



# BLACKWOOD TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## A note from the Club President

As the incoming President I would like to welcome you all to the commencement of the summer tennis season for 2009/2010. I encourage you to extend our invitation to family and friends who may be thinking about having a hit of tennis this year, whether it be with a social group, competition level, or even just a hit with members of your family.

At Blackwood Tennis Club Inc. we cater for all of the above and more, with two coaches providing a professional approach to our player development at both junior and senior levels.

We have some new faces on the committee this year as well as some well experienced ones, combining a good measure of knowledge with some fresh outlook. I am looking forward to working with our committee with a view to carrying on all of our activities in the well organised manner as all of our current and past members have come to expect.

The information to follow in this newsletter is more than enough to get you started this summer, so please take the time to come and see us during our trial dates. Everyone on the committee will be happy to help you with any questions you may have regarding the new season and membership.

Richard Ellis  
President

### Important dates

- Practice matches for senior players commence on **Saturday 29 August 2009**
- Practice matches for junior players commence on **Sunday 30 August 2009**
- The club working bee is **Sunday 27 September 2009**
- Junior teams will be announced at the practice session on **Saturday 10 October 2009**
- The official season start date for both Seniors and Juniors is **Saturday 17 October 2009**
- Early bird discount on fees ends **1 November 2009**

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## **SENIOR TENNIS INFORMATION**

This season we are planning to have Division 1 and hopefully a Division 2 team as our top teams in Southern Districts (SDTA). However we are looking for new ladies, as three and possibly four ladies from last season's Division 2 (finalist) side are not available. If we cannot get 4 ladies of Division 2 standard, we still expect to have a Division 2 Men's Only team, so there will be plenty of opportunities to improve your tennis by playing better standard players.

Other Divisions will obviously be nominated and the grades will depend on the players' ability and the grades approved by the Association. Last season we had a Division 3 (Premiers), Division 3 Men's only, Division 4 Men's only (finalists), and Division 5 (Premiers). In addition, we had Division 4 and 6 (Premiers) teams playing Doubles in a combined competition with Glenelg Districts Tennis Association. We were the most successful club in SDTA if success is measured by premierships won.

If there are any men or women, regardless of age, who want to play senior competition tennis for Blackwood, please contact Garry Dolman on 8278 2568 promptly, or complete the attached membership form and post it to us.

### **Practice matches for senior players**

This season the club will endeavour to hold practice matches for all players on the following days starting at 1.00 pm:

- Saturday 29 August 2009
- Saturday 5 September 2009
- Sunday 13 September 2009
- Sunday 20 September 2009.

All senior players are encouraged to attend these practice days as we expect that there will be a number of new players and we need to establish an Order of Merit.

We are always looking for additional players and if you know anyone who may be interested in playing competitive senior tennis for Blackwood, please contact Garry Dolman on 8278 2568 or 0401 837 317 with their details. He will either send out a newsletter or contact them directly.

### **2009/2010 Season dates for seniors**

The 2009/10 season dates for the Seniors' competition are:

<b>2009</b>	17 October 2009 to 19 December 2009
<i>Christmas Holidays break</i>	
<b>2010</b>	30 January 2010 to 6 March 2010
<b>Semi Finals</b>	<b>13 March 2010</b>
<b>Prelim Finals</b>	<b>20 March 2010</b>
<b>Grand Finals</b>	<b>27 March 2010</b>

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## **JUNIOR TENNIS INFORMATION**

The club expects to nominate all the teams needed to accommodate every player regardless of their ability. Last season we had 20 junior teams: 9 girls' teams and 11 boys' teams. Eleven of those teams made it to the finals, and we congratulate the Division 9 boys on their Grand Final win.

Again we will have practice matches for the Junior players in the weeks leading up to the start of the season. These matches are for all players, new and existing. It is the only way the club can try and work out an Order of Merit for 20 or more teams. Details of the practice matches are detailed below.

Please note that the times of the practice matches alternate between mornings and afternoons for boys and for girls, with some practices on Saturdays and some on Sundays. We hope this will allow you to fit in tennis practice with winter sport commitments.

We are always on the lookout for new players, so if any of your friends, neighbours or family want to play tennis or even just a hit to see if they enjoy the game, please encourage them to come out and have a hit one weekend.

### **Practice matches for all junior players**

In preparation for the 2009/10 season there will be five rounds of practice matches for Juniors. This number of practice days is necessary to allow us to accurately grade both existing and new players. Please come out to as many sessions as possible – we need **all existing** players to come out and see how you measure up against your peers.

Importantly, we need you there to play new players and provide a benchmark for grading them accurately.

The allocation of dates and times for both girls and boys are as follows:

	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>Sun 30 August 2009</b>	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>Sun 6 September 2009</b>	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Sat 12 September 2009</b>	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
<b>Sat 19 September</b>	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
<b>Sat 10 October</b>	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

As in past years, we have tried to fit around the availability of our tennis courts due in part to Senior trials, the demands of end of winter season sports, including finals for our Junior winter teams, the long weekend and school holidays.

All dates and times will not suit everyone, however we expect all players, old and new, to make every effort to attend as many practice match days as possible. Competition for places in teams is expected to be high and we want to make sure that all players are competitive.

### **Information session and announcement of teams**

On Saturday 10 October there will be an Information Session starting at 12.30 p.m. for all parents and players. It is envisaged that the session will be only half an hour depending on questions.

**Teams and division allocations will be announced at this time.**

We will also put on a **free Barbecue** for all players; a small charge will apply for family and friends.

## JUNIOR TENNIS INFORMATION (Con't)

### 2009/2010 Season dates for Juniors

Organisation of the coming tennis season is well under way. The 2009/10 season dates are as follows:

<b>Round 1 thru to Round 9</b>	17 October 2009 to 12 December 2009
<i>Christmas Holidays break</i>	
<b>Round 10 thru to Round 14</b>	30 January 2010 to 27 February 2010
<i>BYE – long weekend</i>	6 March
<b>Semi Finals</b>	<b>13 March 2010</b>
<b>Prelim Finals</b>	<b>20 March 2010</b>
<b>Grand Finals</b>	<b>27 March 2010</b>

Premier and Division 1 Junior teams play on Friday nights so their dates will be one day earlier than the above schedule.

### Club coaching

The club will again be offering subsidised group coaching for juniors during the season. If you are interested in having one hour of subsidised coaching each week, please put your name on the lists in the clubrooms on practice days. More details will be available when we have the player numbers and details of the coaches' availability.

### Holiday coaching clinics

Peter Broughton will be conducting a tennis clinic at the Blackwood Tennis Club courts during the next school holidays.

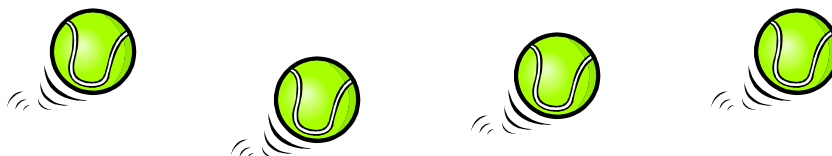
**Dates:** **Tuesday 29 September – Friday 2 October 2009**  
9:30 am – 12:00 noon

**Cost:** \$50.00

All standards of players welcome, from beginners to match experienced players.  
For the experienced players this is a good opportunity to get some practice in before the season starts.

**Contact Peter on:** Home 8178 0308  
Mobile 0413 375 178

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## ANNUAL WORKING BEE

Blackwood Tennis Club provides exceptionally good courts for players to use, but this does not just happen by accident.

The committee aims to put aside \$1,000.00 per court per year, so we can maintain them to the highest standard. Part of that on-going maintenance is our once a year working bee. This occurs at the start of each summer season.

**This year's working bee will be held on Sunday 27 September**

We would like to see many parents and players at the club rooms from 9:30am.  
If you can spare an hour or two any time in the morning, we would be pleased to see you.

We need to clean the clubrooms and kitchen, so bring some cloths. If you want to work outside, please bring a spade, broom and a bucket or a wheel barrow.

## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2009/10

Despite Tennis SA again increasing the registration fees the Management Committee has decided to absorb this additional cost (for early bird payments) for the fourth consecutive season. We are able to do this because of your continued support of our canteen each Saturday and as a result of the prudent financial management of many past committees and continued by your current committee.

We have also maintained the simplified membership rates, including the provision of a scale for full time University and TAFE students.

If you assist the Club and pay on or before the 1 November 2009 you can make a significant savings. Pay after that date and you will be asked to pay the standard yearly fee.  
*Why is there a saving for early payment?* Simply because we have to pay for registration fees, ball purchases, score books, pens etc now, so we need your money now.

The fees for this summer season are as follows:

	Standard	Paid Before 1 November
One Junior Player	\$100.00	\$70.00
2 Junior Players from the same family	\$180.00	\$130.00
Junior Players (under 18) also playing Seniors	\$180.00	\$130.00
Student playing Senior Tennis	\$155.00	\$105.00
Senior Players	\$180.00	\$130.00
2 Senior Players from the same family	\$330.00	\$245.00
Social Member - Senior	\$55.00	
Social Member - Junior	\$30.00	
Social Member - Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)	\$140.00	
Court Hire	\$10.00 per hour or \$25.00 per 4 hours or \$40.00 per day	
Court Hire under lights	\$10.00 per hour for non members or \$5.00 members	

**As you can see it pays to pay your membership early and get the significant concession offered by the Club. Garry Dolman - Treasurer**

## SPONSORS

Sponsors are extremely important to the club and we encourage you to support the following club sponsors. When you are in the store please let them know you are from the Blackwood Tennis Club:

### Gold Sponsors:

**Champs Sport Store Blackwood** - 205 Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 8278 8546

**Dunlop Sports** - Phone Darren Robbins on 0421 617 447

**McDonald's Glenelg** – 15 Moseley Square, Glenelg. Phone 8350 0044.

**Savings & Loan Credit Union (SA) Ltd** - 364 Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood - Phone 131 182

**Tucker Tennis** – 471 Brighton Road, Brighton. Phone 8358 0093

### Silver Sponsors:

**Barnacle Bill Family Seafood Restaurant** – 180 Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 8178 0783

**Blackwood Hire** - 176 Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 8370 2488

**Fairley's Shoex (Blackwood)** – 382 Shepherds Hill Road Blackwood. Phone 8278 1339

**Ring Partners Real Estate** - 140 Shepherds Hill Road, Bellevue Heights. Phone 8370 3211

**Ted Turner Signs** – 5 Deloraine Road, Edwardstown. Phone 8276 1713

**Hillier Ellis Chartered Accountants** – 8 Parade West, Kent Town. Phone 8363 7944

**Waggon Wheels Fruit Market** – Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 8278 1874

### Bronze Sponsors:

**Aussie Glass** – 3 Gulfview Road, Blackwood. Phone 8278 8444

**Blackwood Boot & Shoe Repairs** – U2/370 Shepherds Hill Road, Blackwood. Phone 8278 7110

**Blackwood Chemplus Pharmacy** - Main Road, Blackwood (Open 7 days) Phone 8278 8766

**Drake Foodland Blackwood** – 240 Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 8278 4175

**Mitre 10 Blackwood** – 235 Main Road, Blackwood. Phone 8278 2171

Is your business looking for a worthy cause to promote and or sponsor? Do you support a healthy lifestyle? What better way to promote your business to the local community than to sponsor the Blackwood Tennis Club? If you are interested, please contact Michelle Ellis on 8370 2140 to discuss the various sponsorship packages available.

## MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Attached to this Newsletter is your Membership Form for 2009 – 2010 season. Please complete the form and return it to the person named on the reverse. We need to know if you are going to play this season. If you need additional copies for family or friends, just photocopy the form, it does not have to be on coloured paper. If you want to play Junior and Senior tennis, it is only necessary to complete one form. In all teams, senior and junior, the club endeavours to have 5 players in the team so that finding a replacement hopefully becomes relatively easy. So Mums & Dads, you can play on Saturday afternoons but also have some time off.

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