



Doubles Tournament

The Club's second tournament for the year will be the **Doubles Surprise Challenge Tournament to be played on Sunday afternoon 15 May.**

Entry is restricted to players who are current financial members of The University of Queensland Tennis Club Inc. or the Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association Inc.

Although this is a Doubles tournament, players will enter as individuals.

All players (male or female, all standards) will be paired initially through a random draw (that's the first "surprise") and allocated to numbered courts for the first match.

After each match, the winners will move up a court and the losers will move down a court. Once the players have moved to their new court for the next match, they swap partners (another "surprise").

Each match will consist of a single set (first-to-six games). All entrants will get lots of Tennis and will play with and against a large variety of players. Gradually, during the afternoon, the better players should move towards the No. 1 court. In the 2004 tournament, every player got 6 sets during the afternoon.

All players will maintain a Personal Result Card listing the number of matches & games they have won and lost. There will be lots of small prizes for the best performed players, determined from their win/loss averages, in designated levels (based on ITNs).

In addition, all participants will go into a draw for Dunlop/Slazenger products. The tournament will be followed by a free Pizza Feast for competitors.

An entry form for the Doubles Surprise Challenge is enclosed with this newsletter. The entry form can also be downloaded from the Club's Website (www.uqtc.org.au). Entries close on Wednesday 4 May. The entry fee is \$11 per player.

The Club's first tournament for the year, the Fastennis Singles Challenge Tournament, will be played on Sunday 17 April. Entries for this tournament closed on 8 April.

Did You Know?

Did you know that, according to *The Guinness Book of Tennis Facts & Feats*, the **longest recorded rally** in Tennis was played on 13 November 1977 between two eleven-year old girls, Cari Hagey and Colette Kavanagh, in the Anaheim Junior Championships, California when after slightly more than 5 hours, Miss Hagey defeated Miss Kavanagh 2/6 6/4 6/2. **The opening point of the second set lasted 51½ minutes** and it was estimated that the ball crossed the net 1,029 times. The second set started at 10:30 a.m. and finished at 2:05 p.m., having lasted 3 hours 35 minutes.

All records about the number of shots and the time of rallies should be viewed with some scepticism because, except in rare circumstances, such figures have only been recorded precisely in recent years in major tournaments. However, the point was obviously incredibly long. If the match was umpired, the poor sod trapped in the umpires chair for over 5 hours deserved a medal. As tournaments generally allow 1½ hours per match, this match must have done wonders for the tournament scheduling.



President's Message

Finally, we are through the pre-season rush and I hope everyone is happily in their teams and settling in to play Fixtures. Now is a great time to remind you of some of the other benefits of membership of UQ Tennis Club.

As well as playing Social, Tournament and Fixture Tennis with the Club there are other facilities available. Snooker, Table Tennis and Television (with Foxtel) are all available in the Clubhouse. Free tea, coffee and biscuits are also available for the benefit of members. We try to keep the Clubhouse open most Fixture nights for Members to use but this does depend on whether a Committee member is playing at UQ.

Also, as members of UQ Sport you get reduced rates for UQ sport facilities including the Gym, Aquatic Centre and Tennis courts. You can also claim discounts at Rebel Sport, Earth n' Sea Pizza, St Lucia Golf Course, BreakFree Resort Apartments and many more. For the full list, go to the UQ Sport Website (www.uqsport.uq.edu.au).

These facilities and benefits are for all Club Members to enjoy and just add to the reasons for joining the Club.

Danny Moore
President

Moving?



New E-Mail Address?

Make sure you let the Club know.

Otherwise, we won't be able to contact you.

Please E-Mail changes to:
tennis.club@mailbox.uq.edu.au

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND TENNIS CLUB INC.

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Club Membership Card

All financial members of the UQ Tennis Club for 2005 should, by now, have received their laminated blue Club Membership Card.

All Club members are able to use 12 hours of free off-peak court time (value \$90) and attend Sunday Social Tennis for free twice (value \$12). The Club Membership Card is needed to access these freebies. The freebies are listed on the Card which will be hole-punched as they are used.

Club members are also able to use the Club Membership Card to obtain discounts at the Tennis Centre Pro Shop for equipment & apparel purchases, restringing and coaching.

The Club Membership Card must be used in conjunction with a current UQ Student Card or UQ Sport Membership Card. This means that if you cease to be a member of UQ Sport, you can no longer access any benefits with your Club Membership Card.

Membership categories are now listed on the Club Membership Card.

The membership categories are:

O = Ordinary Member [current UQ students (18 & Over), UQ graduates and UQ staff]

A = Associate Member [anybody 18 & Over who is not eligible for Ordinary Membership]

J = Junior Member [everybody Under 18 (but Junior Members automatically become Ordinary or Associate

Members when they turn 18)]

L = Honorary Life Member

Many members will find their player rating [International Tennis Number (ITN)] listed on their Membership Card. ITNs have been determined from previous seasons' Fixture results. ITNs are not listed for new members and members who have been playing in Fixtures where the Club has not been able to obtain the competition results.

E-News

If you have internet access, do you receive "UQ Tennis E-News"?

If not, we don't have your e-mail address and you could be missing out on important information.

We may not have your e-mail address because you didn't supply it on your membership application or you supplied the wrong address or we have misread the address or you have since changed your address.

The last E-News was sent out on 10 April. If you didn't receive it, please send us your e-mail address**. Of course, the easiest way to do this is by e-mail (to tennis.club@mailbox.uq.edu.au).

If you are using anti-SPAM software please do not filter the Club's e-mail communications into your junk mail file. We could be sending you an urgent notification about a Fixture problem.

** But first check that it wasn't because you were over quota. UQ student accounts and a lot of Hotmail accounts have limited storage memory and quickly go over quota if not checked frequently.

Team UQ

Representing their university in Inter-University Sport should be a career highlight for all university athletes.

Now is the time for top Tennis players at UQ to step forward to try out for selection in the UQ teams for the Northern University Games (NUG) and the Australian University Games (AUG).

The AUG is one of the biggest sporting events in Australia. The 2005 AUG will be held in Brisbane from 25 to 30 September.

The sports in the 2005 AUG include Australian Football, Athletics, Badminton, Baseball, Beach Volleyball, Cross Country, Cycling, Diving, Hockey, Judo, Kendo, Netball, Rockclimbing, Rowing, Rugby Union, Soccer Softball Squash, Swimming, Tae Kwon Do, Tennis, Touch, Ultimate Frisbee,

Volleyball and Water Polo. Sports not included in the AUG, have individual Australian University Championships (AUCs) elsewhere throughout the year.

These days, there are too many universities for all to compete in every sport in a single event. Therefore, teams for each sport now have to qualify for the AUG or AUCs through regional events.

To enter a Tennis team in the AUG, UQ has to qualify through the NUG. The 2005 NUG will be held in Cairns from 3 to 7 July. Teams from 14 universities in Queensland, the Northern Territory and northern New South Wales will be competing in Cairns.

The sports in the 2005 NUG include Australian Football, Baseball, Basketball, Golf, Handball, Hockey, Netball, Rugby

League, Rugby Union, Soccer, Squash, Tennis, Touch, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball and Water Polo.

Tennis Selection Trials and Training are now in progress. Anybody interested in playing for UQ should contact the Tennis Team Managers appointed by UQ Sport

Men: Cameron Prebble
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UQ has won the AUG/AUC Tennis in 1953 (M), 1956 (M & W), 1960 (W), 1961 (W), 1983 (M), 1984 (M), 1987 (W), 1993 (M), 1994 (M), 1998 (M) and 2003 (M).

Reminders

Balls & Result Cards

Teams have been given their season supply of balls and result cards.

This means that the captain, if he/she isn't playing, must make sure somebody else in the team has the balls (away match) or result card (home match).

Draws & Team Lists

Copies of all Draws and Teams Lists are displayed on the notice boards under the Clubhouse.

Copies of all draws can also be obtained from the relevant Websites: UQ Tennis Club competitions (www.uqtc.org.au), Saturday competitions (www.tennisone.org.au) and Brisbane Night competitions (www.bnta.org.au).

Forfeits & Fill-Ins

UQ teams should not forfeit unless there is a last minute emergency. All UQ players have a complete list of all UQ Fixture Teams. This is a great source of emergency players.

All competitions have pretty liberal rules about the use of fill-ins from within and outside the competition. Check the specific competition rules for the details

as there are restrictions on the number of times various types of fill-ins can be used.

If you are short of players, the first thing to do is contact other teams in the same competition (in the same or a lower grade). If you can't find a fill-in from the same competition, other players of a

suitable standard can be used (emergency players).

Results

Fill result cards in properly (with first names, surnames and scores) and, if you win, lodge the result promptly with the correct Results Officer.



PETRA AND JEFF IN CONTROL

Organising the matches for Sunday Afternoon Social Tennis

University Open Volunteers Needed

The **2005 University Open Tennis Championships** will be played on 16-17, 23-24 & 30-31 July.

The University Open has long been the largest open tournament in Queensland. Since 1996, the tournament has also had the status of being the Queensland Open Championships.

The University Open is a tournament for all players as it caters for all ages and standards. Events include Open, Special, 35 & Over, 18 & Under, 16 & Under, 14 & Under, A Grade, B Grade, C Grade, D Grade and Wheelchair.

The University Open is the Club's major undertaking for the year. However, it can only be a success if there are enough voluntary workers to run it.

Helping to stage an important community event, like the University Open, can be a very rewarding experience.

If you are interested in getting involved in running this year's tournament, please contact the Tournament Director, Doug Bergman, by e-mail (tennis.club@mailbox.uq.edu.au) or phone [3371 4971 (office) or 3870 9252 (home)].

As well as the key jobs in the Tournament Office putting on matches, we also need people prior to the tournament (receipting & entry processing) and during the event (Court Supervisors and Sports Trainers or Physiotherapists).

Court Supervisors look after a block of courts and sort out minor on-court problems, alert the Referees to major problems and inform the Tournament Office when matches finish and courts become free for the next match.

Except for Sports Trainers and Physiotherapists, no prior experience or particular skills are needed for any of the jobs involved in staging this event. Enthusiasm and commitment are the only requirements.

This year, all tournaments in Queensland with high ranking points are required to have a Level 1 (or above) Sports Trainer or Physiotherapist on site at all times. Anybody with the appropriate qualifications, who might be able to provide their services on a *voluntary* basis for half a day (or more), should contact the Tournament Director urgently.



Club Library

The Club has a small collection of books on Tennis. All of these books are available for Club members to borrow.

The books in the Club Library are:

- 100 Years of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships (James Medlycott)
- 100 Wimbledon Championships (John Barrett)
- A Centenary of Queensland Tennis (Queensland Lawn Tennis Association)
- Advantage Australia: Rod Laver & Margaret Court, Legends of the Grand Slam (Alan Trengove)
- Australia and the Davis Cup: A Centenary History (Alan Trengove)
- Australia's Wimbledon Champions (Allan Kendall)
- Billie Jean King (Billie Jean King with Frank Deford)
- Bud Collins' Modern Encyclopedia of Tennis (Bud Collins & Zander Hollander)
- Competitive Tennis: Climbing the NTRP Ladder (Brett Schwartz & Chris Dazet)
- Days of Grace (Arthur Ashe & Arnold Rampersad)
- Game, Set and Glory: A History of the Australian Tennis Championships (Bruce Matthews)
- Great Players of Australian Tennis (Paul Metzler)
- Grand Slam Australia: The Story of the Australian Open Tennis Championships (Joseph Johnson)
- Home: The Evonne Goolagong Story (Evonne Goolagong Cawley & Phil Jarratt)
- Monica: From Fear to Victory (Monica Seles with Nancy Ann Richardson)
- Newk (John Newcombe)
- Our Open: 100 Years of Australia's Grand Slam (Tennis Australia)
- Rocket to the Top (Patrick Rafter with Leo Schlink)
- Rosewall: Twenty Years at the Top (Peter Rowley with Ken Rosewall)
- Rothman's Wimbledon on Camera (Arthur Cole)
- Tennis My Way (Martina Navratilova with Mary Carillo)
- Tennis Science & Technology (1st International Congress on Tennis Science and Technology, ed. S.J. Haake & A. Coe)
- Tennis Styles and Stylists (Paul Metzler)
- Tennis Superstars (Sue Heady)
- Tennis: The Greats 1920-1960 (Adrian Quist with Jack Egan)
- The Book of Wimbledon (Ronald Atkin & Eamonn McCabe)
- The Encyclopedia of Tennis (ed. Max Robertson)
- The Inner Game of Tennis (W. Timothy Gallwey)
- The Illustrated Encyclopedia of World Tennis (John Haylett & Richard Evans)
- The Margaret Smith Story (Margaret Smith with Don Lawrence)
- The Story of the Davis Cup (Alan Trengove)
- The Ultimate Encyclopedia of Tennis (John Parsons)



ROBERT SMEETS and TIFFANY WELFORD
2004 Rebound Ace Queensland & University Open Singles Champions

Q & A Social Tennis

Question: Can we call Foot Faults in Fixtures?

Answer: The Foot Fault is covered by Rule 18 of the ITF Rules of Tennis under which Fixture matches are played. Therefore, in an umpired match, the player umpiring should call *clear* Foot Faults (i.e. the server placing his/her foot clearly over the line before making contact with the ball or standing behind the baseline but outside of the relevant sideline). Obviously, from the umpire's chair, it would not be possible to see tiny encroachments of the foot onto the line. The problem is that very few matches are now umpired because most players decline to umpire. A consequence of this is that rules governing things like foot faulting and taking too long between points & games become difficult, if not impossible, to enforce. Under the Tennis Australia Rules for Non-Umpired Matches, each player is responsible for all decisions in his/her half of the court. This clearly precludes calling Foot Faults on an opponent. A surprisingly high percentage of players do Foot Fault (most unknowingly) but it is really only a problem in Fixtures if the server is a net charger. If the Foot Faulting is a real problem, there is no option but to request that sets be umpired (as allowed under the Fixture Rules).



Club members have ready access to two Social Tennis programmes at UQ: the Sunday Afternoon Social Tennis run by the UQ Tennis Club and the Thursday Night Social Tennis run by the Brisbane Night Tennis Association.

There is now a pool of over 300 players attending these Social Tennis programmes although only around 40-50 (Thursday) and 60-70 (Sunday) attend at any one time.

Obviously, with so many players involved, it is not possible for the rostered organisers to know the standard of every player and avoid mismatches. Therefore, a rough grading system using colour coding is now being used to make it easier for the organisers.

Players attending Social Tennis need to understand a few things:

1. It is "SOCIAL" Tennis. There are no sheep stations up for grabs. Matches can be contested keenly but still played in a friendly atmosphere.
2. It is not realistic to turn up for just a few hours and expect to play continuously for that time. Social Tennis universally runs on a one-set-on, one-set-off basis. If you only turn up for a few hours you will only get a few sets.
3. Unless numbers are low, all matches

will be Doubles and will consist of 8 games (i.e. 2 service games each) to ensure that there is a reasonably rapid turnround of players.

4. The number of sets you get will vary from week to week as the numbers attending Social Tennis can fluctuate markedly. Currently, Social Tennis is using 11 courts on Sunday afternoons and 7 courts on Thursday nights (the maximum available).
5. Sets can involve a much wider standard of players than is found in Fixtures (where most players in a grade will be of the same standard).
6. Players of different levels will be matched up because, to develop, people need to play against better players. Therefore, a medium level player will get matches against other medium level players but will also get some matches against stronger players. But in turn, medium level players will have to play matches with lower level players to help them improve.
7. As is obvious from Point 6 above, the introduction of the colour coded grading system is not to restrict players to playing in one level. It is designed to ensure everybody gets a good mix of matches but avoid total mismatches (e.g. a beginner with 3 top players or a top player with 3 beginners).
8. Each grading colour code covers a wide range of standards. Players have been graded by the statistical analysis of their Fixture results or, for new players, on the basis of a visual assessment. Players can ask to get re-assessed but there is no point in continually asking to be re-assessed if every assessment is the same. As you will get to play against players of other grades, whatever your grading, there is no logic in developing a fixation about getting 'promoted'. Remember, it is "Social" Tennis.
9. When signing on for Social Tennis, you are accepting the condition that you will play matches as drawn by the organisers. Please remember that the organisers have to keep track of a lot of players. Therefore, it is acceptable to remind them if you haven't had a match yet against better players. However, it is not acceptable to refuse to play with particular players when drawn.
10. Respect the volunteers who are giving up their afternoon or night to organise Tennis for you. Feel free to volunteer to help them as anybody putting matches on for four-straight hours would appreciate a break occasionally. They might even like to have at least one set themselves.

SOCIAL TENNIS

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.*

at the UQ Tennis Club

\$6 for UQ Tennis Club members

(\$8 for non-members)

Balls and afternoon tea provided

All standards welcome

Regular or occasional attendance

Table Tennis and Snooker are also available

* Social Tennis uses the 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. timeslot from April to September and the 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. timeslot from October to March



Tennis Centre Briefs

The UQ Tennis Centre Pro Shop has all the Tennis equipment to make any Tennis Club member look and feel like a professional player.

The Pro Shop stocks a great range of racquets, clothing and footwear.

Why not let our expert staff help you look for the best equipment to suit your game and budget.

Remember, Tennis Club members receive a 15% discount on racquet, clothing and footwear purchases and a 10% discount on all restrings.

The next series of ADULT GROUP TENNIS COACHING CLASSES commence in the week of Tuesday 3 May. Whether you are a good player or just want to learn the basics, this is the most cost effective way of improving your game. Classes run for 5 weeks and cover Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, and Squad levels. The deadline for enrolments is Friday 29 April.

For more information on the Tennis Centre, contact us by phone (3365 6933) or e-mail (tennis@uqsport.uq.edu.au).

SEE YOU SOON

Troy McGrath
(Tennis Centre Coordinator)



UQ SPORT

Court Bookings

To book courts, please phone the UQ Tennis Centre on 3365 6933.

Courts can be booked up to 7 days in advance.

Do not phone the UQ Tennis Club Office to book courts, arrange coaching, check for restrings or ask about equipment on sale. The Club has no involvement in running the Tennis Centre, which is operated by UQ Sport.

Look good on-court and off-court

Club Logo Clothing



**Polo Shirts
T-Shirts**

**Vests
Jackets**

**Jerseys
Caps**

All items made to order. Next order deadline 31 May.

UQ & Metro Tournament Calendar

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| 17 April
23-25 April
23-25 April
30 April-2 May
30 April-2 May
7-8,14-15 May | Club Tournament
Lifetime Junior
Redlands JMC**
TCAQ Little Masters
Coops JMC**
Ipswich Open |
| 15 May
21-22 May
11-13 June | Club Tournament
Sunnybank Junior
Chandler JMC** |
| 14 June
18-20 June
18-23 June | UQ Examinations begin
Nudgee JMC**
Uncle Tobys 12/U & 14/U
Winter Nationals
Pine Country GPC* |
| 24-26 June
24-29 June | Rod Laver Queensland Junior Championships |
| 16-17, 23-24, 30-31 July | Rebound Ace
Queensland Open & University Open Championships
UQ Second Semester begins |
| 25 July | Pine Rivers Veterans
Ambiwerra GPC* |
| 13-14 August
17,20-21 August | Club Championships
Frawley JMC**
Sunnybank JMC** |
| 4,10-11 Sept | Pine Rivers Junior
Cambridge GPC* |
| 10-12 September
16-18 September
18-20 September
20-22 September
23-25 September | Carindale JMC** |
| 16 October
30 October | Club Tournament
Club AGM |
| 7 November
12-13,19-20 Nov | UQ Examinations begin
Wynnum Open |
| 28 November | UQ Summer Semester begins
Frawley Junior |
| 2-4 December | |

- 10-12 December JMC** Final (Coops)
- 13-17 December Queensland Junior Teams Carnival
- 14-16 December Everton GPC*

* Dunlop Grand Prix Circuit (9/U, 11/U, 13/U & 15/U)

** Head Junior Masters A Circuit (11/U, 13/U, 15/U & 17/U)

The complete 2005 Queensland Tournament Calendar can be downloaded from the Tennis Queensland Website (www.tennisqueensland.com.au).

Brisbane Night Tennis Association Inc.

NIGHT SOCIAL TENNIS

**THURSDAY NIGHTS
7 p.m. to 11 p.m.**

at the UQ Tennis Centre

\$5 for BNTA members
\$7 for non-members

Balls and supper provided
All standards welcome
Regular or occasional attendance