

# GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011

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 2011 committee comprised 9 members as listed below:

President	Michael Armati
Vice President	Peter Walton
Secretary	Dennis Karp
Treasurer	Mark Faigen
Membership Secretary	Derek White
Booking Secretary	Judy McMahon
Competition Secretary	Frank Simpson
Committee Member	Ariane Kaderavek
Committee Member	Janice Gibson

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## Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees were not increased this year.

	2010	2011
Joining Fees:		
Ordinary	\$120	\$120
Junior Concession	\$30	\$30
Annual Fees:		
Full Adult Member	\$90	\$100*
Junior	\$10	\$10

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

Visitors Fees:		
Per Visit		\$10
Casual Hire Per Hour		\$15

## Membership

At this date, the membership consists of:

	2010	2011
Full Adult Members	216	222
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>123</u>	<u>102</u>
	339	324

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.

## Management

The Club has maintained a web address [www.gtc.net.au](http://www.gtc.net.au) and is using this as a further means of correspondence with its members. There is a wealth of information on the site including the Clubs Calender, membership application forms and Internal Mixed Doubles results. We encourage all Members to make contributions. A special thank you to Peter Armati for keeping the site updated.

## Club Championships

The 2011 Club Championships were held over three weekends, 15,16 and 22/23 in October and the finals were held on the 6th November. They were a great success and we witnessed some fine tennis. The men's final was of a particularly high standard with perhaps some of the finest tennis seen on the courts. Both Andrew Bennet and Tom Cartwright are well placed in the Australian Tennis rankings and Andrew has recently secured an ATP point to achieve a world ranking.

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The 2011 winners were:

Men's Singles	Andrew Bennett	6-2	6-4	
Ladies Singles	Tania Kennedy	6-1	6-1	
Men's Doubles	T. Cartwright & M. Cameron	6-3	1-6	11-9
Ladies Doubles	T. Kennedy & J. Cunningham	6-1	3-6	10-6
Mixed Doubles	T. Cartwright & J. Cunningham	6-2	6-3	
Men's Handicap Doubles	R. Wheeler & T. Ower	8-8	10-8	
Ladies Handicap Doubles	J. Ford & S. Davenport	8-4		

The Men's Handicap Singles final is to be played at 3-30 pm on 20/11/2011

Thank you in particular to Frank Simpson who contributed much to the success of the Championships and also to Keith Taylor for his support.

## Junior Championships

The 2011 Junior Club Championships were conducted on 29/30 May and 5/6 June. The number of entries were down from previous years however the players played with great enthusiasm, camaraderie and enjoyment.

The 2011 winners were:

Junior Boys Singles	-	Hal Whitehead
Junior Boys Doubles	-	Will Schembri and Hal Whitehead

Special mention has to be made to Ariane Kaderavek and Alison Robson who did a great job organising the tournament and providing snacks and encouragement to the boys; also to Lloyd, Lachlan and Nik who participated for the first time in the junior championships.

## NSTA Competitions

Greenwich was not represented in any NSTA competition during 2011. 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 12th December 2010.

The party continues to be a success with attendance of 110 adults and 43 children. This continued the recent format of the Committee helping with staffing, more food and a more inclusive ticket pricing. I would once again like to thank Annabelle Burley, Janice Gibson and Sharon Morse for organising this very successful function.

The party is subsidised by the Club

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## Family Social Afternoons/Junior Round Robins

There are none to report. However next year we are looking at the possibility of having a girls and mother afternoon to encourage some new girls 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.

## Internal Mixed Doubles Competition

A big thank you to Bill Oliver who continues to run these successful competitions for members on Saturday afternoons. Bill reports that more than 60 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 winners cannot be published at this time as there is still another weeks of competition. The winners will be announced at the Christmas party.

Earlier winners this year were the Blue and Green teams

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

A special mention to all those members who volunteered to reserve when required, in some cases backing up after playing earlier in the afternoon.

## Interclub Matches

Sydney Veterans Inter-Club Matches

Two matches have been successfully held:

Sunday 1 May 2011	Winners Sydney Veterans	9 sets 72 games to 7 sets 69 games
Sunday 9 Oct 2011	Winners Sydney Veterans	11 sets 78 games to 5 sets 66 games

A very big thank you to Keith Taylor who has continued to organise these events.

## 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 2010 it was awarded to Mark Faigen.

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The winner will be decided on the points system previously published. Any points earned in November and December will count towards next year's (2012) trophy.

The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for 2011 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.

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 the years.

## **Arthur Harrison Trophy**

The Arthur Harrison Trophy was donated by Arthur Harrison who for any 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 or individuals who have made a great contribution to club and improved their tennis during the year. The trophy winner for 2010 was Derek White. The trophy winner for 2011 will be announced at the Greenwich Tennis Club Christmas Party.

## **Life Membership**

It was a proud moment as President to present on behalf of the club , Life Membership to Bill Oliver who has contributed so much to the club over the years including the instigating and continued running of the very successful Internal Double Competition.

## **Maintenance and Improvements**

The club has continued its ongoing sewer pipe maintenance and ascertained that much of the issue lay with the sewer main being an issue and Sydney water has accepted responsibility for the issue.

The club has also had tiles replaced on the clubhouse, new signage for the courts and pest inspections carried out.

Thank you to Peter Walton all his efforts in arranging to have much of this work done.

## **Financial**

The attached audited financial statements show that the club is in a sound and healthy position. Cash reserve amounts as at 31 July 2010 were \$77,912 (\$75,794 in 2010) which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club has a provision for maintenance and refurbishment which at 31 July 2010 was \$42,551 (\$38,551.00 in 2010)

Thank you to Mark Faigen who has continued to provide great financial and accounting support to the club.

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## Acknowledgments

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all committee members for their continued support and contributions during the year, especially Peter Walton as Vice President who has continued to provide great support in the on going maintenance of the club, Dennis Karp as with perhaps the most challenging role as Secretary, Mark Faigen as Treasurer who has kept great control of the clubs finances, Derek White who has the current membership database in a better shape than it has ever been, Judith McMahon who has the unenviable task as the clubs Booking Secretary, Frank Simpson's running of the Club Championship. Ariane Kaderavek for without her support the Junior Championships may not have run, Janice Gibson's whose enthusiasm has also contributed greatly in the running of the Christmas party. 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

**Michael Armati**  
**President**  
**November 2011**