

UQ Tennis News

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Fixture Entries Due

If you haven't lodged an entry form for Fixtures this year, you need to do so promptly.

A nomination form to play for UQ in the Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association and Brisbane Night Tennis Association's Fixtures in the 2003(1) Season is enclosed with this newsletter. This nomination form also covers the Club's popular Monday & Thursday Night Internal Fixtures.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE LODGED BY THE RELEVANT CLOSING DATE.

Players will not be included in UQ teams unless they have lodged a Club nomination form and paid all fees by the specified deadline.

The competition closing dates are:

- 5 March** BNTA Monday
BNTA Tuesday
BNTA Wednesday Threes
- 11 March** BHTA Saturday Pairs
UQTC Monday
UQTC Thursday
BNTA Wednesday Pairs

Entries in the BHTA Saturday Afternoon Threes and BNTA Thursday Night Fixtures closed in early February and these competitions have already started.

Please note: If you have been sent a team registration form by the BNTA or BHTA, ignore it unless you are submitting your own team



Social Tennis Christmas Party at Sizzlers

based at another centre in Brisbane (i.e. you do not want to play for UQ).

Fastennis Tournament

The Club's first tournament for the year will be the **Fastennis Singles Challenge** to be played on Sunday 13 April.

An entry form is enclosed with this newsletter. **Entries close on Wednesday 2 April.**

Entry in the Fastennis tournament is restricted to current financial members of the UQ Tennis Club, the Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association and Metropolitan Tennis Association.

In Fastennis, a set is won by the player who is first to win 21 points. A consolation format (such as the Continuous Play Draw, Feed-In Championship or Compass Draw) will be used in this tournament to ensure that all players get plenty of Tennis.

A novel feature of this tournament is that all players (good, average, not-so-good, male and female) will go into a single draw. Under the consolation draws to be used, a medium level player may be outclassed in the first few rounds but will eventually meet players of a similar standard. There will be lots of small prizes for the best performed player in designated levels (based on Fixture grades and NTPRs).

In addition, all participants on the day will go



Comment

*Congratulations to **Kateena O'Gorman**, the 2003 Rhodes Scholar for Queensland. Kateena, who played for the Club last year in the BNTA Wednesday Pairs Fixtures, will be off to Oxford University in September.*

Raising extra funds is always a problem for community non-profit organisations like the Tennis Club. Therefore, the Committee was happy to accept an interesting fund raising offer from RAMS.

Under our arrangement with RAMS, the Club will receive \$200 for every settled Home Loan taken out by a Club member or somebody referred to RAMS by a Club member. As part of this offer, discounts will also apply on the loan application fee.

For more information about the RAMS offer, contact Denise Scorey (Home Loan Manager, RAMS):

Phone 3369 0093
Mobile 0407 117 610
Fax 3369 2008
E-Mail denise_scorey@rams.com.au

Information about RAMS Home Loans is available on the RAMS Website (www.rams.com.au).

The start of First Semester is almost upon us. Therefore, if you haven't renewed your Tennis Club membership, you need to do so now.

I look forward to seeing you all playing Fixtures, Tournaments and Social Tennis again in 2003.

*Doug Bergman
President*

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Gold Coast International Tennis

Rising French tennis star **Nathalie Dechy** won her first WTA Tour Title when she defeated Swiss teenager Marie-Gaïaneh Mikaelian 6/3 3/6 6/3 in the Singles Final of the Uncle Tobys Hardcourts (Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast; 27 December to 4 January).

In the Semi-Finals, Mikaelian defeated Patty Schnyder (Switzerland; No. 1

seed) 6/4 6/2 and Dechy defeated Elena Bovina (Russia) 6/4 3/6 7/5.

The Doubles Title was won by Tennis Legend, Martina Navratilova (USA), who teamed with Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia). In the Final, Navratilova & Kuznetsova defeated Nathalie Dechy (France) & Emilie Loit (France) 6/4 6/4.

This was Navratilova's 167th Doubles Title. Navratilova won 167 Singles Titles (including 9 Wimbledon, 4 U.S. Open, 3 Australian Open & 2 French Open) prior to her retirement in 1990. In 2001, Navratilova returned to the Circuit to play a few Doubles and Mixed Doubles events. At 46, Navratilova is the oldest player to win a WTA tournament.

REMINDER

Do not leave it until the last moment to lodge Fixture entries for the 2003(1) Season.

Because teams have to be finalised within a few days of each entry deadline, it will be a big help to the Committee if renewing members get their entries in well before the start of First Semester on 3 March.

The competition closing dates are:

5 March	BNTA Monday BNTA Tuesday BNTA Wednesday Threes
11 March	BHTA Saturday Pairs UQTC Monday UQTC Thursday BNTA Wednesday Pairs



BEC HAMILTON, LEANDER PAES (Indian Davis Cup Team) and SOPHIE HAMILTON
at the 'FANATICS' Davis Cup Party, Adelaide, September 2002

Q & A

Question: Last season, we nominated as a group of 3 players for the BNTA Wednesday Threes Fixtures but got a 4th player added to the team. Why did we get the extra player?

Answer: Because of the demand for places in UQ teams on Wednesday nights, it is not possible to form teams with the bare minimum of players. We also find that teams with the bare minimum of players are prone to forfeit. The Club's policy of having 1 more than the bare minimum of players in gender neutral teams is clearly spelt out on the entry form and is repeated *ad nauseam* in these newsletters. Under our policies, we are able to cater for 152 players (in 38 teams) in the Wednesday night competition (compared to just 114 if 3-player teams were formed).



Fixture Policies

Because of the high demand for places in UQ teams, it has been necessary to develop procedures to ensure that all applicants are looked after equally and are placed in a suitable team.

The following policies will apply for next season's Fixtures:

Nobody will be included in a UQ team

unless all fees and a signed application to join the UQ Tennis Club are received. One person lodging a form and listing a group of people he/she wants to play with will not result in those other people being included unless they lodge their own forms and pay their fees.

Requests to play together will be considered but cannot always be granted. Players of a similar standard will generally be able to play together provided they ask to play with each other. Players A and B will probably not end up in the same team if Player A asks to play with Player B but Player B does not ask to play with Player A. However, because of the numbers that apply for a particular competition, it will sometimes prove impossible to grant all requests to play together. For example, in the Wednesday Pairs competition where there are only enough courts available to field 30 teams, a maximum of 90 players can be accommodated. However if there are applications from 40 pairs and 10 individuals, 10 of the pairs will have to be split up to form the 30 teams of 3 players each.

Applications received without fees will be ignored. No Fees - No Play - No Exceptions.

Off-campus home courts will not be used. This means that all UQ Tennis Club teams will have home courts at UQ. Teams in BHTA and BNTA Fixtures may still have to travel anywhere in Brisbane for away matches.

Quotas will be applied to all competitions. *This means that lodging an entry by the relevant closing date will not guarantee all applicants of a place in that competition.*

Players will be requested to nominate their preferred alternative competition should their first choice be over-subscribed. Applicants who do not nominate an alternative, or nominate

alternatives that are also over-subscribed, will miss out if their chosen competition is full when their application is received (in which case, fees will be refunded).

Teams will not be formed with just the bare minimum of players needed (unless there is a shortage of players of the appropriate standard or gender). This means that there will be one extra player in each gender-neutral team and one extra male and one extra female in mixed teams.

Late applications will only be accepted where there are shortages or where vacancies arise after the season begins.

Players are not entitled to a refund after teams have been finalised and registered with the Fixture associations. With the optimum number of players per team, anybody pulling out can cause havoc unless there are some late applications to fill the vacancy. Players pulling out because the Club or Fixture association grading committees didn't put them in the grade they think they should be playing will not get a refund and future nominations from them will not be accepted. In extenuating circumstances, the Committee may approve a partial refund (e.g. where somebody is transferred or seriously injured before playing any matches).

Parking Cost Increases

Once again, as soon as Semester 2 ended and all the students were gone, the University announced a huge increase in parking fees for students.

Previously, students could buy an annual Green Zone Permit for \$104.

Of course, the biggest complaint from people with Green Zone Permits over the last year has been that the Green Zones are full by 8:30 a.m. and they then have to pay extra by the hour to park in a Purple Zone.

One solution to this would be to increase the size of the Green Zones (instead of continually replacing Green Zones with Purple Zones). **The University's solution has been to do away with Green Zone Permits altogether.** A new multi-level car park is also being built on the site of the conifer knoll Green & Blue Zones (due for completion mid year).

Therefore, for students to park on campus every day for a year will now cost around \$650 in the Green Zones (rate increased to \$2.50 per day or part thereof) or \$2,000 in the Purple Zones (rate increased to \$1 per hour).

SUMMER SOCIAL TENNIS

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

at the UQ Tennis Club

\$5 for Club members

(\$7 for non-members)

Balls and afternoon tea provided

All standards welcome

N.B. Social Tennis will change to 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 2 March and fees will increase to \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members



Tennis Centre Briefs

The UQ Tennis Centre has a range of coaching programmes to suit all Tennis Club members.

Senior Coaching

Private and group lessons are available all year round with our experienced and qualified coaches. Call to book a time that suits you.

Recreation Classes

The most economical way of getting coaching is through the Recreation Classes. These classes consist of 1 hour of group coaching for 8 weeks. Groups contain a maximum of 8 players and are available at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels. **The deadline for enrolments is 14 March.**

The ProShop has just received its 2003 stock (racquets, footwear & clothing). Don't forget, all UQ Tennis Club members receive a 15% discount.

For more information on the Tennis Centre, contact us by phone (3365 6 9 3 3) or e-mail



UQ SPORT

(tennis@uqsport.uq.edu.au).

SEE YOU SOON

Troy McGrath
(Tennis Centre Coordinator)

Clem Jones Scholarship

The **Clem Jones Sporting Scholarship** is awarded annually and is tenable for three years. The value of the scholarship is \$5,000 per year.

The scholarship is open to UQ students with a high academic ability who can demonstrate a potential to perform at a

Free Courts

Under the Club's arrangements with UQ Sport, all members are entitled to 8 hours of free off-peak court time on weekdays and 4 hours on Sundays. This year, Club members will also get 2 free Sunday Social Tennis afternoons.

To access this free court time, members must have a valid UQ Tennis Club Membership Card. The free court hours and Social Tennis visits are marked on the cards and are hole-punched as they are used.

2002 Membership Cards are no longer valid. **2003 Membership Card are now required to access free court time.**

Find A Hitting Partner

Players who registered for the Find-A-Hitting-Partner Program in 2002 will need to register again for 2003.

For this program to work, the people listed must be those currently available to play. In early March, the list will be amended to remove everybody who has not re-registered for 2003.

Qld Rankings

Tennis Queensland has released the Final Queensland Singles Rankings for 2002. The No. 1 players in each division were:

<i>Open</i>	John James	Gabrielle Baker
<i>18 & Under</i>	Robert Smeets	Samantha Stosur
<i>16 & Under</i>	David Campbell	Shannon Golds
<i>14 & Under</i>	John-Patrick Smith	Shayna McDowell

Queensland's highest ranked players on the International Circuits at the end of 2002 were:

Nicole Pratt	WTA No. 48 Australia No. 1
Scott Draper	ATP No. 141 Australia No. 4

TQ Awards

The Tennis Queensland 2002 Awards Night was held on Friday 20 December at the Carlton Crest Hotel in Brisbane.

Around 185 people attended these awards to honour the achievements and contributions of some of Queensland's most committed tennis volunteers, players and parents.

Special guests Evonne Goolagong Cawley and Neale Fraser provided entertainment for the night in a question and answer session with host David Fordham.

Award recipients were:

<i>Geoffrey E. Griffith Order of Merit</i>	Elaine Duffy
<i>Wilson Junior of the Year</i>	Robert Smeets
<i>Cherish the Children Parents of the Year</i>	Malcolm & Debbie Andrews
<i>Colourscan Facility of the Year</i>	Coops Racquet Sports Club
<i>TCA Coach of the Year</i>	Gary Stickler
<i>Deakin Estate Veteran of the Year</i>	Neville Halligan
<i>Heineken Tournament of the Year</i>	Uncle Tobys Women's ITF Challenger Event (Mackay)
<i>Total Sports Travel Administrator of the Year</i>	Annie Lyons

Calendar

22-23 February & 1-2 March	Queensland Close Championships
24 February	UQ Orientation begins
3 March	UQ First Semester begins
5-6, 12-13 April	Ipswich Open
6, 13 April	Frawley Junior Development Tournament
13 April	Club Tournament
19-22 April	Laffs Junior Masters
24-27 April	Logan Junior Masters
3-5 May	Beenleigh Age
3-5 May	Coops Junior Masters
18 May	Club Tournament
7-9 June	Chandler Junior Masters
16 June	UQ Examinations begin
20-22 June	Logan City Age
29 June-4 July	Rod Laver Queensland Junior Championships
5-8 July	Little Masters
6-10 July	Northern University Games (venue TBA)
9-11 July	Ipswich Junior Masters
12-13, 19-20, 26-27 July	University Open & Queensland Open Championships
28 July	UQ Second Semester begins
30-31 August	Beenleigh Open Singles
6-7, 13-14 Sept	Club Championships
20-22 September	Rothwell Junior Masters
25-28 September	Redcliffe Age
26-28 September	Sunnybank J.M.
28 Sept-3 Oct	Australian University Tennis Championships
3-5 October	Pine Rivers Age
3-5 October	Carindale Junior Masters
11-12, 18-19 Oct	Qld Junior Team Carnival Qualifying (Metropolitan)
12 October	Club Tournament
1-2, 8-9 November	Wynnum Open
10 November	UQ Examinations begin
1 December	UQ Summer Semester begins
5-7 December	Frawley Junior
12-14 December	Junior Masters Circuit Finals (Coops)
17-21 December	Queensland Junior Teams Carnival