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UNSW Tennis Club

Newsletter



A Little Preview

We have taken a quick drive by David Phillips Sports Field and snapped up some pictures for you to see. The wet weather has wrecked havoc on its completion date but once they're up and running we will get all of you to set foot and have a hit on the new courts!

Where?
Banks Ave, Daceyville.

You can reach there by bus (390, 391) and stop at the Daceyville Primary School terminal.

Walking distance from Kingsford, approach the Nine Ways and walk through the small garden on Gardeners Rd and through to Banks Ave.

Say "Hello" to warmer months!

Hi Members,

It's time to keep you in touch with what's new and happening at the Club. Firstly, the annual Club Championships are coming soon, register your interest quick! Another exciting news is our new courts down at Daceyville; with it we will have more social tennis to cater for everyone's needs from complete beginners to advanced players. Keep your ears open!

Club Champs From 11 Sep

Social tennis put on hold for Club members to battle it out in some serious tennis.

Official Opening Sat 15 October

Launch will begin at 12:30pm and will include exhibition matches.

Uni Games 25-30 September

Our team will take on other Australian universities in Gold Coast.





2011 Club Championships Information

The annual Club Championships will be held from Sunday 11 September. In the weeks of competition, social tennis would have to be put on hold. However, should the David Phillips Courts be ready during the Club Champs, we may hold social tennis at our new venue for those who prefer a more relaxing hit. Entrants typically play round robin matches followed by the knock out stages for qualified players.

You may enter for Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Forward your registration (see our website) to the Club Champs Director by 9 September!

Winners will get prizes of course: trophies and gift vouchers or a cursory hug from the president!

Last year's winners are:

Mens Open: *Jared Cohen*

Mens B Grade: *Michael Siyaguna*

Womens Singles: *Hana Dinh*

Mens Doubles: *Naveen Kariyawasam & Oliver Hough*

Mixed Doubles: *Mike Etherington & Therese Taylor*

Terms and conditions apply; see registration form for details.



Want to help our Club?

Help run our Club to greater heights and you won't regret it!

Whatever your skills you can help the Club in various ways from looking after our social tennis to sponsorship deals, email correspondence to international terrorist negotiator! We have everything for you (except that last thing we mentioned)! You will of course be rewarded, contact one of our committee to find out more :)

Learning Corner – Basic Tactics

Serve

- Maintain about 60% first serves in
- Conserve energy by minimizing bullet serves
- Vary the spin, placement, and depth to give your opponents trouble



Rally

- Always make the server play a second ball
- Hit 60-70% of your shots with your stronger side (forehand or backhand)
- Down the line shots are mostly used to put away the ball or for net approach

Volley and Passing

- Execute the volleys aggressively
- Use backhand volleys when the ball is directed straight at your body
- Pass down the line with speed and crosscourt pass with more touch.



Doubles

- A player standing in no man's land is practically useless.
- If your partner gets pulled out of court, move to the same direction to cover the court.
- In a friendly match, avoid hitting too hard to weaker player

Winter ESTC Report

Chris Vik

UNSW returned to their winning ways in the Winter 2011 Eastern Suburbs Tennis Competition, winning 4 grades in the Sunday morning competitions. This was a great result, being the best performance for a number of competitions.

A1/2:

The highest-graded win was the A1/2 competition in the 10am timeslot, with Jared Cohen, Noah Cohan, Stephen Cohen and Josh Penn (UNSW 4) winning the final in a very close battle against another UNSW team featuring Sean Royal, Vince Adriano and Derek Royal (UNSW 6).

The two UNSW teams had been battling it hard during the season, and it was justified that they would meet in the final as they were the two strongest teams in the competition. And to round out the success for UNSW in this grade, UNSW 5 comprising Ian Barnes and his son Blake Barnes finished 3rd in the father-son team battle for UNSW teams in A1/2, which was their best result as a team in the A1/2 grade.

The final was played out in very competitive style, as Noah and Josh played Sean and Vince. The first doubles was won by Noah and Josh, while the first singles saw Vince beat Noah and tie up the tie and almost even it up on games. Josh then played Sean in probably the best match of the A1/2 season, involving probably the two best players of the A1/2 competition. Josh prevailed in that battle by 63, which deflated Sean as he forfeited the final doubles to give the match to the UNSW 4 team.

A3/1:

In the 8am competition, UNSW 3 comprising Hirokazu Mashimo and Masato Niwa deservedly won the A3/1 competition – finally, after losing the last 3 competitions after being the most consistent team in those competitions.

Mashimo and Masato were clearly the most consistent team in the competition again this comp, finishing in first place after the Competition Rounds and dominating all season. However they were due to come up against a team from ESTC that was known to win all 4 sets against them. Fortunately for them, ESTC's best players weren't available in the final, and Mashimo and Masato won the three sets they needed to win the competition and achieve the reward of being promoted to the next grade up.

B1/1:

Winning their first Sunday morning competition ever were Anil Fernando and Chelsea Albert (UNSW 12, with Bill Low as reserve), who finally overcame their finals curse after losing their previous 5 finals.

UNSW 12 won the B1/1 competition at 8am after being the best team throughout the whole competition. In the final they played a tough team from Coogee, including players that some of them had never beaten. They played well in the first doubles, but lost narrowly 63. Chelsea was first up in the singles, and came up against a player she had never beaten. She played incredible well, and came back from 42 down to win 64. Anil then came up against a player who had beaten before, but previous matches were all close. This time it was again a close battle, but Anil prevailed 64. The final doubles was incredible, as Chelsea and Anil quickly went out to a 5-0 lead in about 10 minutes before winning 6-1.

Big congratulations to the UNSW 3 and UNSW 12 teams for winning after so many previous narrow losses, and good luck to them in the higher grades!

A3/2:

And of course, last but not least was the victory by UNSW 11, made up of Hao Chen and Marvin Yu. The two players played almost every week during the season and finished ahead after the competition rounds before taking out the A3/2 final in the 10am competition.

In what was a very atmospheric final atmosphere among the 10am grades, UNSW 11 was playing against a Jensens team who had a number of other teams involved in the finals, and hence a lot of supporters. The match was played in great spirits, but it was Marvin and Hao who got down to business and won the first doubles 61, the first singles 64 (Hao), and narrowly losing the second singles 67 (Marvin) before winning just the one game required in the last doubles. Well done!

Congratulations to all the teams who achieved the great results and also to everyone else who played, and I hope you all had fun. The next competition starts in September 2011, so good luck to the teams involved!

Contact Us



We welcome every bit of query and comments that you may have. Browse our website for FAQs and fun multimedia to get acquainted with our Club (www.tennis.unsw.edu.au). Email us if you have more private matters: tennis@unsw.edu.au. We do not take complaints! ;-)

Happy Hitting!



Comment Box

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