



The Glenburn Ace

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TENNIS CLUB



Anja's Angle

Hi everyone.

Firstly, congratulations to the D Special Girls team who won the flag on their first attempt at competition tennis. An excellent effort!

Welcome to the Winter 2010 season. This season we have seen quite a few long-time juniors moving onto either senior tennis, other sports or just having a break. We have lost a handful of players to extra school study (or tutoring) This is a shame since sport and socialising is a good mix with school pressures. So good luck to you with your other endeavours.

We welcome this season Preston Seo and Betty Lin. Since we have less players this season we have decided to try and play a few more rubber matches at the B and above standard to see if it suits our club.

Thank you to Maggie and Cynthia for all their hard work on the Junior committee and for Maggie running the Juniors in the mornings. Thank you to all the team managers who assist the committee by organising and distributing the rosters, making and receiving all the phone calls for their teams and generally making sure that the team is communicating well.

FINALLY, we are NEARLY playing on the same surface, as all the new courts are nearly finished. Unfortunately the courts don't leave a mark, so when calling the lines on your side of the court make sure you are 100% sure that it is outside the line. The best way to do that is if you can see a gap between the line and the ball, it's out.

Our uniform has been very well received and players leaving don't want to sell it back to the club, they prefer to keep it. We've had other clubs contact us to get the contact details of Anna Clothier who so kindly organised all our uniforms. We will put an order in as soon as I can get organised for some more shirts, jackets and caps, so please contact me as soon as possible so you don't miss out.

I wish everyone a great season and if you have any issues, I would hope you can come and talk to me or e-mail me.

Cheers

Anja Williams

Finals Results

Well done to all the teams that reached the finals. Three of our teams reached the finals (B1 Boys, BSP 1 Mixed and DSP 1 Girls). Of those teams the DSP 1 Girls reached the grand finals and took out the premiership in their section. Well done!

PREMIERS - D Sp 1 Girls - Uma Mahalingam, Wangui Njanja, Suvetha Srikantha, Mimi Nguyen, Ramya Sridhar and Vinoja Ganeshanathan.

Congratulations to ALL the teams for a wonderful result.

Good luck for the coming Winter 2010 season. We have a total of 9 teams this season, 5 boys teams and 4 girls teams.

Premiers



CLUB UNIFORM! ORDER NOW!

We encourage you to place orders for any extra uniform items asap. With cold weather starting you may consider ordering a jacket to keep you warm. Plenty of order forms and information on the noticeboard. Sample can be viewed at the club.

Team Managers

Thanks to all the Team Managers who have accepted the task this season. Your help is greatly appreciated.

WDTA Website

For more information on teams, ladders and general tennis information you can access the WDTA website on www.waverleytennis.asn.au





Junior Committee

We encourage all parents to think about joining the Junior Committee. The running of a Junior Club competition requires input, involvement and commitment. To try and spread the workload, it would be nice to have other people to help make decisions and provide help when tasks or events need organising. Your role will be to provide support as required to other committee members. It doesn't involve a lot of work, just a little help every so often.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Donations

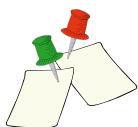
We are always looking for any donations which the club could use. Especially things such as table tennis balls which need replacing each week. Every little bit helps. All we are asking for are small items which will benefit our juniors. Other items such as band-aids, photocopy paper, sunscreen, toilet paper would be useful.

Thank you Bakers Delight Glen Waverley

A big thank you to Bakers Delight at The Glen. They have kindly donated items to our Tuckshop which helps towards our fundraising efforts. We thank you for your support.



Notice Board



For members unable to access the internet, we do have plenty of information available on the Junior Notice Board. We recommend that you check for current information regularly.



Snack Bar

Volunteers to help run this would be appreciated. There will be no food handling involved as we plan to only sell packaged snacks or drinks. The only requirement is that someone be responsible for money handling and be in attendance of the snack bar. If you have any suggestions, or would like to see any items on the menu, please see Anja or Maggie.



Ideas and Suggestions

If you have any ideas or suggestions which will benefit the club or the juniors, please let us know. You can either speak to someone directly, or email one of the committee members. We look forward to hearing from you.

Contacts

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If you would like to contribute any news or views to the **Glenburn Ace**, please send emails to the Glenburn Tennis Club on: glenburntc@hotmail.com

Cynthia's Words of Wisdom



COLD WEATHER TENNIS

Tennis is a fun and challenging game for all of us. Throw in the elements, wind, sun, heat & cold and this ups the ante even more. Instead of fighting these added conditions, embrace them and work them to your advantage by smart thinking.

Winter season is coming up and it's often hard to get out of bed!!! It's cold, so first up, make sure you have a hearty breakfast to get you going.

- Rug up without feeling constricted. A t-shirt worn under your Glenburn shirt insulates you against getting cold. A loose, comfortable jacket (like our new Glenburn warm-up jackets) will keep you warm during the hit up until you are ready to take it off. If you can add a navy vest (to match your uniform of course!) This is another layer of insulation to keep you warm.

- Make sure you take an extra t-shirt. The one you will be wearing will get hot & sweaty, then cold when you stop. So you need to change as keeping warm is very important. As soon as your match has finished, put your track suit pants on and stay out of the wind.

- Don't forget to take your water, it may be cold but you still need to drink.

- Don't forget to take a change of socks. The same thing happens to your socks when you start to cool down, your socks will get cold...change them!

- Because it is cold, the balls will appear heavier and slower through the air. Be ready for the slower pace and keep your feet moving on the court to remind yourself to be alert.

- The sun is much lower in the sky during the winter and will be in your eyes down the south end of the court. Make sure you have a hat to shade your eyes from the sun.

- When you win the toss, or if your opponent chooses to serve first, you may want to take the northern end first so they have to look into the sun first.

GOOD LUCK!!!

Happy playing, Cynthia 98028081 0412 113 558

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Each issue, we will post some rules and by-laws as specified by the Waverley Tennis Association. Entire by-laws can be found on the WDTA website or on the junior notice board.

WAVERLEY TENNIS JUNIOR TENNIS GUIDELINES TO COMPETITION BY-LAWS

1.4 Parental Supervision

The Waverley Tennis expects that all Junior teams shall have a rostered parent or adult in attendance with each team throughout the morning's play at all home and away matches. (See also under 'POLICIES'). The supervision requirements for home clubs are covered in By-Law 15.

Courts 1 & 2

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in finalising the last two courts for play. Please be patient while the committee is doing all they can to fast track the situation. Over the next few weeks, we may have to move some home matches to alternative venues due to shortage of courts. Teams will be notified prior.

Glenburn Hot Shots

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GENERAL NEWS

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Tennis in Salone, Sierra Leone, West Afrika

In recent months I have discovered a tennis club with some talented Sierra Leone players. As with the people in basketball, it is refreshing to play with them and just being with them. I was given a warm welcome from the beginning and some are fascinated that I play the forehand with both hands.

Then there were also some things that have bothered me a little at the beginning: It is common for the young players get a tip, if you play with them. It is a bit strange to me when I give someone money so that he plays with me. Especially then, when we are at the same standard. Since I don't give the guys on the basketball court any money to play with me. I tried to explain this, to which they replied in their charming way, that the young players have to rely on that money. Nevertheless, I have not yet paid a player and I think this is now accepted as they look at me now as an equal tennis partner.

Another thing is that the very young kids acting as ball boys and here it is usual that they will be paid as well as the referee (I am not speaking of tournaments, but at training). It's like at the airport with the baggage, it is also not asked whether you want the service, but the Ball Boys / referee run after the balls, without being prompted for this. In the end there is the expectation that each will receive about € 1, which is relatively high, considering that the average Sierra Leonean per day of 1-2 Euros. When I said at the second or third time that I don't need any ball boys (since I've never played with one and it is therefore a little strange when the guys serve me), they were offended and they told other people at the club. I tried to convince them that I am still young and it does me good to collect the ball myself. Most Sierra Leoneans are accustomed to the ball being collected by others, so when I play with older tennis partner I take this into consideration and pay the ball boys at the end. The initial excitement is now over and it is now accepted that I play sometimes without the ball boys.

Through talking to people it allows me insights into their lives. So I was told for example, a young talented player - one of the best players in the country - how difficult it was for him to have success in sport. At times, he has no Tennis racquet available, since replacing a torn string costs about 6 euros. He lives about 5 miles from the Tennis Club, which sits on a hill and due to

lack of financial resources has often to walk back. The shoes of most tennis players are often quite worse for wear, rather, they fall apart fast. Some of the ambitious players who will participate in the Commonwealth Games, are quite frustrated that they received little support. Not so easy Even though I still don't give the players any money when they play with me, I try to understand their situation and help individual. Once I presented a player my old shoes (huge joy), one time I gave my tournament prize money to some talented players, so they can afford a few strings.

Greetings from West Africa

Philipp Langlotz (Anja's brother)

Editor's note. Many, thanks to Anja's brother Philip for this interesting article. Article translated into English from google.

<http://paarlanglotz-sierraleone.blogspot.com/>

