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# UNIVERSITY OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **University Open Tennis Championships** provide an opportunity for all Club members (Fixture players and Social players) to get some great competitive Tennis and see the top Queensland players in action.

The 49<sup>th</sup> University Open will be played over three weekends in July/August (20-21 July, 27-28 July & 3-4 August) with the Australian Ranking Points events (Open & 18/U Singles & Doubles) being played on 20-21 & 27-28 July.

Although it has ranking points events with significant prizemoney, the main objective is to provide some great competitive Tennis for Club members, the UQ community and the S.E. Qld public. The 2019 tournament will offer 46 events covering Open, 18 & Under, Special, Grade (A, A Res, B & C levels) and Seniors (35/O, 40/O, 45/O, 50/O, 55/O & 60/O). The Open, 18/U & Special events will be run using knock-out formats but the Grade & Seniors events will use round-robin formats to ensure entrants get multiple matches.

**The initial round-robin sessions for all Grade and Seniors events are pre-scheduled, so entrants in these events know their initial time commitment when entering.**

For more information about the University Open and the links to enter, go to: <https://www.uqtc.org.au/news/2019-university-open-tennis-championships>

Entries for the Australian Ranking Points events must be lodged on-line. Entries in all other events can be lodged on-line or using the printed entry form. The direct link for on-line entry is:

<https://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=2B0D9D6F-BE40-47E3-A82A-8A1CAA62A796>

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***They all had to start somewhere feature:***

**Scott Draper** being congratulated by Terry Sternberg (National Sales & Marketing Manager, A.V. Syntec Pty Ltd) after winning the Open Men's Singles in the **1994 University Open**. Scott played in the University Open from 1982 to 1994, starting in the D Grade Men's Singles when he was just 8 years old. Scott's other wins in the University Open were the Open Men's Doubles in 1994, Open Mixed Doubles in 1992 and A Grade Men's Singles in 1988.

**Scott Draper** had his first international success in 1992 when he won the Junior Wimbledon Doubles. In 1994, Scott dominated the Queensland open tournament circuit and fought his way onto the ATP Tour. His best Singles performances in Grand Slam tournaments were to reach the fourth round of the French Open in 1995 & 1996 and the fourth round of the U.S. Open in 1997. He won the Men's Singles in the Queen's Club Championships in 1998 and the Australian Open Mixed Doubles in 2005. He was selected in the Australian Davis Cup Team in 1996 and 2002. His career high Singles World Ranking was 42 (May, 1999). He also played golf professionally

and won the NSW PGA Championships in 2007.



*2018 University Open – A Reserve Grade Mixed Doubles  
Robert Dair & Christeen Spencer (Winners) and Ashley Wilkinson & Carl Pierce (Runners-Up)*

## 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, 30 June, after Social Tennis, starting around 6 p.m. Drinks will be on sale at The Smash Bar.





## SECOND 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 second 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 one Brisbane-wide competition run by the Brisbane Night Tennis Association (BNTA Wednesday Night Pairs).

Membership & Team Fixtures application forms are available from under the Clubhouse or can be downloaded from the Club Website [here](#). *N.B. On-line entry*

*option is not yet available.*

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 [here](#).

The entry deadlines are:

**24 July** - UQTC Thursday Night & BNTA Wednesday Night

**31 July** - UQTC Monday Night & UQTC Tuesday Night

***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.***

## INTERVARSITY TENNIS

In 2018, Australian University Sport launched the new **UniSport Nationals** to replace the Australian University Games. Each year, sports are divided into two divisions on standard, based on results in the previous year's Nationals.

**If you are a current UQ student, interested in representing UQ in the 2019 UniSport Nationals Tennis competition, you need to lodge an expression of interest NOW.**

As UQ finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Women's Tennis and 6<sup>th</sup> in the Men's Tennis at Last year's Division 1 Nationals, in 2019 the UQ Tennis Team will be competing in the Division 1 Nationals which will be played on the Gold Coast from 28 September to 3 October. The Division 2 Nationals will be played at the Gold Coast from 7 to 11 July.

UQ Sport organises all UQ teams for the Nationals. Part of the process is to appoint a Sport Specific Manager (SSM) for each sport to coordinate selection trials & training sessions, organise travel, accommodation & uniforms and travel

to the Nationals to oversee the team's participation in the competition.

Nominations for the SSM position for Tennis and **expressions of interest for the UQ Tennis Team** should be sent to the UQ Sport Competitions Manager, Emma Taylor, at [teamuq@uqsport.com.au](mailto:teamuq@uqsport.com.au).

For more information about the UniSport Nationals, go to:  
<https://www.unisport.com.au/nationals>

## COURT SUPERVISOR TRAINING COURSES

**There is a severe shortage of Tennis officials in Queensland.** Tennis officials include Referees, Court Supervisors, Chair Umpires and Line Umpires.

Being a **Court Supervisor** is a great way to get involved in Tennis officiating at the grassroots level. Court Supervisors at a tournament work with the Referee and are responsible for monitoring a number of courts at the tournament. They assist and educate players, parents & coaches and assist in the smooth running of the event. Other important roles of Court Supervisors are to help enforce the Rules of Tennis and Code of Behaviour, as well as resolving on court queries. The training program covers General Principles of officiating, communication, Rules of Tennis and player management. The training program is a mixture of online theory and on-court practical training.

The next Court Supervisor course in Brisbane will be held at:

UQ Sport Tennis Centre

*Theory* - Friday 19 July (6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)

*Practical Options* - Saturday 20 July & Sunday 21 July (during the University Open)

For more information about the Court Supervisor Training Program and to apply for the course listed above, go to:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/learn/ballkids-officials-coaches-and->

[volunteers/officials/training-courses](#)



## NEXT CLUB TOURNAMENTS

There is a break in the Club Tournament Program because of the UQ Mid-Year Vacation and the University Open Tennis Championships.

In second semester, the Club Tournament Program will resume with the Ekka Singles Challenge Tournament (14 August) and the UQ Student & Staff Championships (14, 17 & 18 August).

For more information about the **Ekka Singles Challenge Tournament** and the links to enter, go to:

<https://www.uqtc.org.au/news/2019-ekka-singles-challenge-tournament>

For more information about the **UQ Student & Staff Tennis Championships** and the links to enter, go to:

<https://www.uqtc.org.au/news/2019-uq-student-staff-tennis-championships>



# BARTY ON TOP OF THE WORLD

What a month for Australian Tennis.

**Ashleigh Barty**, from Ipswich, is the 2019 French Open Ladies' Singles Champion and, after winning the Birmingham Classic, is now **World No. 1**.

With the French Open Title and a World No. 2 ranking, Barty started her grasscourt season, leading up to Wimbledon, at the Birmingham Classic where she was seeded No. 2 behind World No. 1, Naomi Osaka (JPN). However, Osaka lost in the second round and Barty reached the Final without losing a set. In the Final, she defeated Julia Görges (GER) 6-3 7-5 and gained enough ranking points to overtake Osaka in the rankings.

Barty has had a stellar year so far on all surfaces - winning the Miami Open on **hard courts**, the French Open on **clay courts** and the Birmingham Classic on **grass courts**.

To put Barty's performances in perspective for Australia:

The last Australian (male or female) to reach the Final of the French Open Singles had been Samantha Stosur in 2010.

The last Australian (male or female) to win the French Open Singles had been Margaret Court (Smith) in 1973 .

The last Australian (male or female) to be ranked World No. 1 had been Lleyton Hewitt (19 November 2001 to 27 April 2003).

The last Australian woman to be ranked World No. 1 had been Evonne Goolagong Cawley (26 April 1976 to 9 May 1976).

It's tough at the top and it's tough to keep winning as there are so many good players out there. How different things would have been if Barty hadn't been able to come back from 6-7 0-3 down in the French Open Semi-Final against Amanda Anisimova.

All Australians are hoping Barty maintains her current form and remains injury

free as there are a few other 'droughts' for Australian Tennis that could be broken:

The last Australian (male or female) to win the Wimbledon Singles was Lleyton Hewitt in 2002.

The last Australian woman to win the Wimbledon Singles was Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1980.

The last Australian (male or female) to win the Australian Open Singles was Christine O'Neil in 1978.



*Queensland's Ashleigh Barty holding the Chris Evert Trophy awarded by the WTA to the player ranked World No. 1*

**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:

<https://www.uqtc.org.au>

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:

<https://www.facebook.com/uqtennis/>

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>



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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. This is incorrect. Any changes must be notified separately to the Club, preferably via e-mail to [admin@uqtc.org.au](mailto:admin@uqtc.org.au).**

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