



## Newsletter June 2023

### Annual General Meeting

The next AGM will start at **6pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** in the clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend and vote on a proposed change to the Club's constitution, and to elect a Club Committee for the 2023-24 financial year.

### Constitution Change

At the AGM the Committee would like to change the way new members are treated on joining so that new members joining after 30 June this year will have their membership renewal due one year after joining. Existing members will not be affected. There will no longer be a joining fee. The proposed wording of the Constitution change is shown at the end of this Newsletter.

### Membership Renewals

Members are reminded that their current membership will expire on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

A credit card payment to the online Book a Court system is the Club's preferred way to receive membership renewals.

If you are not able to pay through Book a Court, you can pay directly into our Westpac Account which is:

Majura Tennis Club Inc

BSB 032 730 A/C 378351

If you pay through the bank please send an email to [treasurer@majuratennis.com.au](mailto:treasurer@majuratennis.com.au) (the Club's treasurer) so your registration can be recorded manually on Book a Court.

The Committee has introduced a new fee schedule to keep up with rising costs.

Yearly memberships and renewals are:

Single: \$165

Family: \$280

Junior (under 18 yrs): \$60

The Club no longer has a joining fee.

Court hire charges are:

Member day: free

Non-member day: \$18/hr

Member night: \$18/hr

Non-member night: \$28/hr

## Emerging Champions

The Club is proud to have **Louis Chen** as a young and emerging player as a member. Louis won the u/9 Singles at the 2023 Melba Junior Development Series tournament in February 2023 against his friend Oscar Ciampa also from the ACT. Louis and Oscar teamed up to win the u/9 Doubles at the same tournament.

If you see a young person playing on our Courts who could beat you hands-down, then it might just be Louis, but it might also be another talented junior. Or it might be one of the young female members or even non-members who train at our courts. It is heartening that the Club increased its membership significantly during the year, and the younger players are especially welcome.

## Defibrillator

The Club's cardiac defibrillator is now mounted on a wall inside the clubhouse. A flashing green light indicates it is charged. We are grateful to the John James Foundation for their generosity and for Tennis ACT's encouragement of the local Tennis Clubs to purchase one. It is an automatic device which gives instructions on its use and includes sensors to monitor heartbeat and to prevent misuse.

## Courts

The Club took steps to increase the life of the Court 2 and Court 3 surfaces. A professional team from Sydney, SportsClean, did a deep clean of both courts. This loosened the surface and broke up any matting of the pile. The Club has also purchased a Roll and Comb machine to groom our three synthetic grass surfaces regularly. A surface insert has just been added at the Court 2 clubhouse-end baseline. This will remove the slip hazard which had developed due to wear at the baseline and will increase the life of the court.

We would ask you to keep putting the black plastic "snakes" back on the courts after you

have completed your tennis. This is to scare away damaging birds!

There is no longer a requirement for players to "bag" a court after play. Following professional advice, the Club is only bagging the Club's courts once a week.

## Grants

The Club applied for three grants during 2022-23. One was awarded, one was deemed ineligible and a third is still pending. The Club gratefully acknowledges the support of the Federal Government, through the award of a \$3294 (ex-GST) Volunteer Grant in the seat of Canberra (Alicia Payne MP). This grant is intended to be spent on portable equipment which supports the work of the Club's volunteers. The Committee is currently looking at items which benefit all those who use the Club's facilities. The Club will continue to apply for Grants during 2023-24 to improve the electrical system, upgrade and extend LED lighting to all four courts and to resurface Court 4.

## What to do if the Gate Code does not work after you have booked.

Remember that it takes a few minutes for the booking to be processed by "Book a Court". Moreover, you need to enter your pin close to the beginning of your booking. Sometimes requesting the code to be resent will get the system to recognise your code and let you in. If your booking has been processed and you still cannot access the court please contact the President or the Secretary for assistance.

If you have booked at a time that requires the lights, it is important that you put in your code even if the gate is open. If you don't put in your code, the lights will turn off when the previous players' time has finished.

## Free Coaching Trial

The Head Coach at the Club's courts, Robbie Manzano of Tennis Canberra, is offering a free trial of coaching during June for members who have not previously had a lesson with a Tennis Canberra Coach. Winter is a good time for new players to find a place in a coaching group before they fill up by Summer.

**Book Trial:** [www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis](http://www.tenniscanberra.com.au/try-tennis)

**Contact us:** [play@tenniscanberra.com.au](mailto:play@tenniscanberra.com.au)

### MONDAY

- 4-5pm (Ages 6-8)
- 5-6pm (Ages 9-16)
- 6-7pm (Adult Skills Beginners)
- 7-8pm (Adult Skills Intermediates)

### THURSDAY

- 3:30-4pm (Ages 4-5)
- 4-5pm (Ages 6-8)
- 5-6pm (Ages 7-12)
- 6-7pm (Adult Skills Beginners)
- 7-8pm (Adult Skills Intermediates)

### SATURDAY

- 8-9am (Adult Skills Intermediates) 8:30-9am (Ages 4-5)
- 9-10am (Ages 6-8 & Adult Skills Beginners)
- 11-12pm (Ages 9-16)



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THE CHAMPIONSHIPS  
WIMBLEDON

The poster features a central photograph of several people playing tennis on an outdoor court. The background is a vibrant green with purple and yellow circular accents. A small logo of the Australian Open tennis stadium is visible in the top right corner.

## Websites

Do not forget to visit our website:

<https://majuratennis.com.au/index.php>

And our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/majuratennis/>

## Constitution Change Wording

The following change to clause 34 of the Club's constitution is proposed. As indicated it introduces flexibility in the renewal date for new members and makes it simpler for new members to join at any date. Renewal reminder emails will be sent automatically by our Play Tennis online system.

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SUSSCRIPTIONS

34) → ¶

a) → The annual subscription payable will be set by the Committee. ¶

b) → The annual subscription of a member is due and payable on or before: ¶

i) → the first day of the financial year of the Club or ¶

ii) → the anniversary of their first membership joining if they became members after 30 June 2023. ¶

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