

BTA NEWSLETTER



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A WORD FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome to you all to the 2020/21 summer season of Tennis with the Bendigo Tennis Association.

At our recent Annual General Meeting we welcome back to the committee, life member of the BTA Mark Perdon along with Len Rodda and Sarah Fallon. We said goodbye to long serving member Sheryle Watson after 12 years of service.

What a year 2020 has turned out to be where we had shortened seasons, sporting limitations, lockdowns and facility closures. Whilst all this was going on the committee of the BTA were working hard behind the scenes.

The first priority was to address the coaching contract that was due to expire at the end of 2019. Expressions of interest were developed with interest from Victoria, interstate and overseas. After a thorough process Vahland Tennis Academy were appointed.

2020 commenced on a high as Bendigo and the BTA benefited from the bushfire emergencies around Canberra with a second major tournament transferred to Bendigo. The BTA were planning for one event in the lead up to the AO but with two days' notice it was all hands on deck. The response from all was excellent and the BTA was able to demonstrate what it can do.

The facility was totally cleaned thanks to the assistance from Council, and the spin off benefits to accommodation, cafes and restaurants around Bendigo was significant as was the media attention for Bendigo to showcase what can be achieved.

Some areas of focus through the last year have been:

- Better gender diversity and skills development on the committee
- Increased communication both older style newsletters and media including advertisement, website updates and social media
- Rebuilding and strengthening relationships with key stakeholders such as Council, Tennis Victoria, Tennis Australia and sponsors
- Reconnection with the regions tennis clubs including meeting with and speaking to many clubs to better understand their needs and issues
- Building connections with other sporting and support organisations
- Reviewing the facility operations which is ongoing
- Reassessing the financial burdens such as the fees being paid for annual audits, reviewing electricity costs, exploring more sustainable energy such as solar
- Formation of new committees such as the Junior match day
- Future planning for the sport of tennis which has included the support of an initiative from South Bendigo TC to have a team participate in the strong Goulburn Valley inter town competition providing players pathways
- The last year of the Barnard Street Grass Courts as this area is resumed by Council for further redevelopment as part of the Rosiland Park Master Plan.

Looking forward we have some work on future planning, the development of new tennis clubs in geographic location around the municipality, further review of operations and funding for additional court resurfacing.

Finally, I would like to thank all board members, staff (James and his team) and all the volunteers who have assisted throughout the year. We have had a number of challenges thrown our way and a few changes as people's circumstances changed and demand on their time needed to go elsewhere.

We will continue with our advocacy on behalf of all tennis clubs and players, support to them and strengthen our relationships with all key stakeholders as we strive grow tennis in Bendigo and surrounding areas.

Barry Green

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

President - Barry Green

Vice President - Frank Hill

Secretary - Jayd Davis

Treasurer - Danielle Bowles

General Member - Brandt Fleming

General Member - Sarah Fallon

General Member - Len Rodda

General Member - Mark Perdon

General Member -

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday

8.00am - 2.00pm

Tuesday

8.00am - 2.00pm

Wednesday

8.00am - 9.00pm

Thursday

8.00am - 10.00pm

Friday

8.00am - 7.00pm

Saturday

8.00am - 6.00pm

Sunday

Event Dependent

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The BTA wishes to advise that the Healthy Serve cafe and Fosterville Gold function centre will be closed from **22 December - 3 January**.

Courts will still be available to members and the public at bendigotennis.com.au

STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS COME TO BENDIGO

Victoria's top junior tennis players will arrive in Bendigo for the Victorian UTR Junior State Championships running from 5-16 December to kickstart the summer.

Hosted by the Bendigo Tennis Association, the state championships will replace the annual December Showdown usually held at Melbourne Park. More than 200 players will compete in the new event, which will showcase Victoria's top Junior Tennis talent in the 12/u, 14/u, 16/u and 18/u age groups as well as a Wheelchair Tennis division.

Tennis Victoria's Player Pathways Manager Shelly Hart was delighted to see the players return to the court. "Tennis Victoria in conjunction with the City of Greater Bendigo Council are excited to provide this opportunity for players after a tough 2020."

The Bendigo Tennis Association are thrilled to host a new tennis tournament that will draw players into the region.

"The Bendigo Tennis Association is excited to be in a position to play a part in attracting big events to Bendigo," Bendigo Tennis Centre General Manager James Rouel said. "The Junior State Championships will bring people back to Bendigo, showcase the best players in the state and utilise our amazing facility, which we are all really proud of."

City of Greater Bendigo Tourism and Major Events Manager Terry Karamaloudis said the city was proud to be working with Tennis Victoria to host the tournament. "The City has an outstanding reputation for attracting and hosting successful major events and we are very pleased to be able to welcome this event," Karamaloudis said. "We have a long list of new and returning major events in Greater Bendigo over the coming months and throughout 2021, which will help bring people back to our wonderful city."

As per the latest Tennis Victoria Guidelines, a strict COVIDSafe Plan will be in effect throughout the duration of the event. Spectators will be permitted in conjunction with current venue restrictions.

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12 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR SHERYLE

The Bendigo Tennis Association would like to thank Sheryle Watson for her past twelve years of service on the Bendigo Tennis Association Committee of Management.

Over her time Sheryle has been an important contributor to the reason we have such amazing facilities that are state of the art anywhere in the world. A respected person in the Bendigo community, her knowledge and skills will be missed.

While departing Sheryle plans to still spend her time volunteering throughout tournaments, driving players when the tours are in town and will still be a familiar and bright smiling face for all.

FGTC MEMBERSHIP NOW DUE

As of 1 October 2020 all memberships of the Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre are due for renewal.

Membership prices for 2020/21 are as follows:

- Family - \$200 (down from \$280)
- Adult - \$100 (down from \$140)
- Junior (under 15 yrs) - \$70 (no change)
- Concession/Student (15-23 yrs) - \$80 (no change)
- Veteran (over 70 yrs) - \$70 (no change)

Memberships can be renewed online, in person or over the phone during opening hours.



BOOK A COURT ONLINE NOW

SOUTH BENDIGO TENNIS CLUB



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South Bendigo Tennis Club

What a Sweet start to the Season!

We're thrilled that the Summer Tennis Season is finally underway, and are proud to have a large representation of Junior and Senior teams in this year's BTA pennant competitions. It really is great to see so many people getting out and enjoying their tennis on a regular basis, after the challenging year we've all had. Our team names have taken on a lolly theme this year, and we're hoping the tennis experience for our members thus far has been just as sweet!

We're also excited to have a Senior team entered in the Goulburn Murray TA Div 1 Comp this season, providing the opportunity for our top seniors and up-and-coming juniors to experience a high level of tennis against new opposition. This home-and-away series also provides the chance to play at some very nice grass court venues! We appreciate the BTA allowing the use of the Bendigo Lawn courts for our home games.

On Sunday 29th of November we held our annual Family Tournament. Thanks to the BTA for kindly offering the use of the Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre. This enabled us to cater to an outstanding 32 Parent/Child doubles combinations. Players eagerly participated in four rounds of tennis (with a twist!), as well as a number of fun Lolly based activities. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this club event. The day was a great success!

The SBTC AGM was held last month. Kieran (Pres.), Aidan (Vice Pres.) and Sue (Treas.) have retained their respective positions and we'd like to thank Christine Layton for her contribution, as Jo Hill takes over the Secretarial duties. We're also pleased to be welcoming a few new faces to the committee and look forward to a positive new year.

We'd like to wish our Member's, their families and the wider Bendigo Tennis community all the best for an enjoyable Festive Season. Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing you on the court in 2021!



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SPRING GULLY TENNIS CLUB



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Lots of organised tennis to continue over Christmas/New Year, but more opportunities for member (and casual) private court hire

The popular Spring Gully Night Competitions will go into recess in mid-December, until resuming in early February. Similarly, the vibrant coaching program will take a break over the summer school holidays. However, the Club 'Socials' (Tuesday evenings and Saturday afternoons) will continue without interruption, so anyone seeking to keep active over the festive season is encouraged to attend.

For information, contact Secretary mobile on 0432348439 or secretary@springgullytc.org.au

Book A Court

With the Book A Court online court booking system in operation at Spring Gully, there will be extensive opportunities over summer to hire a court for private use. Club members may hire a court free of charge (unless lights are engaged at night).

To register and book a court, go to play.tennis.com.au/springgullytennisclub

Monday Night Women's Competition at Spring Gully

The club is keen to establish a women's competition, to be held on Monday nights from 7pm (starting in early February). We are not yet decided on the format to be adopted: whether the classic four player teams, with three sets played by every player, or the innovative 'Tennis 2s', where pairs play 'best of two sets', with a championship tiebreaker in the event of the match being tied at one set apiece.

If you are interested in participating in this Monday night Women's competition, please contact secretary@springgullytc.org.au. We would also be interested in learning your preferred format for the competition.

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GIANT Tennis

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

UPDATE



GIANT Tennis is nearing the end of our Term 4 Coaching program. After such a challenging year, we're pleased to be back running group lessons again, essentially at full capacity. The post-lockdown demand for coaching has been overwhelming and it is encouraging to see so many people looking to get out and active again, especially on the tennis court! We appreciate the support and are motivated to continue refining and improving our program in preparation for a GIANT 2021. Please contact us if you'd like to know more...



HEY AXEDALE!

The GIANT Tennis Community has expanded again! Following a successful Holiday Clinic at Axedale Tennis Club in September, Coach Keeley has conducted an introductory 6 week program through out Term 4. It's exciting to be offering a fun tennis experience to more eager junior players and we look forward to building on this in 2021.

GIANT PLAY

GIANT Play launched at Strathfieldsaye Tennis Club this term. This is a new match-play focused program, designed to better prepare our Red and Orange Ball players (5-9 yr olds) for the transition from lessons into competition. Through a variety of game-based activities, students have been introduced to the scoring system and tennis etiquette, whilst developing their skills and building confidence. It's been fun! Keep an eye out for details about next year's program!



GIANT Tennis HOLIDAY CLINIC

Tennis Fun for Juniors of all standards!

SOUTH BENDIGO & AXEDALE
150 Neale St, Flora Hill
Mitchell St, Axedale

Monday 18th Jan
Tuesday 19th Jan
Wednesday 20th Jan
9.00-11.00AM EACH DAY

CASTLEMAINE
Wheeler St, Castlemaine

Thursday 21st Jan
Friday 22nd Jan
9.00-11.00AM EACH DAY

\$25/DAY

Attend as many sessions as you like!

gianttennis.com.au
South Bendigo TC - Strathfieldsaye TC - Maiden Gully TC - Castlemaine LTC - Bendigo RSL - Axedale TC

GIANT CHRISTMAS WISHES!

In lieu of our usual GIANT Christmas Party, the final week of coaching has become one GIANT Party week! Making it through this year is definitely worth celebrating!

From all of the Team at GIANT Tennis, we would like to wish our GIANT Community a Safe and Happy Christmas! Best wishes for the New Year! Enjoy the break!

We'll see you all back on the court in 2021!





Vahland Tennis Academy is founded and led by 3 internationally experienced professional Tennis Coaches, Calan McCarthy, Joseph Sirianni and Steven Savino. Each has extensive knowledge and skill in the provision of tennis coaching to all students from kids participating in their first 'Hotshots' class to touring ATP/WTA professionals.

Players our Coaches have worked with include; Ana Ivanovic (WTA 1), Eugenie Bouchard (WTA 5), Sabine Lisicki (WTA 12), Anastasia Rodionova (WTA 62), Arina Rodionova (WTA 112), Victoriya Tomova (WTA 126), Sam Groth (ATP 53) and Federico Luzzi (ATP 112).

VTA will offer the following programs at Bendigo Tennis Association - Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre:

- Hotshots
- Junior Groups
- Squads
- Adult Groups
- Cardio Tennis
- Women's Social
- High Performance Program
- Private Lessons
- Semi-private Lessons
- Hot Shots Leagues
- Holiday Programs
- Tournaments
- UTR Rankings
- Corporate Days/Functions

Our current and past range of players has given us the ability to have a very accurate understanding of the developmental pathway from grass root beginners, those just looking to have fun and lead an active life, to touring professionals.

We are greatly looking forward to guiding and working with all players involved with Bendigo Tennis Association and the greater community of Bendigo to reach their full potential and further develop their game and love for the sport.

For all enquiries please contact Calan McCarthy on 0423 772 960
or via email at info@vahlandtennis.com

Located at Bendigo Tennis Association - Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre
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