



NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2013

Welcome to the latest Berwick Tennis Club newsletter.



Berwick Tennis Gate Codes

As a Berwick Tennis Club fully paid member you have access to all of the courts by way of a gate code. This code is updated on an annual basis to ensure that only those that renew their membership are able to use the facilities.

It has come to the attention of the Committee that a number of non-renewed members know the current code and we can only deduce that this has been provided to them by one or more renewed members. This is unfair to those paid up members who come to use the courts and can't get a hit because non-members are using them. We therefore request that you do not provide the code to anyone. If you are asked by anyone for the code, they should be referred to the membership coordinator, Helen Stewart, in the first instance so she can ensure that they are paid up members.

Non-members are able to hire courts through the correct channels, after payment of a hire fee.

Unfortunately, if non-members continue to use the courts without paying the appropriate court hire fee, we will be required to update the current gate code.

It is also a requirement of membership that the membership shoe tag issued to each member on renewal is carried at all times when using the courts. A committee member may request that the shoe tag be shown where it is unclear whether someone using the court is a current paid up member.



Berwick Tennis Club Open Day

The annual Berwick Tennis Club Open Day was held on Sunday the 20th of January 2013, with over 150 people in attendance. It was a beautiful sunny day and all those who attended enjoyed a variety of activities, including the radar gun to test the speed of their serves, Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis.

We received quite a few new members on the day and are still receiving many enquiries about our club.

A big thankyou to Allison Miller for organising the day, all others that helped out on the day and a special thanks to O'Brien Real Estate for donating the wonderful advertising signs.



Berwick Tennis Club Footy Tipping

A reminder that the Berwick Tennis Club Footy tipping competition will be on again this season if we can get a minimum of 10 tippers. With only a few days left before the season starts it's time to join up now.

To join, click the following link: <http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/berwicktc>

The password to join the comp is **tennis**. You'll need to register on the footytips website if you haven't tipped on there before.

The entry Fee is \$25 with \$15 going to the end of season prize pool and \$10 fundraising for the club.

Prizes

Weekly Prize: No weekly prizes - \$15 from each entry will be pooled and be distributed in the end of season prizes - see details below.

Season Prize: 1st Prize: 60% of pool

2nd Prize: 30% of pool

3rd Prize: 10% pool

Payment Details

Direct Credit to Berwick Tennis Club bank account preferred, BSB 063549, Account number: 10077347, Account Name: Berwick Tennis Club and please enter a transaction description of your surname and the word FOOTY.

OR

Cheque made payable to Berwick Tennis Club. Cheque can be handed to the Treasurer Rhonda Willoughby or mailed to her via Berwick Tennis Club, PO Box 226, Berwick 3806

For further queries regarding this competition, please leave a comment here or email enquiries@berwicktc.asn.au.



Berwick Tennis Club Junior Club Championships

Our annual Junior Club Championships will be held on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of March 2013. Play will commence at 10 am on Saturday. All juniors are welcome to enter in the many events. Please contact Allison Miller on 0408 332 929 if you would like a form or any further information.



Australian Open Ball Kids

Congratulations to James Whatmough who was once again an Australian Open Ball Kid this year. James was lucky enough to work at the finals this year and has kindly donated an Australian Open book to our club.



Fundraising

Our annual Clover Cottage Dinner was held on the 20th of February. Unfortunately the numbers were down this 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 most of you will have noticed, our Plexipave hard courts are in need of repair and resurfacing. The current quote to complete the repairs is in the vicinity of \$84,000. We are currently working with Casey Council to assist with funding to make these repairs however we are generally required to make a 50% co-contribution to fund the repairs. Fundraising is the main way our club can raise enough money to make these changes happen.

Hoodies

Our next fundraiser will be a Berwick Tennis Club personalised winter hooded windcheater (hoodie). These hoodies will have the Berwick Tennis Club logo on the front and the option of a name/nickname on the back. You will be able to choose any name or nickname. They are excellent quality and are a great way to stay warm in the winter months and show your support for the Berwick Tennis Club. An order form will be sent out at the start of next season.

Bunnings BBQ

We will also be running our annual **Bunnings BBQ** fundraiser again on Saturday 25th May 2013. We will shortly be looking for volunteers to help out with a shift for an hour or two during the day. If you are available, please contact any Committee member as soon as possible to confirm your availability. We will be placing a roster up at the clubrooms so if you can spare an hour or two to help out it would be greatly appreciated. Please add your name into one of the available time slots. The more volunteers we get the shorter the shifts need to be.



Club Improvements

As you have probably all noticed several improvements have been made around the club over the past couple of months.

The seating has been repaired near courts 1 & 2 and terracing has been completed to provide more seating for spectators.

We have a new shelter near court 7 as well as steps leading down to the courts.

We have new drainage around court 6 which will greatly assist with keeping the tennis balls dry during the winter months.

We are in the process of completing many more maintenance tasks to help improve your club.

A big thank you to Walter and Denis who make these tasks happen.



Berwick Tennis Club on Facebook

Berwick Tennis Club now 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 coach, Allison Miller is also now on Facebook. 'Like' her page at <http://www.facebook.com/AllisonMillersTennisCoaching> 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 Member Program

Don't forget that Berwick Tennis Club members can now sign up to the VIP Member Program at Rebel Sport and receive specials and discounts.



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.