

GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

INCORPORATED ABN 38 123 445 400

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015

The Club is incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984.

The Club is also associated with the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association ("NSTA"), organiser of the area tennis competitions.

Objectives

The objectives of the Club are:

- To facilitate and encourage the game of tennis
- To provide facilities for the game of tennis
- To advance knowledge and skills concerning the game of tennis
- To encourage and promote competition in the game of tennis amongst members and against other tennis clubs or associations
- To promote social activities amongst members and persons interested in the objectives of the Club
- To raise and receive money by any lawful means for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Club

Executive Committee

The 2015 committee comprised 12 members as listed below:

President	Peter Walton
Vice President	Derek White
Secretary	Dennis Karp
Treasurer	Mark Faigen
Booking Secretary	Judy McMahon
Competition Secretary	Frank Simpson
Committee Member	Michael Armati
Committee Member	Janice Gibson
Committee Member	Andrew Bennett
Committee Member	Peter McIlwaine
Committee Member	Sanjiv Gopinath
Committee Member	Caroline Elliott

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Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees were not increased this year.

	2014	2015
Joining Fees:		
Ordinary	\$150	\$150
Junior Concession	\$50	\$50
Annual Fees:		
Full Adult Member	\$120*	\$120*
Junior	\$35	\$35

*A timely payment discount of \$10 is offered on full adult member annual fees received by the due date.

Visitors Fees:		
Per Visit	\$5	\$5
Casual Hire Per Hour	\$15	\$15

Membership

At this date, comparative membership comprises:

	2014	2015
Full Adult Members	186	212
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>123</u>	<u>137</u>
	309	349

Since the last annual general meeting, the Committee has scheduled a number of prospective member's introduction trials with more applicants being invited to join the club.

Despite the large numbers, members have reported no problems in the use of the courts. Membership has been kept open for the time being.

Vale

In January Greenwich lost one of its most respected citizens, John May, who was not only a long term and very keen early morning tennis player but also ex councillor and ex mayor of Lane Cove. John was a very amicable and social-minded person who will be missed on the court and at the Christmas party for years to come.

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Management

The Club through the efforts and direction of Derek White launched Club Runner two years ago. Club Runner is proving to be an invaluable tool to members keeping us in touch of what is happening in the club, providing schedules for Club Championships and much more. We look forward to seeing this develop further in the future

In the meantime the Club has maintained a web address www.gtc.net.au and is using this as a further means of correspondence with its members.

Club Championships

The 2015 Club Championships were completed (one minute before a hail storm) on Sunday 1st November. The tennis throughout was played in great spirit and to a high standard despite the low number of entries. It was very encouraging to see several of our junior players participate and excel. Well done to all who participated and to our eventual winners.

The 2015 winners are:

Men's Singles	Andrew Bennett
Ladies Singles	Event Not Held
Men's Doubles	T.Thacker & P. McIlwaine
Ladies Doubles	T.Kennedy & G. Thacker
Mixed Doubles	G. Thacker & P. McIlwaine
Mens Handicap Singles	M. Tavares
Men's Handicap Doubles	A. Foley & D. Ramsay
Mixed Handicap Doubles	J. Gibson & S. Gopinath

Thank you in particular to Frank Simpson, Peter McIlwaine and Mark Faigen who ran the Club Championships and contributed to their success.

Junior Championships

The 2015 Junior Club Championships were conducted in June/July 2015. We now have approximately 60 juniors being coached on a regular basis and there was a good level of entries. In the Junior Club Championships all the players played with great enthusiasm, camaraderie and enjoyment. Well done to all who participated and our eventual winners

The 2015 winners are:

10-13 Boys Singles Champion:	Sam Shepherd
Runner up:	Hugo Richardson
10-13 Girls Singles Champion:	Lucinda Linke
Runner up:	Jasmin Cochrane
9-10 Boys Singles Champion:	William Linke
Runner up:	Jesse Cochrane
9-10 Girls Singles Champion:	Sienna Warden
Runner up:	Annabel Brown
7-8 Boys Singles Champion:	James Martin
Runner up:	James Markell

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7-8 Girls Singles Champion:
Runner up:

Milly Simpson
Eloise Oliver

9-10 Boys Doubles Champions:
Runners up:

Will Linke & Jesse Cochrane
Zac Law & James Oliver

A big thank-you to Andrew Bennett and Caroline Elliott who ran the Junior Club Championships, which has become a great platform for development of our Juniors.

Coaching & Juniors

This year we have seen some sixty junior members coached by Andrew Bennett and his team. The feedback has been tremendous and we would like to congratulate Andrew for his efforts with this program.

NSTA Competitions

Greenwich was again not represented in any NSTA competition during 2015. This is to be regretted, but members are very happy with our own internal Saturday afternoon competition.

SOCIAL

Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party was held on 30th November 2014.

The numbers at the party were down on the previous year with attendance of 74 adults and only 9 juniors, possibly due to the late change to an earlier date and the inclement weather.

The party is subsidised by the Club.

Family Social Afternoons/Junior Round Robins

There are none to report. However next year we are looking at the possibility of having a mother and daughter afternoon to encourage some new females to come and play and possibly a father and son afternoon.

Round Robin Tournaments

There has been very little response to these tournaments in recent years, so this year none were scheduled. Members who would like to see these events re-instated should contact a committee member.

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Internal Mixed Doubles Competition

A huge thank-you to Bill Oliver who continues to run this successful competition for members on Saturday afternoons. Bill reports that more than 65 members participate.

Thanks also go to the team captains; Jane Marquard (Sky Blue), Sharon Morse (Nike Red), Janice Gibson (Lime Green) and Annabelle Burley (Royal Purple) who ensure their teams are fully represented each week.

The end of year winner was the **Red Team**.

Earlier winners this year were the **Blue Team** and the **Purple Team**, which tied for the Summer Competition, and the **Green Team** that won the Autumn Competition.

Once again the competition proved popular with members of all standards with the two time-slots format ensuring the games were evenly matched.

It is sometimes difficult to find the 16 players on the day, so special mention goes to all those members who volunteer to reserve when required, in some cases backing up after playing earlier in the afternoon.

There is always room for more players; just contact Bill.

Interclub Matches

Sydney Veterans Inter-Club Matches

This year only one match was held; Sunday 22nd March 2015:

Greenwich was the eventual winner at 8 sets all and 76 games to 75 games with both the mixed doubles going to tie-breaks.

Our players were: Barbara Oliver, Annabelle Burley, Ruth Jarvis, Lorianna Ower, Terry Ower, Derek White, Mark Faigen and Sanjiv Gopinath.

Sadly, there will be no more of these social matches. The Sydney Veterans have had a very difficult time getting a team together and have now decided it is too hard. It is a pity because many people have enjoyed the tennis and social conviviality of the afternoon.

Thank you very much Keith Taylor who organised and played in these very successful events over many years.

Player of the Year Award

This award, given to the member who has contributed most to the Club's playing activity over the calendar year to 31 October, has continued to excite interest. In 2014 it was awarded to Peter McIlwaine.

The 2015 winner will be decided on the points system previously published. Any points earned in December will count towards next year's (2016) trophy.

The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for 2015 will be presented to the winner at the Christmas party and the winner's name will be inscribed on the clock shield displayed in the clubhouse.

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Points have been awarded this year (and for the future) for participation in the internal competitions.

Frank Simpson has again been appointed as the referee for the award, and our thanks go to Frank for keeping the point scores over some 15 years.

Arthur Harrison Trophy

The Arthur Harrison Trophy was donated by Arthur Harrison who for many years lived across the road from the courts and spent much of his time looking after the courts. The trophy is to be presented by the club to an individual(s) who have made a great contribution to the club and improved their tennis during the year.

The trophy winner for 2014 was Derek White for his excellent work in setting up a new membership management system known as Clubrunner.

The trophy winner for 2015 will be announced and presented with the trophy at the Christmas Party.

Maintenance and Improvements

It was with great excitement to finally see both our courts resurfaced in 2014. There have been some teething problems with a few imperfections reflecting in the new surface from the substrate. These are now resolved and at a recent inspection, the installer Allgrass Surfaces reported that the degree of sanding was as it should be.

The club has continued its ongoing sewer pipe maintenance. The club has also had the clubhouse toilets renovated, new signage for the courts and pest inspections carried out.

Financial

The audited financial statements sent with the notice for the Clubs AGM show that the club is in a sound and healthy position. Cash reserve amount as at 31 July 2015 was \$35,389 (\$29,790 in 2014), which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club has a provision for maintenance and refurbishment, which as at 31 July 2015 was \$9,000 (\$5,000 in 2014).

Thank you to our treasurer, Mark Faigen for your undying efforts in providing timely and accurate financial and accounting support to the club.

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Acknowledgments

It has been a great honour to be your President. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all committee members for their support over the years, Derek White as Vice President who has helped me keep the courts and club house in ship shape condition, Dennis Karp who as Secretary has perhaps one of the most challenging roles on the Committee, Mark Faigen as Treasurer who has kept great control of the clubs finances, Derek White again who has maintained Club Runner and kept control over the membership database, Judith McMahon who has the unenviable task as the club's Booking Secretary, Peter McIlwaine and Frank Simpson in the running of the Club Championship, Andy Bennett and Caroline Elliott for running the Junior Club Championships, Andy Bennett again for his coaching and management of juniors, past president Michael Armati for his wise council at committee level, and Janice Gibson who has again organised the catering for the Christmas party. Thank you to Sanjiv Gopinath for agreeing to take over the Membership Secretary reins from Derek White who is transitioning to a permanent tree change. All members have contributed in their own particular way and it was indeed a pleasure to work in a spirit of goodwill and friendly co-operation

Peter Walton
President
November 2015