

GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

INCORPORATED ABN 38 123 445 400

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2013

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 2013 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	Andrew Bennett

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Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees were not increased this year.

	2012	2013
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:

	2012	2013
Full Adult Members	234	220
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>127</u>	<u>162</u>
	361	382

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 through the efforts and direction of Derek White has launched Club Runner. 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 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.

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Club Championships

The 2013 Club Championships were completed on Sunday 27 October. 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. Well done to all who participated and to our eventual winners.

The 2013 winners were:

Men's Singles	Andrew Bennett	6-1 6-0
Ladies Singles	Janice Gibson	7-6 6-2
Men's Doubles	A.Bennett & M.Armati	6-3 7-5
Ladies Doubles	J. Gibson & G. Thacker	6-3 6-3
Mixed Doubles	J. Marquard & B. Geary	6-4 7-5
Mens Handicap Singles	Michael Tavares	8-2
Men's Handicap Doubles	H.Whitehead & W. Schembri	9-8

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

Junior Championships

The 2013 Junior Club Championships were conducted on 24/26 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 60 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 2013 winners were:

Senior Girls Champion:	Imogen Neville
Runner up:	Imogen Bayliss Smith
Senior Boys Champion:	Tim Thacker
Runner up:	Hal Whitehead
Senior Girls Doubles Champions:	Nina Karp & Emily Levisohn
Runners up:	Imogen Bayliss Smith & Imogen Neville
Senior Boys Doubles Champions:	Will Schembri & Hal Whitehead
Runners up:	Francois Galvarez & Tim Thacker
Intermediate Girls Champion:	Sophie Calder
Runner up:	Nina Karp
Intermediate Boys Champion:	Lachie Bayliss Smith
Runner up:	John Neville
Intermediate Boys Doubles Champions:	Nik Kaderavek & Lachie Bayliss Smith
Runners up:	Hamish Elliott & John Neville
Junior Girls Doubles Champions:	Zara Shipp & Sophie Calder
Runners up:	Jasmin Shipp & Siena Kaderavek

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Junior Girls Champion:
Runner up:
McDiarmid

Siena Kaderavek
Kate

Junior Boys Champion:
Runner up:

Sam Carroll
Alex Simos

Junior Boys Doubles Champions:
Runners up:

Adrien Schembri & Sam Carroll
Harry Hooker & Sam Shepherd

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 - 60 junior members coached by and Andrew Bennett. The feedback has been tremendous and we would like to congratulate Andrew for his efforts with this program.

NSTA Competitions

Greenwich was not represented in any NSTA competition during 2013. 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 9th December 2012.

The numbers at the party were down with attendance of 88 adults and 19 children and 1 under 5. This was attributed in part to the Greenwich Village Games which was held at a similar time. Historically numbers always appear to be down when they coincide.

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.

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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 were Lime Green.

Earlier winners this year were the Blue 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 17 March 2013 Winners Greenwich 9 sets 7 and 77 games to 75 games
Our players were: Barbara Oliver, Janice Gibson, Ari Kaderavek, Birgitta Bernerius and Hugh Chisholm, Derek White, Jo Kaderavek

Sunday 5 Nov 2013 Winners Sydney Veterans 8 sets all 73 games to 67
Our Players: Barbara Oliver, Tania Kennedy, Jane Marquard, Gillian Thacker and Terry Ower, Derek White, Peter McIlwaine and Keith Taylor

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 2012 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 (2014) trophy.

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The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for 2013 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 2012 was Ari Kaderavek. The trophy winner for 2013 will be announced at the Greenwich Tennis Club Christmas Party.

Maintenance and Improvements

We are excited to announce that the club is currently in the process of resurfacing both Courts. This should be completed in January 2014 which was felt to have least impact on the Court usage. 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.

We would like to acknowledge Peter Walton for all his efforts to the on-going maintenance of the club and his work with Derek White with the court resurfacing.

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 2013 were \$75,917 (\$81,667 in 2012) which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club has a provision for maintenance and refurbishment which at 31 July 2013 was \$47,551 (\$47,551 in 2012)

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 including the renewal of the court surfacing 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 introduced Club Runner and 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

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Simpson's running of the Club Championship. Ariane Kaderavek who has reinvigorated junior tennis in the club and Andrew Bennett whose approach to coaching has helped see this vision for Junior tennis through and Janice Gibson 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 2013