



Serving It Up

Newsletter of the St Dominic's Parish Tennis Club

"Ludas Super Praemium"

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ST DOMINIC'S TENNIS
CLUB
2008 ANNUAL SOCIAL
FUNCTION

On:

Friday 25 July

At:

Elgin Inn Hotel (1st Floor private
function room)
75 Burwood Road
Hawthorn

From:

7.30pm until 1.00am

Cost:

\$30.00 per head

Includes fine finger food and your
first drink

Drinks at bar prices thereafter

**RSVP and payment by 18 July
2008 to:**

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● A Message from the President

Dear Club Members,

Those of you who have been to the courts in the last week will have noticed that installation of the lights has been completed during the School Holiday period. We hope to have the lights operational by the end of this month, subject to finalising a Members' Code of Conduct required to be agreed with residents as part of our permit.

The Committee has developed a draft Code of Conduct covering night time Court usage, car parking, standards of behaviour and use of Club House facilities. We are currently in the process of finalising the content of the Code in consultation with neighbours. Once finalised, all members will be provided with a copy and asked to acknowledge they have read and agree to comply with the Code as part of their membership.

I wrote to all members in June about bringing forward payment of this year's Club subscriptions to 1 July to allow us to cover the significant development cost of installing lights on all three courts. Thanks to all members who have already paid. I encourage others who have not yet paid to make their payment to John Quinn as promptly as possible.

The Club's 2008 Annual Social Function is coming up soon. See details opposite. This year we are trying something different. The party starts at 7.30pm in the upstairs function room at the Elgin Inn Hotel in Hawthorn. For the first time, all those attending will have the chance to win a Wilson tennis racquet worth \$300.00. And the configuration of the room will allow those who are interested, to watch the Hawks vs. Cats match being played that night without interfering with those that just want to chat and drink and eat. I warmly welcome and encourage all members, old and new, to come and join us for what should be a good night out.

And finally, congratulations to the All Stars Men's Team who won the Section 5 Grand Final and the Backyard Boys who were Section 9 Runners Up and Salitos who were Section 10 Runners Up.

David Brookes



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Allstars - Peter Herd, Peter Egan, David Wheeler and Dan Wheeler - with the pennant for Section 5 Night Competition

Important dates

25 Jul	SDTC Annual Function Elgin Inn Hotel Hawthorn
3 Aug	Family Open Day
4 Aug	<i>Committee meeting</i>
1 Sep	<i>Committee meeting</i>
7 Sep	Family Open Day
14 Sep	Parent/Child Tournament
20 Sep-5 Oct	School holidays

Thank You!!

A big thanks to the following members who have gone above and beyond the call lately:

- Terry Anderson, Peter Davy and Peter Herd who built a brick retaining wall at the back of Court 3 to solve some recurring drainage problems.
- Peter Herd and Barry Russ who were closely involved with the lighting contractors during the recent installation of the lights.

Club Singles Championship

The Men's Singles Championship was held on 20 April. A spirited social afternoon of tennis culminated with the following result Men's: Tim Bowden defeated Peter Herd 7/3



Peter Herd and Tim Bowden after the final of the Men's Singles

Ladies' competition

Wednesday Ladies

The Section 1 team comprising Maggie, Marg Anderson, Marg Smith, Jenny and Sue-Anne are struggling in the top section. We are midway through the season and have had a couple of wins against the two bottom teams, though find it very difficult to make much of an impression against the top teams. Luckily the lunches and company are worth turning up for!!!

The Section 3 team of Anne Brookes, Janet Davy, Donna King and Cathie Anderson has recruited very well this season. We are delighted to welcome to our team Chris Molino. Chris has Zac and Riley at St. Dom's in the junior years, and we are very glad to have young Chris rejuvenate our tennis. Chris has a strong, reliable forehand and a very effective serve. She has helped us to secure a number of wins, although there are a few teams we are finding difficult to beat.

We were sitting in fourth place recently but had a disappointing loss last week to the lucky ladies at Royal South Yarra. It is good to have Janet back after injury and Donna is playing as consistently as ever. I hope we can hang in there for a shot at the finals.



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Men's competitions

Apart from the great success mentioned above the men's teams like to celebrate at the end of their season with a quiet dinner. Tim Straford was kind enough to report on the June gathering:

The Tuesday Night tennis teams function was held at Columbus Pizza Restaurant on Tuesday 10th June. It was a great success with 25 attending including our President David Brookes who gave everyone an update on the lights. David also confirmed we are going to start with two teams entered and based at St Dominic's whilst the other 3 teams will still use outside courts.

The night also had a lot of friendly rivalry about who is going and down next season and we had two runners up teams and one winning team. Both runners up teams were beaten by 1 game –after losing tie breakers.

A great night was had by all with many stories of the near misses and the great tennis. Tuesday night tennis is alive and well at St Dominic's.

Social tennis

Club members and their guests are welcome at the Social Tennis afternoons, which are organised on the **first Sunday of each month**, with a committee member in attendance. Look out for Social Tennis in 2008. Play starts around 2.30 pm.

Coaching

Andrew Sais is the club senior coach. He may be contacted on 0409 971 622. Coaching for juniors is after school Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in the school holidays. Coaching for Ladies is Monday morning.

In fairness to Andrew and the club, it is very important that coaching fees are paid promptly, normally by the second session of the term. If this is a problem, please discuss with Andrew.



Andrew Sais Club Coach with beginners and aspiring champs

Membership

New membership forms are available on the clubhouse notice board. Note that **family** membership comprises parents and children aged 11 years to 18 years. The club does not generally accept memberships for children under 11 years.

A warm welcome to Kerry Richards who has become a member recently.

E-mail and website

If you have e-mail please send a message to the club e-mail address. This is the simplest and most cost effective way of communicating with club members. The club also has a basic web page, with club news and information on championships. It is part of the parish website at www.stdominics.org.au/tennis.

Tennis Club Members retail discount

Don't forget you can get a discount on your purchases at Rebel Sport stores and the club will also receive a rebate based on our combined purchases. We encourage you to support this retailer. To receive the discount you need to quote the club number of 29223.



Enjoy your tennis and we look forward to seeing you at the Club.