
Craig Edwards – Dural Tennis
Frank Sebaratrum- Grand Slam Tennis Academy – Castle Hill
Andrew Sun and his staff - Max Tennis– Kenthurst
Stephen Fogarty – Oakhill College
Andrea Avilla – Winston Hills Tennis Academy
Jeff Perry – SetnMatch – Baulkham Hills
Simon Keogh – Simon Keogh Tennis School - Kenthurst

It is also pleasing to see an increasing number of our juniors playing in some of our other midweek competitions, including the Tuesday & Wednesday Night Doubles, Saturday Afternoon Singles and MyChoiceTennis®. Many of the juniors also take advantage of the Associations Rep Squad program which further helps them develop their tennis skills. We feel it is critical for junior development to be able to offer a pathway from junior tennis into adult competition within our club.

I am encouraged by the growth in the number of local juniors playing the Association's 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.



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Our Saturday Morning Junior Competition's success is also 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. Also thanks to Phil Didsbury, who takes all the photos on finals day and at our tournaments and uploads it to our website. I would also like to thank our Association staff and administrators Kim and Linda from the HDTA office at Caterson tennis centre who help ensure the smooth running of the junior competitions.

Our Saturday Morning Juniors Competition continues to thrive and I am happy to continue in my role in 2015/16 and to be a part of the success and growth.

Trish Sanford
Junior Competition Secretary

JUNIOR COMPETITION RESULTS

BOYS DIVISION	JUNIOR SUMMER COMP WINNERS FINALS 21st March 2015	JUNIOR WINTER COMP WINNERS FINALS 5th September 2015
1	Dale Shai-hee Brendan Hohnen	Reagan Cooke Jeremy Grierson Dale Shai-hee
2	Ashwin Fernando Joel Mickle	Alex Jephtha Campbell Armstrong
3	Campbell Armstrong Partick& Justin Sindler	Raphael Muranty Justin Leong
4	Alex Jephtha John Maroun	Patrick Finn Aidan Syms
5	CharanAbarajithanPahan Rodrigo	Lourdes Nathan KeshavPuri
6	Adrian and Daniel Leeds	Damien The Kunal Gupta
7	Brendon and Samuel Draybi	Mitchell Perry Jacob New
8	Mackinley Shaw Kevin Chen	Adam Obeidi Brendan Yuen
9	Ryan Ekstrom Jack Hawkins	
10	Arthur Choo Jonathan Tan	
11	Alex Skoric Leo Lim	
Most Improved Player Summer 2014/15 Nicholas Aspinall		

GIRLS DIVISION	JUNIOR SUMMER COMP WINNERS FINALS 21st March 2015	JUNIOR WINTER COMP WINNERS FINALS 5th September 2015
1	Joanne and Rachel Fernando	Rachel Fernando Christina Williamson
2	Alice Christie Sophie Huneyman	Mya & Gia Hamilton
3	Chantelle Young Ciel Vella	Hannah Mealey Victoria Khamu
4	Taylor Dunn Sophie Borazio	Lara Grzechnik Emma-rose Greenwood
5	Rebecca Church AnjanahGangathar Farah Zulfioar	
Most Improved Player Summer 2014/15 Alice Christie		



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Tournament Report

The Association was granted one (1) TNSW Sanctioned AR Junior Tournaments for 2014 in the 12U, 14U and 16U age groups for boys and girls, one AMT (Australian Money Tournament) in February plus a MJDS 11/U.

- ❖ Our second AMT in February -The Good Guys Twilight AMT- (Bronze Series) was held over four days with 200 entrants from across the region. This was an increase on last year and was considered a good event by all.
- ❖ The Hills Winter Junior Open (White Series) was equally successful and was held over 4 days in the July school holidays with 268 entrants. This is always a good event.
- ❖ The MJDS 11/U, held in August, is an event run on a round robin format where players enjoy a good number of games in one day. Great for young players starting out in tournaments.

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 to ensure their success.

Big thank you must go to Sarah Didsbury who took on the role of Tournament Desk at Dural for the 14U age group for the AMT & Junior plus at CTC for the MJDS, Meaghan Ling who took on the role of Tournament Desk for the Kenthurst venue for the 16U in the Junior event. These young people kept the tournament running smoothly at the additional centres. A tournament is not possible without the support of the Admin Staff of HDTA, Linda Bestford and Kim Crane. These ladies worked very hard to help make these events successful.

You don't have a tournament without a venue so with that in mind, 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 two (2) tournaments sanctioned for next year 2016. The first is AMT (Australian Money Tournament) which will be a Bronze AR tournament with \$3,000 in total prize money on offer in March. The other one (1) will be OJT AR Juniors event (White) in July.

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.