



It is the season to be jolly, enjoy the sunshine and festivities, be kind, stay safe

5th Edition

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A.G.M. – Date to be confirmed - May 2025

It is probably time to remind members that the AGM is only 6 months away and there are several vacancies that will need to be filled, primarily President of The Busselton Tennis Club. This role is pivotal to the ongoing success of our club and not so complex when you are surrounded and supported by like-minded energetic people.

The President role is not gender biased, ladies are very capable of Presidency.

I hear that there are chatter happening, I ask that you keep these discussions happening as it is us the members responsibility to seek new committee and leadership for our club.



CAPTAIN'S REPORT

2024 HANDICAP DOUBLES – Numbers were low, the tennis was terrific. 6 ladies and 12 men participated, the event was well supported by the Thursday Nighters who played strong matches and provided interesting viewing.



Winners – Men – Michael Johns and Jim Davies - 29 games

Runner Up - Men - Orlando Clegg and Glen Tuffin - 28 games

Winners – Ladies – Julianne Garland and Jan Truman – 12 games

The Handicap Mixed Doubles is 7th and 8th Dec. 8 men have registered, more to come, these chaps are pretty handy with a racket, buffed, speedy and friendly as well.....C'Mon ladies put your name down.

PINK WEEK –thank you to all members who donated to the McGrath foundation and looked awesome in Pink



Thankyou SMT Scroungers ...for your weekly fine's donation to the McGrath Foundation



OFFICE DESK ROSTER and COMPUTER ROSTER

We are looking to complete a new Roster for both the Captains desk and Computer. It is not as scary as it sounds, we can support you if you wish to learn either of these roles and those already undertaking these roles will be happy to take to the court more often!

SPONSORSHIP AND I.T. SUPPORT

It's been a busy time for Sponsorship, to date we have managed to secure over \$70,000 in sponsorship funds from our valued sponsors.

It is awesome to confirm that Laurie Saltarini of Busselton Toyota has renewed their Platinum sponsorship over the next 5 years, we really do appreciate Busselton Toyota's continued sponsorship along with the Johns Brothers and Tora Sushi for their commitment to Busselton Tennis Club.

Welcome to Adam Mountney from Muir Marine as a new Platinum Sponsor and Ciaran Rothkamm from Designed by C New as a Silver Sponsor – thanks for coming on board.

We have also secured funding from the City Of Busselton to support our premier events being the Junior and March Tournaments for the next 3 years, this support really does ensure our club can provide amazing experiences to both junior and senior players in WA.

Let's not forget to acknowledge those Sponsors who have elected to generously renew their existing sponsorship. The Club is very grateful for your continued support.

We are pleased to confirm once again our Club Sponsors Day on the 7th February. This closed event is to formally acknowledge our ongoing sponsors who have elected to generously renew their existing sponsorship which the club is very thankful for.

As Members it's important that we recognise the tremendous support the club receives from our valued sponsors and support these sponsors wherever possible.

FUNCTIONS REPORT

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS at BTC - (instead of NYE as we have done the last 2 years)

WHEN: SATURDAY 21st December 2024

Social tennis, then drinks (bar tab) & finger food all thanks to the generosity of Kevin Wren

Must Register (\$5 each) at Bar or Office to attend

Watch Club News emails for Registration dates

Members and Partners Welcome

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Current member numbers are total 259 broken into;

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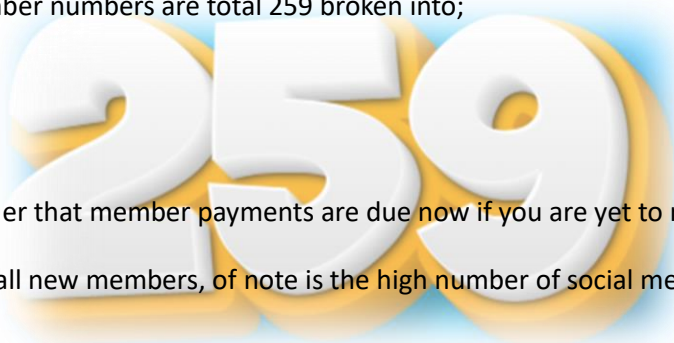
Silver 49

Junior 65

Social 59

Just a reminder that member payments are due now if you are yet to renew.

Welcome to all new members, of note is the high number of social members who are part of the Pickleball group.



UPCOMING EVENTS TO POP IN YOUR CALENDAR

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES 7th – 8th December (depending on numbers, event may start 3pm Sat)
CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DAY – 21st December
JUNIOR TOURNAMENT - 26th – 29th January – long weekend
LADIES GALA DAY – 13TH February
MARCH TOURNAMENT – 1st -3rd March – Long weekend

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

- Our gardens are looking spectacular, let's acknowledge Kim Skene and her helpers.
- Thanks to all those who bring in the "goodies" for Wednesday and Saturday arvo tea's, it really is a pleasure to have this opportunity provided by your generosity.
- To the chaps who support Chris is court maintenance and keep our grass happy, thank you for your time, efforts and diligence efforts.

VOLUNTEERING FOR SUBSIDISED MEMBERSHIP:

Recently Rob Lennox our Volunteer Coordinator emailed out to all members the Volunteer Form to be completed and returned to him. This can be done electronically and returned to membership@busseltontennisclub.com.au or printed and returned to Captains Desk. If you have not completed and returned, please do so at your earliest opportunity so that rostering can commence for the upcoming Junior and March tournaments.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



TALKING TOURNAMENTS - CALLING FOR YOUR SUPPORT - Our two major Tournaments are coming up long weekend of January and March. These tournaments are the KEY fundraising opportunities for our club, and as such we need volunteer commitment of people power and donation support for the kitchen by way of saleable items.

If you have nominated your Volunteer activity to either of these tournaments, please clear your calendar so that you can complete your Volunteer commitment.

Got questions, wish to nominate yourself to help for either or both tournaments, reach out to Rob membership@busseltontennisclub.com.au or have a word with Merryl or Wendy

PROGRAM REPORTS

TUESDAY NIGHTS

Join us for a social hit Tuesdays at 6pm. The summer evenings are perfect to enjoy a game of tennis, enjoy the sunsets and meet new people. Members and non-members are welcome to join in.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Wednesday Social is alive and kicking.

If you are looking at beating the heat in summer, come for a social hit at 9am Wednesday on the grass courts. Three 30-minute games are played before morning tea and a fourth for those that want to burn a few more calories.

Sets are made up of Doubles Ladies, Men, Mixed - all skill levels are welcomed. Registrations start at 8:30 am.

COACHES CORNER

The [Junior Coaching Program](#) is thriving with over one hundred juniors participating each week and growing. We're focusing on skill development for our Orange and Yellow Ball players, preparing them for match play next term and upcoming tournaments. A big shout-out from the parents for the new shade installation—they absolutely love it. Thank You!

Have A Hit Fridays is thriving! It's wonderful to see strong engagement from parents playing alongside their kids. We've also welcomed lots of kids from St Mary MacKillop and Vasse this term as we facilitated the Sporting Schools Coaching program, which gave opportunity to promote HAH verbally, with flyers and exposure through the Vasse newsletter. A huge thank you to Graeme and all the club volunteers—your efforts create a wonderful and unique family atmosphere.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Summer Holiday Program running from 7th-21st Jan on Tuesdays, Wednesday's & Thursdays.

Monday Night Matchplay for the **green and yellow ball kids** over the holidays!

Mondays and Wednesday's **Cardio sessions** continue with a dedicated group

Rusty racquets & Adult Beginners Monday & Tuesday nights, on transition to social play at the club! If you are keen to join in for a workout and have some fun. Reach out to Calum, he will add you to WhatsApp group for updates.

Pro Shop: Xmas Special on Junior Racquets starting from \$34.95 & discounted Adult Racquets inc VCore & EZone range. Re stringing & grips available! Text Calum 0400 486 640

SOUTHWEST LEAGUE

Ladies Pennants comp is travelling along well with 3 weeks to go until we break for Christmas/January holidays.



Niggly injuries and travel plans have meant teams have had to call upon reserves. Thank all those reserves for their support, much appreciated! Enjoy the summer holidays and see all in February.

To those ladies travelling to Adelaide for The Australian Seniors Competition enjoy the tennis! Look forward to seeing you there early in January for a fun week.

Congratulations Bandicoots for best Team Photo, cheers Naturaliste Travel for supporting SWL & acknowledging Bandicoots efforts with Champagne

THURSDAY ARVO SMT SCROUNGERS

Cheers to 10 years! What a magnificent milestone!

'Retro' & 'Scroungers' Thursday Men's comps have reached a milestone in the history of BTC.

'Retro' & 'Scroungers' comps have been proudly sponsored by MAKIT Geographe Timber & Hardware for the entire 10 years for which BTC is extremely grateful ... Thanks Gus

THE HISTORY OF SCROUNGERS In the early 2000's Kymm Sweeting (then Club Captain) introduced "mid-week after work tennis" on Wednesday afternoon for men, this group was later coordinated by Stuart Oates. 20 odd players participated.

In 2006, social tennis was waning, in 2007 Grayden Clack was appointed Captain and Sally Ann Williams appointed mid-week coordinator, who then encouraged men to play Wed Social. Attendance increased for Wed Social, Scrounger numbers declined and so Thursday arvo Scroungers morphed.

Seeking a more competitive tennis experience Grayden introduced a team based Retro format for Spring and Autumn. In 2014 the group trialled a modified two team event. Individuals nominate weekly to play, teams are selected, matches are played, Court 28 gets visited, fines are issued, and comradery is high!

2017, saw Fred La Rosa expand play to all year around.

The SMT Scroungers would like to acknowledge the efforts of Grayden Clack & Les Cousins 2014-17: 2017 Fred La Rose 2017 - 2022, and more recently Steve Tunbridge.



THURSDAY NIGHT MIXED

On 21st November 32 players attended which set a record number for Thursday night tennis. We anticipate strong attendance throughout the summer months, our player numbers are capped at 32 as we are now share courts with Pickleball. This competition is very tight, we have all the teams on 3 or 4 rounds won after 7 rounds. There are two more rounds to play.

The enthusiasm for this tennis has seen us introduce Saturday Arvo/Evening Tennis which is really gaining momentum and garnering player attention.

It is great to see Thursday Night Tennis introduce 10 first time players to the Busselton tennis club and 40 different players have played at least 1 week.

Thankyou to the men from this group who nominated and played in a very competitive Men's Handicap doubles. Our numbers really did bolster the competition

INTERESTED INPLAYING – We are offering a taste for Thursday night tennis starting December 12th across the holidays, this will be a social hit. No need to preregister just turn up at 7pm ready to play.

HAVE A HIT FRIDAYS

Since opening HAH Friday's have been attracting over 50 participants each week to the courts, showcasing their skills and passion for the game. The energy and enthusiasm have been inspiring to watch — our future tennis stars in the making.

Adding to the excitement, on the 8th of November we were thrilled to welcome the iconic 'United Cup' trophy, which made a special stop at our club. The trophy brought an extra spark to the day, offering our juniors a glimpse into the world of professional tennis and fuelling their dreams to one day compete at the highest levels. The \$1.7M trophy was displayed in our Clubhouse and on court for all to get up close and have a photo taken.

Our last HAH Friday for 2024 will be December 6th, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, volunteers and Coach Calum for making our HAH Fridays such a success this year. With a special mention to Jay who is always available to help in the bar.



PICKLEBALL

It's a happening thing! Tuesday, Thursdays for the more competitive and structured play. Alternatively, Friday evenings at 6pm and Saturday morning 9am is the better time slot if you are looking to try out your "pickling" abilities or prefer a more casual environment. Members and Social Members \$5, Non-members \$10. For more info contact Ken 0407 988 089

TENNIS SENIORS ADELAIDE TEAMS CARNIVAL

The 5th of January 2025 will see several players from Busselton Tennis Club play in the [Tennis Seniors Australia National Carnival in Adelaide](#). The Carnival sees friendly but competitive interstate rivalry, with a blend of social engagement.

Rumour has it that our club will be well represented with Meryll, Wendy, Rosa, Vanessa, Tracy, Sandy, Leonie, Grace, Alison, Erica, Paul C, John Mc and Macca. Have fun, do us proud!

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GOLD			
SILVER			
BRONZE			