

# GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2012

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 2012 committee comprised 10 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
Committee Member	Keith Taylor

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## Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees were not increased this year.

	2011	2012
Joining Fees:		
Ordinary	\$120	\$120
Junior Concession	\$30	\$30
Annual Fees:		
Full Adult Member	\$100*	\$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		\$5
Casual Hire Per Hour		\$15

## Membership

At this date, the membership consists of:

	2011	2012
Full Adult Members	222	234
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>102</u>	<u>127</u>
	324	361

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.

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## Club Championships

The 2012 Club Championships had a couple of changes to its format. Firstly in recognition of the busy lives we are all living and to increase participation, entrants only had to be available for 2 days. These were Sunday 28 October for the Semi Finals and Sunday 4 November for the Finals. This allowed any earlier matches to be played at a time that suited the entrants. Secondly there was also a new handicap format introduced. Despite some teething problems with handicaps the format was a success and the Championships attracted many additional entrants.

The tennis throughout was played in great spirit and to a high standard. It was very encouraging to see several of our junior players participate and excel. The men's singles final was also a highlight with spectators seated in several rows and the decider going to a Super Tie Break. Well done to all who participated and to our eventual winners.

The 2012 winners were:

Men's Singles	Andrew Bennett	4-6	6-3	10-1 (Super tie Break)
Ladies Singles	Tania Kennedy	6-1	6-1	
Men's Doubles	A.Bennett & M.Armati	6-4	6-3	
Ladies Doubles	T. Kennedy & J. Cunningham	7-6	6-3	
Mixed Doubles	A.Bennett & J. Gibson	6-2	6-3	
Mens Handicap Singles	T.Thacker	8-6		
Men's Handicap Doubles	H.Whitehead & W. Schembri	8-0		
Ladies Handicap Singles	J. Marquard	8-4		
Ladies Handicap Doubles	J. Marquard & J.Gibson	8-5		

Thank you in particular to Frank Simpson and Keith Taylor who ran the Club Championships and contributed to their success.

## Junior Championships

The 2012 Junior Club Championships were conducted on 26/27 May. With falling numbers in participants in previous years the Committee appointed Ariane Kaderavek to reinvigorate Junior tennis in the club. We now have approximately 50 juniors being coached on a regular basis and the number of entries for the Junior Championships was double those of the previous year. 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 2012 winners were:

Under 10 Junior Boys Singles Champion	Adrian Schembri	3-1
Under 10 Junior Boys Runner Up	Archie Douglas	
Under 10 Junior Girls Singles Champion	Siena Kaderavek	3-2
Under 10 Junior Girls Singles Runner Up	Sophie Calder	
Under 10 Junior Boys Doubles Champions	Adrian Schembri & Sam Carroll	3-1
Under 10 Junior Boys Doubles Runners Up	Will Bingham & Archie Douglas	
Over 10 Junior Boys Champion	Tim Thacker	6-3
Over 10 Junior Boys Runner Up	Hal Whitehead	
Over 10 Junior Girls Champion	Imogen Neville	6-4
Over 10 Junior Girls Runner Up	Nina Marquard Karp	
Over 10 Junior Doubles Champions	Tim Thacker & Jack O'Sullivan	6-3
Over 10 Junior Boys Doubles Runners Up	Hal Whitehead & Will Schembri	

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A huge thank you to Ariane Kaderavek who ran the Junior Club Championships and who has built a great platform for our Juniors to develop.

## Coaching & Juniors

This year we have seen approximately 50 junior members coached by Tom Cartwright and Andrew Bennett. The feedback has been tremendous and we would like to congratulate both Tom and Andrew for their efforts with this program.

## NSTA Competitions

Greenwich was not represented in any NSTA competition during 2012. 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 11th December 2011.

The party continues to be a success with attendance of 119 adults and 32 children and 1 under 5. Adult attendance was slightly up and 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

### 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.

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## 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 Purple and Red 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 25 March 2012                      Winners Greenwich                      9 sets 7 and 70 games all  
Our players were: Annabelle Burley, Birgitta Bernerius , Janice Gibson, Jo Cunningham and Brett Geary, Hugh Chisholm, Derek White, Michael Armati

Sunday 7 Oct 2012                              Winners Greenwich                      11 sets to 5 sets 85 games to 71  
Our Players: Barbara Oliver, Janice Gibson, Tania Kennedy, Jo Cunningham and Hugh Chisholm, Terry Ower, Derek White, Peter McIlwaine

A very big thank you to Keith Taylor who has continued to organise these very successful 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 2011 it was awarded to Derek White.

The winner will be decided on the points system previously published. Any points earned in November and December will count towards next year's (2013) trophy.

The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for 2012 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.

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## 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 2011 was Frank Simpson. The trophy winner for 2012 will be announced at the Greenwich Tennis Club Christmas Party.

## Maintenance and Improvements

The club has continued its ongoing sewer pipe maintenance. The club has also had tiles replaced on the clubhouse, new signage for the courts and pest inspections carried out. The club will also have the courts cleaned in January as it was decided to hold off replacing the court surface for another year. Unfortunately the club was hit several times by graffiti during the year. This appears to have abated. Thank you to members who helped to clean the club of the offensive material.

Also a big thank you to Peter Walton all his efforts to the on-going maintenance of the club.

## 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 amounts as at 31 July 2012 were \$81,677 (\$77,912 in 2011) which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club has a provision for maintenance and refurbishment which at 31 July 2012 was \$47,551 (\$42,551 in 2011)

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

## 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 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 who has continued to keep 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. Keith Taylor's assistance in the Club Championship and running of the Veterans events, Ariane Kaderavek who has reinvigorated junior tennis in the club and Janice Gibson's who not only helped bring the ball machine to the club but infectious enthusiasm has 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 2012**