

GREENWICH TENNIS CLUB

INCORPORATED ABN 38 123 445 400

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014

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 2014 committee comprised 12 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	Karen Schembri
Committee Member	Janice Gibson
Committee Member	Andrew Bennett
Committee Member	Paul Jesse
Committee Member	Peter McIlwaine

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Membership Fees

Joining and membership fees had a nominal increase this year.

	2013	2014
Joining Fees:		
Ordinary	\$120	\$150
Junior Concession	\$30	\$35
Annual Fees:		
Full Adult Member	\$100*	\$120*
Junior	\$10	\$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, the membership consists of:

	2013	2014
Full Adult Members	220	186
Graded Juniors/Students/Juniors	<u>162</u>	123
	382	309

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 ClubRunner. 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. Web address is www.clubrunner.ca/GTC

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 2014 Club Championships were completed on Sunday 19th 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 2014 winners were:

Men's Singles	A. Bennett
Ladies Singles	Event Not Held
Men's Doubles	T.Thacker & P. McIlwaine
Ladies Doubles	T.Kennedy & G. Thacker
Mixed Doubles	T.Kennedy & M. Armati
Ladies Handicap Doubles	S. Morse & A. Kaderavek
Mens Handicap Singles	P. McIlwaine
Men's Handicap Doubles	R. Kensell & R. Wheeler
Mixed Handicap Doubles	P. McIlwaine & G. Thacker

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

Junior Championships

The 2014 Junior Club Championships were conducted in May 2014. 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 2014 winners were:

11+ Boys Singles Champion:	Lachie Bayliss-Smith
Runner up:	Nasha Kermani
11+Boys Doubles Champions:	Lachie Bayliss-Smith & Nick Kaderavek
Runners up:	Finn Haron & Flynn Mahoney
7-8 Girls Singles Champion:	Sophie Schembri
Runners up:	Annabelle Brown
9-10 Boys Singles Champion:	Sam Shepherd
Runner up:	Alex Simos
9-10 Boys Doubles Champions:	Alex Simos & Sam Shepherd
Runners up:	Owen Capling & Xavier Morgan
9-10 Girls Singles Champion:	Lucia Downes
Runner up:	Sienna Kaderavek

A huge thank you to Karen Schembri and Andrew Bennett who ran the Junior Club Championships and who has built a great platform for our Juniors to develop.

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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 2014. 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 8th December 2013.

The numbers at the party were slightly up on the previous year with attendance of 96 adults and 24 children.

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.

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 was the Red Team.

Earlier winners this year were the Blue Team who won the summer Competition, and the Red team that won the Autumn competition.

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.

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Interclub Matches

Sydney Veterans Inter-Club Matches

Two matches have been successfully held:

Sunday 24 March 2014 Winners Greenwich 8 sets all and 76 games to 71 games
Our players were: Gillian Thacker, Janice Gibson, Tania Kennedy, Barbara Oliver and Terry Ower, Peter McIlwaine, Derek White, Michael Armati

Sunday 26 October 2014 Winners Sydney Veterans 9 sets to 7 79 games to 74
Our Players: Barbara Oliver, Tania Kennedy, Melanie Hawthorn, Gillian Thacker and Richard Hawkins, Derek White, Hugh Chisholm and Sanji Bupinath

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 2013 it was awarded to Peter McIlwaine.

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.

The award (\$100 plus a trophy) for 2014 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 2013 was Judy McMahon. The trophy winner for 2014 will be announced at the Greenwich Tennis Club Christmas Party.

Maintenance and Improvements

It was with great excitement to finally see both our courts resurfaced. We would like to extend a very big thank you to Peter Walton and Derek White who helped co-ordinated these works and negotiated solutions resolving sub surface issues.

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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 also like to acknowledge Peter Walton for 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 2014 were \$47,551 (\$75,917 in 2013) which is adequate to meet the anticipated future expenditure. The club has a provision for maintenance and refurbishment which at 31 July 2014 was \$5,000 in 2014 (\$47,551 in 2013)

The difference in Cash Reserves can be attributed explained with the expenditure on the resurfacing of the Courts.

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

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, Peter Walton as Vice President who has helped 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 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, Peter McIllwaine and Derek White in the running of the Club Championship, Karen Schembri for running the Junior Club Championships, Andrew Bennett whose approach to coaching has helped see this vision for Junior tennis through, Paul Jesse and Frank Simpson who have contributed behind the scenes 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 2014