

Campbells Bay Tennis Club AGM

Presidents Report 2010

At last years AGM I had the unfortunate duty of announcing that in a reflection of the economic times the club was facing similar difficulties to many other clubs - membership had continued to fall, we had posted an operating deficit and we were without a coach. It was clearly a time to consolidate and rebuild.

The Committee has been fully focused on turning this situation around and it is pleasing to be able to report that these efforts have paid dividends.

This year I am able to report that membership has been steadily increasing, that we have managed to finish the year in surplus and that we have on board a terrific coach.

What I think is really significant is that the club feels alive and active – the whole reason that the club was established over 60 years ago was to be a focal point for the local community to recreate in a convivial atmosphere and this is what we are seeing.

Only last week one of our veteran members, who has himself given many years of service on the club committee, commented at how the club has a really positive vibe – and I observed with some pleasure that of the 8 players on court when the lights went out on a recent Wednesday night – 7 of them had not been members this time last year.

Of course this sort of turnaround doesn't happen by itself – it is the reward of considerable effort by a variety of members all of whom deserve thanks and it is also testament to the view that the committee took that getting the right coach is fundamental to the health of the club. We have been fortunate to secure Graeme Thompson as the club coach – he and his team are showing the dedication and enthusiasm which can continue to improve the playing standard and enjoyment of all members.

Graeme has now begun broadening his impact across the club and in the community – grasshopper programs at Campbells Bay School, fun tennis for beginners, tennis fit programs and tournaments on long weekends.

Jono – tennis update

David – Tennis Northern update

George Coughlan Award

Our ability to retain members and attract new ones will result from continuing to create the vibe that makes people want to keep on coming back – and also to renew and improve our facilities.

We have begun the process of arranging for courts 3 & 4 to be resurfaced at the end of the year - applications for funding are with the ASB Community Trust and the Lion Foundation to match the clubs investment, and this year it would be good to have a look at the clubhouse and its surrounds and see how we can improve on what we have.

In an endeavor to cover the field I would like to specifically acknowledge the efforts of those members who are part of creating that club vibe –

- The club captain and her helpers for arranging the club champs and being able to bring great weather on the right days – thanks you;
- the mid week ladies committee who are always arranging special tournament days, many with significant proceeds to local charities or providing new equipment for the club such as the watercooler- thank you;
- the junior committee who not only arrange the Saturday beginners and the interclub teams but also host the Friday fun nights during the warmer months – thank you;
- the members who are always ready to join a work party or drag the BBQ out of its kennel or restock the bar or many other small things which add up to such a lot – thank you;
- those members who put in such an amazing amount of effort to turn this years Chelsea Cup nights into memorable and enjoyable occasions (and not forgetting the players and managers who turned in such a great performance this year) – thank you;
- to our sponsors who have come on board with monetary or other assistance when needed – thank you;
- and lastly – thanks to you for continuing to be part of the club and for attending this AGM.