



BLACKWOOD TENNIS CLUB INC

SENIOR TENNIS TEAMS REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

25TH MARCH 2009

This season we have again had a group of 3 people from the senior teams to help pick teams for the senior section of the club. The help has been greatly appreciated. I wish to thank Jeff Fisher for organising the ladies section of the club and Selwyn Child for organising the men's side of the club. I had the onerous job of organising the Doubles teams. I also wish to say thank you to Kate Nixon for her help pre-season in contacting last year's players

Each year the club's results are improving. In 2007 the club had 3 teams in the finals and 2 made it through to Grand Final and we won both of them. Last season we had 4 teams in the finals, 3 of which made the Grand Final for one premiership. This year there were 5 teams in the finals and 4 of them have reached the Grand Final which is to be played on Saturday. Congratulations to the Division 2 who bowed out in the semi finals, to our Division 3 mixed team, the Division 4 Men's only, our Division 5 mixed team and the Division 6 Doubles team all of whom are playing on Saturday in Grand Final. I am sure that all 4 teams in the Grand Final would appreciate your support on Saturday. It does not have to be for the whole afternoon, just a half an hour would be great support.

Player commitment always seems to be an issue, with many players not appreciating the effect their non availability has, not only on their team, but all the teams around them. I must admit that it has certainly improved over the past 10 or more seasons, but it is still an issue even in finals. I may be "old fashioned", however once a commitment is given to anything, I strongly believe you follow it through, not pull out because you have football training and your tennis team is not going to make the finals. What about all the players in the teams around your team, who have to move thus weakening the chances of all teams of playing in the finals.

To all the extra players, who helped us out over the year many thanks, in particular the junior players who were often asked to fill in at the very last moment. A special thank you is extended to Emily Stephens, Lisa Boswell and Todd Lewis. All 3 of these juniors agreed to help out at the start of the season. All 3 have played enough matches to qualify for the final series and all played last week in the finals for the seniors. Many thanks.

It is hoped that the club can continue to attract more ladies to play seniors, particularly in the higher grades. It would be great to have a mixed team in every Division. In this way the club can offer every player a reasonable standard of competition.

In closing, thank you again to this year's helpers, to the Management Committee for their support and to the players. I sincerely hope that you enjoyed playing at Blackwood and will be back again next year. If you want to help we are always grateful to have volunteers. Thank you also to Kaye Lewis for her help in organising the successful senior breakup dinner at the club. We had almost 60 people present including all of the Division 1 team.

Garry Dolman
Senior Teams Coordinator.