

COURTSIDE NEWS

Somers Tennis Club Inc

Club Championships

Queen's Birthday Weekend, Sat 9 - Mon 11 June

Somers Tennis Club will hold a **Club Championships** this Queen's Birthday weekend. It has been many years since the last Club Championships, and we look forward to providing this opportunity for our members to come together to play competitive tennis in a friendly social environment.

Depending on the number of entries received, matches will be of round robin or knock-out format. Draws will be published on the web site as soon as possible after the close of entries.

Some matches may be played in the evening. Please note, no courts will be available for social play for the duration of the Club Championships. Our junior members are encouraged to enter and we plan to have umpires, lines people and ball kids for finals matches. We will need volunteers for various activities, so please help when called on. It will be a lot of fun so get involved.

Complimentary tea and coffee will be provided throughout the event. Morning and afternoon teas and a light BBQ lunch will be available for purchase each day. Wine and beer will be available after 11am at below bar prices.

Refer to page 6 for further details, and page 7 for an entry form. Entry form is also available for download from the Club's web site - www.somerstennisclub.com.au.

Entries close Friday 1 June 2018

The Balnarring and Community Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank are the major sponsor for the Championships.

Support our Club

Somers Tennis Club welcomes support from members, the community and those who are passionate about the growth of our sport and our Club.

For those who are interested in contributing to the Club financially, tax deductible donations can be made using the 'Donate' button on our web site.



For further information, please contact Club President, Graeme Wilson, on 0424 015 351



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Court 3 Resurfacing Project

We are pleased to report that the contractors completed the construction phase of the Court 3 resurfacing project, including the fencing, on 16 March. The surface coating process will commence around late April. The LED lighting system will come a little later as we await the outcome of other grant applications. The Mornington Peninsula Shire has completed the drainage and pathway construction in the park.



News from the Committee

Other improvements we are undertaking include:

1. Complete the glass partitions on the deck.
2. Reconstruction of the steps and pathway to courts 1 and 2.
3. Keyless entry system.

Future projects yet to be funded include:

1. Sight screens for courts 1 and 2.
2. Decking from the entrance gate around the Clubhouse.

Coaching Program

Somers Tennis Club is pleased to introduce our new Club Coach, **Tony Withers**, who will commence coaching from Term 2. Born in Euroa in country Victoria, Tony brings a world of knowledge and experience as both a professional tennis player and long term professional coach.

As a junior player, Tony was ranked 5 in Australia and was a winner of the Australian Open Junior Boys Doubles and Semi Finalist in the Singles losing in 3 sets to Pat Cash. Tony played the Pro Tour in Europe and the USA, and was ranked in the Top 30 in Australia and the Top 400 in the world. He played several years of A Pennant (Premier League) and was winner of several local and Country Open tournaments throughout Victoria, as well as the winner of the Australian Over Age Doubles title.

Tony is a fully qualified Club Coaching Professional with Tennis Australia. He has 4 children and is married with 4 step daughters (7 girls) and has 3 dogs.

The Coaching Program will continue on Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Subject to demand, Tony may add another evening for coaching. Both private and group sessions are available, as well as doubles strategy sessions and racquet restringing services. Please advise Tony if you are interested in Cardio Tennis or school holiday programs.

Please introduce yourself as Tony looks forward to meeting everyone at the courts.

Contact: Tony Withers
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Court Action

Somers Tennis Club has been well represented in both junior and senior competitions over recent years and we continue to celebrate fantastic results across all competitions and sections. Our **Senior Mixed Section 2** team (Ray Willis, Glenice Carr, Jacqui Moir, Suzanne Davies, Mark Jaensch and Rob Jaede) were undefeated all season and went on to win the 2016/17 season Grand Final. Our **Open Singles Section 7** team (Peter Wilson, Andrew Wilson and Jevvan Mealey) won the 2016/17 Summer season Grand Final. The **A Grade Mixed** night tennis team (Mark Jaensch, Ray Willis, David Chapman, Lois Booth, Glenice Carr, Jacqui Moir and Vivian Guizzo) had two Grand Final wins in the Winter 2016 and Summer 2017 seasons, and were runners up in the Winter 2017 season.

Our junior teams continue to improve and enjoy strong competition across all sections. The **Section 5** team (Nic Chapman, James Seward, Max Taylor and Lachlan Lee-Smith), and **Section 7** team (Zac Dueringe, Callum Lee-Smith, Oslan Jones and Josh Lambert) were runners up in the 2017 Winter season Grand Finals. The Summer season 2017/2018 has just concluded. Our teams in Sections 3,5,8 and 11 did not make the finals, but all played very well. We believe we will see considerable improvements next season.



Section 2 Mixed team from L-R Ray Willis, Rob Jaede, Jacqui Moir, Mark Jaensch, Glenice Carr & Suzanne Davies



Section 7 Open Singles team from L-R Andrew Wilson, Peter Wilson & Jevvan Mealey



Section 7 Junior Mixed team from L-R Callum Lee-Smith, Josh Lambert & Zac Dueringe

Club Clothing

Club clothing is available for junior and senior members. We have t-shirts, polo shirts, jackets and Club caps available in a range of sizes with the Club's logo. Samples uniforms and order forms are in the Clubhouse or contact Graeme on 0424 015 351.

Adult's t-shirt \$29	Adult's polo shirt \$35
Child's t-shirt \$27	Child's polo shirt \$32
Adult's jacket \$55	Cap \$10

Books for Sale

We are most grateful for the generosity of our members and others in the community who have donated books and DVDs for the Club to sell. We have been absolutely inundated with books—please call in to the Clubhouse to check out our extensive range. Books are only \$2 each.

2018/19 Membership Renewals

Membership subscriptions for the 2018/19 financial year are due by 30 June 2018. A reminder notice will be sent to all members in early June.

You can renew your membership securely online via the Club's web site at www.somerstennisclub.com.au. Fees are: Family \$270, Single \$129, Junior/Student: \$84.

Night Tennis Competition

If you would like to play tennis at night, please contact Graeme on 0424 015 351. We enter teams in the Westernport Night Tennis Association's Mixed and Men's competitions on Monday and Tuesday nights. Matches commence at 7pm and cost \$7 per player.

Court and Clubhouse Hire Fees

Court Hire

Members: No charge
Non-members: \$15 / hr per court
Key deposit: \$10 (refunded on return of key)

To book a court phone 5983 1360 or 5983 1834

Light Hire (Social Play)

Members: \$10 / hr per court
Non-members: \$25 / hr per court



If you wish to use the lights for social play, please advise Graeme Wilson 0424 015 351 or Louise Adams 0402 154 952.

Court and light hire money is to be placed in an envelope near the main entrance and posted in the key slot or ball cupboard. Please include the date, your full name and the number of hours court/lights used.

Clubhouse Hire

Please contact Louise Adams 0402 154 952

Visitors Fee

Visitors aged 18 years and over pay \$5 per visit when playing with a Somers Tennis Club member.

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Western Port Uniting Church Opportunity Shop (Crib Point)

Richard Carr 12 July 1954 - 8 January 2018

Earlier this year one of our Life Members, Richard Carr, passed away aged 63. Richie, as many of us knew him, passed away after battling lung cancer for four months. This came as a shock to family and friends, and also brought a lot of sadness to a lot of people.

When Richie first arrived at Somers Tennis Club, the Club was about to undergo a transitional stage. Between 1929 and 1984, the Club was located at Garden Square, and in 1984, the Club was moved to where it is today, at RW Stone Reserve. The next year was his first as President, after a few years on the committee. For the next decade, Richie and fellow Life Member Len Williams shared the role of Presidency, with Richie taking on the role in 1985-1988, Len in 1989-1991, Richie in 1992, and then Len again in 1993-1994.



Richie spoke about how the clubhouse used to be a little shed up the back of the grounds next to court 2, and that you were lucky to fit more than a couple of teams worth of people in there. In 1994, while not in any executive role, he was a big part of the construction of the current clubhouse, and the photos of this can be seen on the back clubhouse wall.

A year later, in 1995, he had a year as Secretary. In 1998, he started his third stint as President, and in 2003 was awarded Life Membership for over 20 years of service and countless hours volunteering for the benefit of the Club. Richie had one more year as President in 2004 before stepping down and handing over the presidency to our current President Graeme Wilson.

Richie was also a keen tennis player, despite picking up the game late. He played in many premiership sides, particularly in Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles, and often spoke of how he loved playing on the asphalt court up near the hall, purely because opponents couldn't handle the gusty winds that would blow through there. Matches were eventually moved from Garden Square in the late 1990s, and from the asphalt court in the mid 2000s, despite his keenness for playing on those rustic courts.



A knee injury in his mid 50s meant Richie's playing days were over, but he was still very involved with the club. He would often come down and watch the tennis on Monday nights or Saturday afternoons, as his wife Glenice played mixed doubles. Playing singles at home with the mixed team was always good fun because Richie would be there to have a chat and a laugh with, about anything. He was someone who could spark up a conversation with anyone, no matter who they were or what age they were, and that was partly why he was so well liked within the community.

Even up till December, he was still making his way down to watch the tennis and enjoy a few drinks with close friends afterwards, as was the norm for many years. At the last AGM, he was there to reinstate Graeme as President, which was great to see. The club will forever be indebted to Richie and the contributions he made to the Club over the 35+ years that he was involved, and we thank him for all he has done.

Oscar Willis, on behalf of the Somers Tennis Club Committee

Rod Nuske 12 February 1930 - 30 March 2018

Rod passed away on Friday 30 March 2018 aged 88 years. A service celebrating his life was held at RW Stone Reserve on Tuesday 10 April attended by some 250-300 family members and friends. Rod joined the Club in 1954 serving as Secretary from 1954 to 1960, then as President from 1961 to 1964. We are unsure of Rod's playing history, but he attended every AGM and always had sound advice and joined in with constructive discussion on any matter related to the Club. Rod was made a Life Member in 1991.

Graeme Wilson, President, on behalf of the Somers Tennis Club Committee

2018 Club Championships

Dates: Commencing Saturday 9 June, concluding Monday 11 June 2018
(Queen's Birthday long weekend)

Entries close: Friday 1 June 2018

Please return completed entry forms with payment to:

Graeme Wilson
2018 Club Championships Director
Somers Tennis Club
PO Box 319
Somers VIC 3927

or email to info@somerstennisclub.com.au

Entry fees: Under 18 years - free
18 years and over - \$5 per event per person

Payment by cash, cheque made payable to 'Somers Tennis Club', or direct deposit—BSB 633 000, account 134397249, account name Somers Tennis Club Inc. Use surname as reference.

Event format: The Championships will take the form of either a round robin or knock-out event, subject to the number of entries received.

Contacts: Graeme Wilson, Championships Director - 0424 015 351
Oscar Willis - 0424 803 372 or Louise Adams - 0402 154 952



Terms and conditions of entry:

- The Club Championships will be conducted in accordance with Tennis Australia Rules and Regulations and Tennis Australia and member associations' Events Disciplinary Policy and Member Protection By-Law.
- Regulation tennis attire must be worn. The use of shoes with heels or ripple soles is prohibited.
- Trophies will be presented to the winners of all events.
- Matches may consist of an 8 game set with a tiebreak at 7-all (unless stated otherwise by the Club Championships Committee before the start of play). Some finals matches may consist of 2 x 6 game tie break sets.
- Matches will commence at 8:30am on Saturday 9 June 2018 (Queen's Birthday public holiday) and each day thereafter at 8:30am. All competitors must be ready to play when called or they will forfeit the match.
- All competitors must report to the Club Championships desk on arrival.
- The Club Championships Committee reserves the right to cancel or combine events.
- No player may leave the courts without permission.
- Partners will be arranged for doubles matches if requested.
- The Club Championships Committee shall have entire control of the management of the event.
- Tennis Australia Code of Conduct will be strictly adhered to for the duration of the Club Championships.

Entries close Friday 1 June 2018

Somers Tennis Club - 2018 Club Championships
Saturday 9 – Monday 11 June (Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend)

ENTRY FORM

Entries close Friday 1 June 2018

Return completed entry form to:

Graeme Wilson, 2018 Club Championships Director
 Somers Tennis Club Inc, PO Box 319, Somers VIC 3927
 or email to info@somerstennisclub.com.au

Name:

Address:

Email address:

Mobile ph:

Date of birth (if under 18 years):

Doubles partner’s name: **or, partner required:** Yes / No

Event No	Event Name	Entry Fee (18 yrs & over)
1	Men’s Singles	\$5
2	Men’s Doubles	\$5 / player
3	Women’s Singles	\$5
4	Women’s Doubles	\$5 / player
5	Mixed Doubles	\$5 / player

Correct entry fees must be paid on entering the Club Championships. Under 18 years FREE.

Fees may be paid by cash, cheque made payable to ‘Somers Tennis Club’, or by direct deposit–BSB 633 000, account 134397249, account name Somers Tennis Club Inc. Include name as reference.

All events are open to juniors.

Event No	Event Name	Cost \$
	Total:	\$

Player signature:

Parent/guardian signature (for U18 players):

[Electronic copy of entry form available at www.somerstennisclub.com.au]