

Newsletter September 2009

Summer Pennant is almost upon us and we need to begin preparing for pennant to commence on Saturday October 31st at 8:45am.

New players must attend a grading session on Saturday October 17th at the Lawn Tennis Club, Pertobe Rd.

9-11 yrs –10am ; 12yrs and over –10.45am

Entries close Friday October 16th 2009

MEMBERSHIP

All junior players are required to be Warrnambool Lawn Tennis Club Members. A membership form is included in this package.

Junior Membership \$69 / Country Junior (>50km) \$54

Membership fees paid on or before Nov 7th receive a discount!

PENNANT DATES

Summer Pennant runs from Saturday October 31st – Saturday December 19th. It resumes after Christmas holidays on Saturday January 30th – Saturday March 27th.

Pennant Finals will be played on Saturday March 20th and March 27th.

All teams participate through to March 20th.

There will be no pennant play on March long weekend.

Club Championships will be held on a Sunday in March – date to be advised.

SUPERVISION

The success of our pennant relies heavily on consistent organization and supervision. To facilitate this, each graded section requires the commitment of 2 or 4 adults to be available on a weekly or fortnightly basis to:

1. Check Attendance
2. Allocate matches to courts
3. Supervise play and behaviour with the assistance of the parents on the duty roster
4. Ensure all score sheets are complete and handed in to pennant co-ordinator at the conclusion of play.

Our pennant season will involve 16 weeks of play (including finals). On a fortnightly roster, co-ordinators therefore are only required 8 times for the summer season. Each session runs for approx 2 and a half hours.

If you are interested in joining our loyal group of coordinators please contact Kim Tobin prior to Oct.16th so that rosters can be organised. Phone 55624329 / 0400844663 / tobinandk@bigpond.com

All previous coordinators are asked to confirm their availability for 2009-10.

Summer Pennant Teams

Summer Pennant is a Teams event. Four Players per team and teams graded according to ability and age.

Players must be prepared to play our pennant competition every week. If you are unavailable due to injury, illness etc **you must notify the coordinator prior to 5pm on Friday.**

Player Placements

The sub-committee for team selection will use individual pennant results from last summer along with winter pennant results and 2009 tournament results in conjunction with local coaches assessments when allocating players to sections and teams. Parents will not be involved in the placement of their own children; an independent opinion will be used.

It is hoped this will be seen as a fair system given that most of the W.D.J.T.A committee are parents of the players.

Please be patient as we endeavour to provide your child with a positive tennis pennant. Teams are evaluated after two weeks of pennant play and minor adjustments can and will be made.

Late Entries

Should entry numbers exceed our quota, late entries may be placed on a waiting list until an appropriate place becomes available. Therefore, to avoid disappointment make sure your entry lodged before closing date!

Communication

The committee will be endeavouring to automate our pennant operation this year. An important part will be the imputing of useful communication data to our program. It is very important that all players provide their email address and their parents' mobile phone number. We hope to reduce printing and postage costs with this information available.

W.D.J.T.A (Warrnambool and District Junior Tennis Association)

The purpose of the Warrnambool and District Junior tennis association is to advance and promote the game of tennis for junior players in the Warrnambool and surrounding area.

The Association provides this advancement with two pennant seasons per year, a squad for advanced players and our annual *Spring Tournament*, which incorporates “The Warrnambool & District Hardcourt Championships”.

Current Committee...

President: Jane Dunn

Secretary: Allen Parotte

Treasurer: Josie Long (Retiring)

General Committee members...

Jan Bray, Clive Bray, Robert Brian, Lisa Urquhart, Jill Bosse, Kerry Fary, Marli Bell, Kim Tobin, Lauren Higgins,

We would welcome anyone to our very loyal committee, especially a few men!!! We meet once a month to ensure a smooth running of our summer and winter pennants. Our fundraising efforts are generally contained to catering for tournaments, which involves a duty roster for the kitchen. The main commitment is regular attendance at pennant on a Saturday morning from 8:45 am until 12 noon. If more parents become involved then there will also be some occasional Saturday morning relief for these parent helpers. The summer pennant is two groups of six Saturdays (before Christmas and then term 1), plus two weeks of finals. NOT A HUGE COMMITMENT!

If your children are enjoying their tennis then please give some thought to helping out the committee even if it can only be every second week or throughout the tournaments. It is about giving something back to the club and any assistance at all would be welcomed.