

Newsletter

November 2021



Your New Committee

At the Annual General Meeting on the 19th September the following were elected to the committee

Nick Reddan	President
Marilyn Jackson	Vice President
Wendy Wade	Treasurer
Noel Vanzetti	Secretary
Bill Arthur	Committee
Bobbie Edmonds	Committee
Chris Ryan	Committee
David Jones	Committee

Know Your New Committee

Nick Reddan

Nick was born in Brisbane where he did most of his schooling. After university he spent a few years in Sydney and a couple in England. He arrived Canberra in 1981 where he has remained except for a few years in England. He started his working life as a mathematician and retrained as an economist. He has blues for fencing from the Universities of Queensland and NSW. He returned to tennis in the 1990s after a long absence. He also maintains his fitness riding his push bike.

He has been President since 2014 and held the positions of vice-president and president previously.

Marilyn Jackson

Our Vice President, Marilyn grew up in Bendigo Victoria. After graduating from Bendigo High school, she worked in an office of a family friend, played basketball and Netball and the occasional game of tennis.

Her family moved to Canberra in 1990 because her two daughters were given scholarships in gymnastics at the Australian Institute of Sport. She worked at the National Gallery of Australia.

A work colleague invited her to come along and have a hit, and I have been playing tennis even since and love it.

Wendy Wade

Wendy was born and received my initial education in NSW; subsequently she continued her education in the ACT and Victoria and became a mathematics teacher. Working both in NSW

and the ACT, she taught in government and non-government schools in a career spanning 45 years, mostly in the ACT where she have lived for almost 50 years.

Playing tennis has always been part of her adult life; being retired has allowed her time to play more frequently.

She have been a member of MTC for about 12 years and has always found a warm, welcoming group of members who enjoy tennis as well as some social interaction.

Noel Vanzetti

Noel was born in Perth. After completion of his schooling, he trained to become a High School Science teacher. After a number of years teaching in Perth, he volunteered as a missionary to teach Science to Tanzania. He lived on the shores of Lake Tanganyika.

After three years in Tanzania, he went to Zambia to undertake agricultural research which aimed to increase the productivity of village farming. On the completion of the research, he wrote a PhD thesis on the role of education and farm training in increasing that productivity.

On completion of his studies, he returned to Australia and found employment at the CCAE (now the University of Canberra) where he taught in the School of Education for 30 years.

On retirement he moved to Nelson Bay, where he resumed playing tennis as recreation. On return to Canberra 3 years ago, he joined Majura Tennis club and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the tennis.

Bill Arthur

Bill grew up in Scotland where he trained as an engineer. In the 1960's he came to Australia. Later he retrained as a sociologist. He has played tennis all of his life.

Bobbie Edmonds

Bonnie was born in Sydney and moved to Canberra in 1967 when it was a small town.

He trained as an electrician and worked with ACT electricity for a number of years, and then moved to CSIRO.

He is married and has two daughters. He enjoys social sports like tennis and hockey. He spends time on the South Coast where the weather is warmer.

David Jones

David was Born in Paddington, Sydney and educated at Cooma primary school and Narrabundah high school.

He played rugby league and cricket in Cooma and rugby union and cricket in Canberra. He won a cricket premiership with Northern Suburbs in 1971/1972.

He played competition squash from 1979 to 1985 winning a premiership in 1983 with Dickson. He worked as a Treasury Department officer from 1970 to 1973, as an A.C.T. taxi proprietor from 1973 to April 2000 and a Service Station proprietor from 1985 to 1992.

He retired in April 2000 and joined Majura Tennis Club in October 2016. He have been a Canberra Raiders member since 1982.

Chris Ryan

Chris commenced attending tennis at age approx 1 yr. and began hitting balls against the wall at home at maybe age 4, and he began hitting with his Father at maybe aged 6yrs. He has played tennis ever since, including a season of mixed double competition in 1990's. Finding social more to his liking, he joined a group playing at Hope Street Courts. He transferred to Majura about 10 years ago, for which he is grateful. He has enjoyed the social tennis over the intervening years, and now take tennis more seriously social in retirement. After a career in Law, good rallies (not a good rolling) is the therapy.

He makes ongoing contribution with racquet, paintbrush, and on Committee.

"Snakes & Ladders", & some Tennis Article submitted by Chris Ryan

We all played that great board game, Snakes & Ladders. Until 18/10/21, we were playing it with tennis on Majura Courts. Plastic snakes (to deter the birds from landing and pecking at the court surfaces, and the top of the nets) have featured at the club for decades. As no basis for the actual usefulness has ever been offered, it has been decided by incoming Committee to remove the black tubing. Now in storage in the shed. One of our Members tells of bird deterring slitherers painted on to a pier of the South Coast. Birds were deterred from landing and fouling the pier with dropping. However, the tubes at Majura were not fooling us (nor the birds).

So, it is "ladders" only for us. More painting at the Club. With the significant increase in casual court hire, it is

Working Bee

It is important to maintain the courts and the courts at our club. In order to achieve this we have organised a working bee for next Saturday 20th November. The Working Bee will commence at 8.00 in the morning. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. All help will, be appreciated. If you have gardening implements, please bring it with you.

Christmas Lunch

We will be holding our Christmas lunch again this year on Sunday 12th December commencing at 12 noon.

We ask that you bring a plate to share. A list is in the clubhouse for you to record what you will bring, so he can ensure a balanced diet. Please bring your own drinks.

important that the Club present well. Paint tins have come out of several sheds & hiding places at various homes of members. Recycling at its very useful. Tennis, "the game they play in heaven" (sorry, Rugby fans) is the meaning of Life for a cohort of 60yr olds+. Now playing over and on 5 days/week. Monday - Wednesday mornings, Friday morning, Sunday afternoon. But, very pleased to have (younger) others join in for a "serious social" or "socially serious" hit. We oldies remember "Hitchhikers Guide to the Universe". The Answer to the mystery was "42". Younger than us.

We look forward to recommencing the great tradition of post game cup of tea and bickies (in the Clubhouse).

Chris Ryan.

As usual we will be conducting a raffle after the lunch to raise money for the club. We are asking members to donate items as prizes for the raffle. They can be placed on the table in the clubhouse. If you are able to sell raffle tickets talk with Marilyn Jackson.

Please feel free to bring your tennis racquet to have a game before the lunch or after lunch (if you not eaten or drunk too much).

Looking forward to seeing you there.