



83rd Annual General Meeting

Hills District Tennis Association Inc.

*Monday 19th December 2016
At Caterson Tennis Centre*

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Agenda

The Business of the 2016 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
7. Election of office bearers
8. Life membership nomination
9. General Business

Nominations for Committee of Management for 2016/17 : -

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



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Minutes of 82nd Annual General Meeting 7th December 2015

Tricia Sanford, Association President opened the meeting at 7:45 pm and welcomed all members. There were 10 members eligible to vote in attendance.

1. Receipt of apologies Ruth Didsbury

2. Adoption of 2014 AGM Minutes.

Motion was moved by Linda Bestford seconded by Neil Smith to adopt the Minutes - carried.

3. Consideration and adoption of Annual Report 2014.

Motion was moved by Anne Clarke seconded by Trish Sanford to adopt the Annual Report - carried.

4. Consideration and adoption of audited Financial Statements 2014/15.

Motion moved by Neil Smith seconded by Andrew Wong to adopt and accept the Financial Statements - carried.

5. Consideration and Adoption of Honorariums.

An amount of \$5750 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 Trish Sanford seconded by Jody Brand to adopt the Committee of Management and the recommendation was carried

6. Notices of Motion - nil

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



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Nominations & Results for Committee of Management 2015/16

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Nominee</u> | <u>Result</u> |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <u>Officer Bearers:-</u> | | |
| 1. <i>President</i> | TRISH SANFORD | Elected Unopposed |
| 2. <i>Vice President</i> | NEIL SMITH | Elected Unopposed |
| 3. <i>General Secretary</i> | LINDA BESTFORD | Elected Unopposed |
| 4. <i>Treasurer</i> | ANNE CLARKE | Elected Unopposed |
| <u>Committee: (3 positions)</u> | | |
| 1. <i>Ordinary member</i> | RUTH DIDSBURY | Elected Unopposed |
| 2. <i>Ordinary member</i> | CRAIG EDWARDS | Elected Unopposed |
| 3. <i>Ordinary member</i> | ANDREW WONG | Elected Unopposed |
| 4. <i>Ordinary member</i> | JOANNE DAFFERN | Elected Unopposed |
| 5. <i>Ordinary member</i> | DEBBIE THOMSON | Elected Unopposed |

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- L Bestford suggested we contact Hills shire council parks and maintenance regarding the retaining wall next to Court 1 at CTC to be fixed as a matter of safety. Also to propose we should allow budget for new fencing along this wall and also the veranda outside pro shop/office.
- Andrew Wong stated that we should have a “publicity push” to engage with new players and members possibly through more advertising, signage / banners or even have player forum on new website and to engage on social media. It was also suggested we should hold another gala open day in 2016
- Neil Smith suggested we should erect new updated signage on Gilbert Rd. Committee to organise quotes
- Trish Sanford proposed we should be working closely with both councils and Tennis NSW in 2016 especially in preparation for Lease renewals in 2017. Trish has offered that Glen Sanford would be happy to assist HDTA committee with his knowledge and skills in these preparations. Committee welcomed any assistance by Glen.
- Debbie Thomson queried the current status of lease at Dural. It was explained we are still on a month by month arrangement since 2012 and council has not made contact or put to tender. Committee to follow up with Hornsby council in 2016 re any future Lease application process or tender dates.

Meeting Closed 9:10pm



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President's Report

Welcome to the Association's 83rd Annual General Meeting.

Our Committee of Management has worked diligently throughout the year and I would like to thank them for the work undertaken and the many voluntary hours given throughout the year.

A big thank you to all of 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 and voluntary time of these people the well organised playing opportunities for our members would not exist.

Another thank you to our tennis centre managers, their families and coaching staff. Neil and Michelle Smith at Castle Hill and Craig Edwards at Dural, we are extremely grateful for the passion you have for the game of tennis and all that you share with the Association. Thank you for maintaining our centres and facilities consistently and at such a high standard for our member and visitors to enjoy every week throughout the year.

We congratulate Neil Smith you and your team, Cameron, Jordan, Robert Kilborn and Igor Jovanovic on your success again this year in winning a 5th Premier Badge .We are very lucky to have such quality players representing our association

I would like to acknowledge Tennis NSW who have supported our Association and along with Hills Shire Council and Hornsby Shire Council allowing us to operate our centres with their continued support and assistance.

The future may hold a few challenges as we see the surrounding suburbs of Castle Hill and Dural grow. We are formulating plans to accommodate and be prepared for the expected increase in patronage from the new medium/high density housing developments and railway/transport upgrades. We expect that our centres will be ready to meet the demands and expectations of a growing community and as we continue to improve facilities and provide more tennis opportunities for all in 2017.

I would like to thank all of our committed club members for your loyalty and continued support whether it is in our competitions, coaching lessons, or as court hirers and regular social club players. We look forward to continuing a long, happy relationship with all of our tennis patrons in 2017.

Trish Sanford



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HDTA Highlights for 2015/16

- ❖ **2016 Winter Badge Competition:** We entered 2 men's teams in the Tennis NSW badge competition. We are very proud of all our players and thank them for representing HDTA. Congratulations to all of our HDTA Badge teams competing this year.

Mens Premier League

Neil Smith (captain)
Robert Kilborn
Cameron Smith
Jordan Smith
Igor Javonvic

Mens 1:1

Craig Edwards (captain)
Daniel Brewer
Brian Leggett
Senaka Subasinghe
Jack Whittacker
Daniel Curran
Cos Macri
Blake Bayldon

- ❖ **2016 Winter Badge Competition Results**

Our Premier League men's team captained by Neil Smith once again has proved they are the best team in Sydney having won the men's final defeating Strathfield tennis club and taking the title for the 5th consecutive year. The men's 1:1 team captained by our resident coach Craig Edwards missed out on a semi final position this season. We are very proud of our players and lucky to have such high quality members representing us.

- ❖ **Social Thursday Night Tennis**

The Thursday night HDTA social continued throughout the year 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 30 players attending each week. Sadly we needed to bid farewell to Kim Crane at the end of 2015 as she chose a much needed 'sea change'. Kim has now relocated to the central coast and we wish her well thank her for all her contributions at HDTA over the past 6 years as both an administration staff member and also as club social co coordinator. Kim also generously volunteered some of her time at HDTA and always did an outstanding job of making sure all of our club social players enjoyed good standard matches each week. We are fortunate to now have Joanne Daffern fulfil the role and we thank her for her reliability and commitment to staffing and organising the club social each week during 2016.

- ❖ **A New HDTA website** was designed in 2015 and developed with the professional assistance from a local web developer and HDTA member Andrew Cunneen. The website was completed and launched in February 2016. The new modern website has now made it easier for players to register online and view updated information regarding all tennis activities. We hope to be able to introduce further technologies in



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the near future to continue to enhance the user friendliness of the website. Improvements to consider would include direct access to new online payment systems and real time online scoring for all of our competitions. HDTA now also has a face book page which will help to further promote our club and be able to engage and update our members and the public through social media of all news and events.

Club Status and Future Plans

- ❖ **Proposed Master-plan for CTC facility** –Committee has recently received quotations from architect design consultants and has approved a budget to engage with a professional consultant to prepare a concept master plan for the CTC facility beyond 2017.This master plan proposal would also form part of the lease renewal application with council.
- ❖ **The Dural Tennis Centre Lease** - HDTA has met with the Mayor (Stephen Russell) and councillors in November 2016. We will continue to liaise with Hornsby council with regard to the lease renewal process for Dural in 2017 and we await announcement of the tender dates as advised by council.
- ❖ **Sponsorship 2016-** The Good Guys unfortunately have not been able to renew a sponsorship arrangement with HDTA in 2017. HDTA will be looking for new sponsors and open to negotiate a new arrangement with local businesses in 2017.
- ❖ **The HDTA membership** base for 2015/16 included 535 Adults and 314 junior tennis playing members. There was a slight increase in Adult members from previous year and is the result of the launch of a new HDTA membership package. The new package allows free basic membership to casual visitors and court hirers and has increased the benefits to our paying premium members.
- ❖ **Friends of Fred-** HDTA Club secretary L Bestford is now a representative for HDTA of this new sporting community group which was established early in 2016. The group meets at various times a year along with a representative from other sporting clubs including basketball, soccer, cricket, hockey and BMX who also share use of Fred Caterson reserve. The aim of this group is to have an opportunity to discuss common issues and then to liaise with council to improve the reserve as a whole. Some of the items discussed throughout this year included concerns for traffic flow and parking, safety, improved park lighting, waste disposal, signage and the general improvement of our community sporting facilities for community use.



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Tennis Centre Development Report

❖ Capital work projects completed in 2015/16

- At CTC- in 2015/16 we completed the resurfacing of courts 1 & 2 at Castle Hill and installed new veranda fencing outside the main pro shop/office
- Hills Shire council parks and maintenance team also completed much needed rectification work of the dilapidated retaining wall next to court 1 and this was at council's expense.
- Dural – There were no capital work projects applied for in 2015/16 due to HDTA committee uncertainty of future lease renewal with council. Committee is now in discussion with Hornsby council regarding the lease renewal process and proposed tender dates in 2017.

COMPETITIONS

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 2015/16 were Trish Sanford (Juniors), Lal Jayawardene(Tues doubles), Linda Bestford(Saturday and 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



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HDTA Competition Results

TUESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>Finals 28th June 2015</u> | <u>Finals 16th February 2016</u> |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Division 1 | Nick Duignan Peter Duignan | Nick Duignan Peter Duignan |
| <u>Division 2</u> | Lynda Gyzen Karl Gyzen | Sunil Kataria Sebastian Lonappan |
| <u>Division 3</u> | Daoud Amin Wali Aziz | Darren Read Sharon Read |
| <u>Division 4</u> | Reagan Cooke Jessica Brand | Luke Manning James McBrien |
| <u>Division 5</u> | Andrew Wong Sandra Grierson Andrew Haszard | N/A |

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DOUBLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>Finals 10th February 2016</u> | <u>Finals 15th June 2016</u> |
|-------------------|---|---|
| <u>Division 1</u> | Michael Child Maroun Moussa | Michael Child Janos Tomka |
| <u>Division 2</u> | Anthony Kaelin Alec Hogan | Athin Sujeer Veera Ramanathan |
| <u>Division 3</u> | Brett Sandercock Paul Eisen | Debbie Thompson Shane White |
| <u>Division 4</u> | Peter Crawford Lachlan Crawford | Peter Crawford Lachlan Crawford |
| <u>Division 5</u> | N/A | |

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SINGLES- COMPETITION WINNERS

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>Finals 8th August 2015</u> | <u>Finals 13th February 2016</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|
| <u>Division 1</u> | Josh Darouti & Michael Child | Josh Darouti Michael Child |
| <u>Division 2</u> | Ben Lim Chris Aguire | Dale Shae Hee Ethan Bradford |
| <u>Division 3</u> | Joel Mickle Andy Smith | Roger Newman Jordan Steer |
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| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>Finals 16th July 2016</u> | |
| <u>Division 1</u> | Josh Darouti & Michael Child | |
| <u>Division 2</u> | Peter O'Reilly Patrick O'Reilly | |

MyCHOICE SINGLES – COMPETITION WINNERS

| <u>GRADE</u> | <u>7th August 2015</u> | <u>18th December 2015</u> | <u>24th June 2016</u> |
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| <u>Division 1</u> | Mario Pupo | Mario Pupo | Simon Ochudzawa |
| <u>Division 2</u> | Florin Pralea | Nader Labib | Tiernan Thorne |
| <u>Division 3</u> | Vlajko Ovic | Tony Care | Karl Gyzen |
| <u>Division 4</u> | N/A | Charles Craddock | David DiCrescenzo |



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Saturday Morning Juniors

Our annual junior tennis awards for the Most Improved Player last Summer Competition

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| Most Improved Player Summer 2015/16 | Nicholas Connellan |
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| Most Improved Player Summer 2015 /16 | Nicole Clements |
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The number of juniors participating in our Saturday Morning competition is pleasingly consistent with the previous year. We had a total of 118 boys and 62 girls playing in 93 teams with across a total of 12 Divisions in the winter competition.

The previous summer competition consisted of 184 boys and 98 girls with 137 teams in an 18 division competition.

Junior registrations have continued to grow and also entries from local schools and coaches within the Hills District. With more local coaches submitting their players each year it is giving added depth and strength to the graded divisions within the competition.

We are fortunate to have such dedicated local coaches in the district who believe in the importance of encouraging their students to participate in the weekly HDTA club competition. The weekly competition gives juniors a great opportunity to practice their skills, play the game and meet new tennis friends. It is also pleasing to see many of our juniors staying in the competition each season and progressing up the division ladder as they improve.

I would like to thank all of the coaches for their input and for assisting us in putting the competition together with special mention:-

Neil and Michelle Smith and staff – Castle Hill Tennis Academy

Craig Edwards – Dural Tennis Centre

Franks Sebaratnam – Grand Slam Tennis Academy

Andrew Sun and staff – Max Tennis

Stephen Fogarty – Oakhill College

Andrea Avilla – Winston Hills Tennis Academy

Jeff Perry – Set n Match

Simon Keogh – Simon Keogh Tennis School

It is pleasing to see that we have a small number of juniors who are now playing in some of our other HDTA competitions including the Tuesday and Wednesday night doubles, Saturday afternoon singles and My Choice and also taking part in our weekly representative Squads. We encourage all juniors to consider joining the other HDTA Competitions as another opportunity to play and improve and especially test your skills against the adults. At HDTA we believe in the importance of offering a pathway for junior player development from lessons with a coach to the Saturday Competition junior tennis and then continue enjoying the game in the weekly Unisex and adult club formats.

An increasing number of our Saturday juniors have supported and participated in our HDTA tournaments during the school holidays and have also had successful results in other Tennis NSW affiliated tournaments all around NSW.



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I would like to make special mention to our valued volunteers who continue to assist in the behind the scene administration of the junior competition. Thank you to Ruth Didsbury who generously gives her time and skills to updating the scores each week along with maintaining the player statistics which are needed for grading each season. Thank you also to our staff member and club secretary Linda Bestford for the efficient administration of the club office each week.

We can be very proud of our Hills junior competition as being the largest junior club tennis competition in Sydney and we look forward to more Junior Tennis in 2017.

Trish Sanford- Junior Competition 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 2015/16 due to the popularity amongst our junior competition players, we were able to increase from six squads to seven squads in total this year. We currently have five squads at Castle Hill 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 every squad member trains to stay match fit and to reach their full potential.

Squad members as at June 2016

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Dale Shae Hee | Sophie Kaelin | Damien Teh | Kunal Gupta |
| Noah Coleman | Samuel Draybi | Daniel Vicaretti | Emily Galdes |
| Ethan Bradford | Brendon Draybi | Alex Jeptha | Jess Nissen |
| Reagan Cooke | Bryce Hayes | Alice Christie | Tayla Dunn |
| Joel Mickle | Lachlan Perry | Katie Christie | Hannah Mealey |
| Eric Kuang | Emalka Fernando | Nicholas Connellan | Caitlin Oschadleus |
| Angus Cox | Scott White | Daniel Simiminiuc | Belinda Philp |
| Ethan Suen | Julia Dolahenty | Nicole Clements | Jana Van-Royen |
| Daniel Clements | Luca Dolahenty | Nika Brendanhann | Chantelle de kock |
| Charlotte Forbes | Henry Mansfield | Patrick Bell | Nathan Baird |
| Victoria Khamu | Marco Fogolin | Sebastian Curran | Jack Bolt |
| Aaryan Ramesh | Dominic Fedele | | |

Thank you to all Our Squad coaches in 2016

Neil Smith, Robert Kilborn , Craig Edwards , Chris Fletcher , Cameron Smith, Blake Smith and Daniel Curran and to our coaches who have been on standby when needed, Michael Johnson, Johan Van Arrdt and Anthony Brent .



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Tournament Report

The Association was granted one (1) TNSW Sanctioned Australian Ranking (AR) Junior Tournaments for 2016 in the 12U, 14U and 16U age groups for boys and girls and one(1) Australian Money Tournament(AMT) held in February 2016 plus a 12/U & 16/U MJDS.

- ❖ Our third AMT in February -The Good Guys Twilight AMT- (Bronze Series) was held over four days with 183 entrants from across the region. It 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 274 entrants. This was increase in entries from last year and always a good event.
- ❖ The MJDS 12/U & 16/U, run in May, is an event run on a round robin format where players enjoy a good number of games in one day. With 131 entries this was an increase on previous events.

All these tournaments were successful and led by Tournament Director, Alan Ling, for the Junior & AMT Tournament and Sarah Didsbury Tournament Director for the MJDS with Tournament Coordinator/Referee, Ruth Didsbury, assisting. Planning starts months in advance for the tournaments to ensure their success.

Big thanks 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 & Brooke Jackett 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 Administration Staff of HDTA, thank you Linda Bestford. Linda 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 2017.



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The first is AMT (Australian Money Tournament) which will be a Bronze AR tournament with \$3,000 in total prize money on offer in May. The second will be Australian Ranking (AR) junior's event (Bronze) in July. Please consider entering these events to support the club but most importantly have some fun.

To everyone who participated in the tournaments, their parents/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 Referee.