



Berwick Tennis Club Newsletter – April 2014

Welcome to the latest Berwick Tennis Club newsletter.



Open Day

Berwick Tennis Club held an Open Day on Sunday 19th January, 2014. Over 120 people attended and participated in many of the programs run on the day. It was great to see so many children come along and try out the Hot Shots Program and our free coaching sessions, as well as the many teenagers who tried to outdo each other with the radar. Congratulations to Greg Stewart who won the fastest serve.

As a result of our Open Day, we signed up a number of new members and over 20 new children to our coaching program. We have also been receiving a constant flow of enquiries to our club.



Junior Competition Finals

Congratulations to all of those teams who made it to finals this season.

Well done to Sections 4 Blue, 10 Blue and 20, who all won their grand finals, and Section 17 Blue, who were runners-up.



Fundraising

Clover Cottage

Our annual Clover Cottage dinner will be held on the 1st May, 2014.

Unfortunately the numbers were down last year compared to previous years and although all people who attended had a wonderful time, we did not raise as much money as we had hoped to help our club with the many improvements it needs.

As the date is now fast approaching, we really encourage our members to start thinking about gathering friends, team mates or family to support this worthy cause and enjoy a fun night out.

To book a table and make payment please urgently contact Helen: 0409 704 939, Rhonda: 9796 2190, Melinda: 0412 832 512 or Vanessa: 9707 4799. The cost is \$60 per head and must be paid by 15th April, 2014.

Bunnings BBQ

Our annual Bunnings BBQ fundraiser will be held on Saturday 5th July 2014. We had great support from our members help us last year and are hoping to get a great turnout of volunteers again this year. This is a huge fundraiser for our club and we would love for more parents and players to get involved. It only takes an hour or two of your time and you can choose a time that suits. A roster will be put up at the club closer to the date.



Court Use

This is a friendly reminder to all members that the gate code should not be provided to anyone who is not a member of the club.

Members are welcome to use our courts as part of their membership, but please ensure that all gates are locked after use and nets are returned to their correct height. If you are using the clubrooms please leave them clean and tidy after use and ensure all doors are locked as you leave.

Also, if you are playing on a court and there are other members waiting to use the court, please be mindful of the length of time you have been using the court. If you have been playing for more than 1 hour, please vacate and allow other members to use the courts. No member has priority over any other member. All courts must be fairly shared.

Please also be mindful to take all belongings and rubbish with you, including empty drink bottles.



Tennis Etiquette

A reminder to all Berwick Tennis Club competition players of the tennis etiquette that we expect all members of Berwick to display when representing the club, both at home and away venues.

- a) Each player is responsible for all decisions on their half of the court. The player should be completely honest on all "calls" but, if in doubt, they should give the opponent the benefit of the doubt and play the ball as good. You should not play a let.
- b) It is your obligation to call all balls on your side, to help your opponent make calls when the opponent requests it, and to call against yourself (with the exception of the first service) any ball that you clearly see out on your opponent's side of the net.
- c) Any "out", "let" or "fault" call must be made immediately (i.e. made before either the opponent has hit the return or the return has gone out of play), otherwise the ball continues in play. "Lets" may be called by any of the participating players.
- d) If you call a ball "out", and realise it was good, you should correct your call, and award the point to your opponent.
- e) In doubles, when returning service, the partner of the receiver should generally call the service line for the receiver. The receivers' should generally call the centre and side lines.
- f) If player cannot agree on the score, they should go back to the last score on which there was an agreement and resume play from that point.
- g) Players are prohibited from checking the mark of the ball on their opponent's side of the court, unless invited by their opponent to do so. Ball mark inspections are only permitted on porous courts.
- h) Where a ball interrupts play, either by rolling/bouncing onto the court, and/or creating a visible interruption behind the court a let should be played.
- i) If a player hinders her opponent it can be ruled involuntary or deliberate.
 1. When a player has created an involuntary hindrance (ball falling out of pocket, hat falling off etc.), the first time a Let should be called; the second time a Let should be called and the player should be told that any such hindrance thereafter will be ruled deliberate.
 2. Any hindrance caused by a player that is ruled deliberate will result in the loss of a point.
- j) When ball persons are not available, all balls on your side of the net are your responsibility, to pick up, and where appropriate, return directly to the server.
- k) The receiver should not return the first service if it is an obvious fault. Let it go by or ground it.



- l) Do not enlist the aid of spectators, including parents, coaches etc. in making line calls, or attempting to determine other court matters.
- m) Wait until a point is over before walking behind a court where a match is in progress.
- n) To retrieve a ball from another court or return a ball to another court, wait until the players have completed a point.
- o) Do not stall, sulk, complain nor practise gamesmanship.
- p) "Calls" should be verbal and clearly audible to the opponent by a signal if necessary. Signalling with a raised finger only is not an acceptable "call" of an out ball.



Berwick Tennis Club on Facebook

Berwick Tennis Club has a presence on Facebook page. 'Like' our page at <http://www.facebook.com/BerwickTennisClub> and keep an eye out for club news, information and happenings around the club.

Our coaches, Allison Miller and Lois Plowman are also now on Facebook. 'Like' her page at <http://www.facebook.com/Set4Tennis> and stay up to date with all things happening in the coaching world at the club.

Also, the Berwick Districts Tennis Association (BDTA) is now on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/BerwickDistrictTennisAssociation>. Check in for all the latest news.



Rebel Sport and Amart Sports Member Program

Don't forget that Berwick Tennis Club members can sign up to the VIP Member Programs at Rebel Sport and Amart Sports to receive specials and discounts. The club also receives points towards purchasing sporting items for our club.



Sponsorship

Anyone who is interested in advertising on the Berwick Tennis Club website, please contact Rhonda Willoughby via the website. Your sponsorship would be a great financial help to our club.