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### SUMMER MIXED DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

The UQ Tennis Club's second tournament for 2019 will be the **Sizzling Summer Series Mixed Doubles Tournament** which will be played on Saturday night, 2 February (7 p.m. to 11 p.m.).

#### The deadline for entries for the Summer Mixed Doubles Tournament is Thursday, 31 January.

As this is a doubles tournament, you must have a partner to enter. Summer Fixture players, check your teams list for suitable partners. Social Tennis is also a great place to find a partner. Check the white board to see who is playing and ask somebody of your standard or ask the Social Tennis Organizers to help you find a suitable partner.

Entry forms for the Sizzling Summer Night Tournament Series are available from under the Clubhouse and can also be downloaded from the Club Website <u>here</u>.

Entries for the Summer Series Mixed Doubles Tournament can be lodged online via the Tennis Australia Tournaments Website <u>here</u>\*\*. *This is also the link where players can check that their entries have been received and entered in the tournament.* 

\*\* Tennis Australia has made its tournament on-line entry system needlessly complicated. When players go to enter on-line, they are asked to create a Tournament account if they don't already have one. To create a Tournament account, players need their 11-digit Tennis Australia My Tennis Player ID Number. Unfortunately, although the TA tournament on-line entry system still requires the 11-digit Player ID Number, Tennis Australia has stopped issuing Player ID Numbers automatically for new players being registered through My Tennis (as it is switching to using player e-mail addresses for identification purposes). This means that players who do not have a Player ID Number, or don't remember their number, need to contact Tennis Australia via <u>play@tennis.com.au</u> or 1800 752 983 to obtain their number or have a number created for them (information required - name, postal address, unique e-mail address, birthdate and a phone number).

For more information about the Sizzling Summer Series Tournaments, go to:

### **2019 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

#### All 2018 UQ Tennis Club Memberships expired on 31 December.

#### 2019 Club Membership is now available.

The 2019 Membership application form can be downloaded from the Club Website <u>here</u>. Applications can be lodged on-line <u>here</u>.

In 2019, membership will cost just: \$95 - Full Year (to 31 December 2019) \$75 - Half Year (to 30 June 2019)

Paid Members receive discounts for Social Tennis, Practice, Tournaments and Singles Fixtures;

2018 Members need to re-new their membership to continue to enjoy these discounts. If you try to use your 2018 membership card for discounts you will be declined.

### **FREE SUNDAY BARBECUE**

As it's the last Sunday of the month, there will be a **Free Barbecue** for Club Members and Social Tennis Players this Sunday (27 January) after Social Tennis, starting around 6 p.m. Drinks will be on sale at The Smash Bar.

27 January is also the Australian Open Men's Singles Final so players will be

able to watch the Tennis on the Club's wide-screen televisions.



## SUMMER DOUBLES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The UQ Tennis Club's 2019 Tournament Program is off to a good start with 56 players entered in the **Sizzling Summer Series Doubles Tournament** played last Saturday night (19 January).

It was a great night for Tennis with lots of close and keenly contested matches. David Johnston's behind-his-back winning volley was the shot of the night. Between matches, players were able to watch all the Australian Open action at Melbourne Park on the Club's wide-screen TVs.

The event winners were: David Johnston & Conor MacMahon (Open Men) Sophie Joyce & Christeen Spencer (Open & A Grade Women) David Drew & Paul Hyde (A Grade Men) Craig Lam & Mat Langworthy (B Grade Men) Michael Leon & James Pascoe (C Grade Men)

Check out all the draws and results here.

The prize winners in the **HEAD Lucky Draw** conducted after the tournament were Bruce Franke, Branko Koncarevic, Garth Paul, Rob Dair, Phil Wang and Josh Hume.



Summer Doubles Tournament Prize Winners: Back Row - James Pascoe, David Drew, Mat Langworthy, Bruce Franke, Branko Koncarevic,

Conor MacMahon & David Johnston Front Row - Paul Hyde, Sophie Joyce, Chris Spencer, Rob Dair, Craig Lam, Michael Leon & Phil Wang

### **TENNIS PRACTICE**

After a break for Christmas and the New Year, the Club's **Tennis Practice** program will resume on Wednesday, 30 January.

Years ago, the Club realised there was a gap in the programs available at UQ, particularly for Beginners. The Tennis Centre offered great coaching programs to teach people how to play and the Tennis Club offered great competitive and non-competitive Tennis programs for people who could already play. But there was no easy avenue for people learning the game to get out and improve and gain confidence by hitting lots of balls.

And so the Practice Program were launched, mainly to complement the Tennis Centre's coaching programs and to help those learning the game.

Of course, the Practice Program isn't just for Beginners. Players of all levels can come along to practice shots in a friendly & social environment and have a cold drink on the Clubhouse verandah afterwards.

Different drills will be run on each court, covering various aspects of the game. Players will rotate through all the drills during the night. There is no coaching provided but everybody will get to hit lots of balls.

For Ordinary Members, Associate Members & Junior Members, the Practice Program will cost \$8/night. For non-members and Restricted Members, the cost will be \$12/night. Pre-registration is not required – just turn up on the night and check in upstairs on the Clubhouse verandah.

For more information about the Practice Program, go to

### **FIRST SEMESTER TEAM FIXTURES**

The best option for players wanting a regular competitive game is to sign up for a season of Team Fixtures (weekly teams competition).

In first semester, the Club will be running three internal competitions (UQTC Monday Night Pairs, UQTC Tuesday Night Pairs & UQTC Thursday Night Pairs) and will be entering teams in a Brisbane-wide competition run by the Brisbane Night Tennis Association (BNTA Wednesday Night Pairs).

Membership & Fixtures application forms are available from under the Clubhouse or can be downloaded from the Club Website <u>here</u> where entries can also be lodged on-line.

Information about formats, grading session times, start & finish dates and membership & season fixture fees can be found on the application form or on the Website <u>here</u>.

The entry deadlines for First Semester Fixtures are 27 February (Wednesday & Thursday Fixtures) and 6 March (Monday & Tuesday Fixtures).

N.B. Quotas apply for all competitions. So, do not leave it until the last moment to enter as some competitions could fill up before the advertised closing date.

#### **KEEP INFORMED**

There are always lots of things happening in the UQ Tennis Club.

You can check out what is coming up on the Club Website: <a href="https://www.uqtc.org.au">https://www.uqtc.org.au</a>

For programs, click the relevant information Tab and check for a story on the Home page. For events, there will always be a story on the Home page.

Another way to stay informed is to like the Club's Facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/uqtennis/">https://www.facebook.com/uqtennis/</a>

Posters about events are also displayed on the Club Noticeboard under the clubhouse.

Everything about the Club and its Programs can be found in the Club's Information Booklet, which can be viewed on-line: https://www.uqtc.org.au/file/uq-tennis-club-information-booklet



#### **UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

The Club's Management Committee goes to a lot of trouble to make sure Members are kept informed about what is happening in the Club.

However, this is only possible if Members' contact information is up-to-date. **If you move or change your e-mail address, please let the Club know.** 

As players are registered with Tennis Queensland using Tennis Australia's My Tennis on-line database, those with a valid e-mail address will receive an automated e-mail receipt from Tennis Australia confirming their registration. They will also receive a notification about how to access the on-line system to update their personal information themselves. This notice infers that changes to contact information made on-line in this way will automatically be conveyed to the Club. <u>This is incorrect</u>. Any changes must be notified separately to the Club, preferably via e-mail to admin@ugtc.org.au.

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