

Tennis Sydney Inc.

President's Report

2017



Introduction

This report provides an overview of Tennis Sydney Inc. activities for the 12 months to December 31, 2016.

2016 was another year of change for the Tennis Sydney Committee. Some long standing committee members stood down after many years of service and I would like to especially thank **Leanne Spencer** and **Tracey Macmillan**. These losses though opened up spots for some new blood to join and to make their mark on the club.

Once again we ran a full year of tournaments including the introduction of the Club Singles Tournament which was added to the schedule based on the feedback from the Member's Survey. Mid-week competitions and Sunday Social all were run at increasingly healthy participation rates. Membership was also maintained at strong levels.

Membership

Club membership is the main source of income of Tennis Sydney. At the end of 2016 there was a total of 248 members up from 233 in 2015. A successful Fair Day was a contributor to the increase in memberships. Concession rates continued to be available to eligible members for annual membership and Sunday Social player's fees.

Finance

Last year the club's financial health grew by 4.6%. The full account details are published in the Treasurer's Report.

A big thank you goes to **Chul Kim** for his work as Treasurer throughout this year. This was Chul's first year as Treasurer and he has done a commendable job managing the finances and growing the club's finances to keep us in a healthy position.

Tournaments

In 2016 we held the following tournaments:

1. Australasian Gay and Lesbian Open (January) Tournament Director (TD) **Damien O'Brien**
2. Inaugural Club Singles Tournament (April) TD **Jon Zhu**
3. Club Doubles Hard Court Tournament (May) TD **Evan Knowles**
4. Compass Singles Tournament (July) TD **Damien O'Brien**
5. Club Doubles Grass Tournament (August) TD **Chris Morrison**
6. Peter Deacon Spring Tournament (September) TD **Jon Zhu**
7. Compass Doubles Tournament (December) TD **Ryan Wright**

The Australian Gay and Lesbian Open (AGLO) was held in January at Cintra Park as part of the Australian Summer of Tennis which included events from Perth, Melbourne and Tasmania. Once again there was strong representation from Tennis Sydney, our sister clubs especially Melbourne and Canberra and international players. This year saw the reintroduction of the Player's Party which was held on the Saturday night at Bar Cleveland which was a huge success. Thank you to **Andrew Soo** for his organising of this event.

The Peter Deacon Spring Tournament, was directed by our Vice-President **Jon Zhu**. This was Jon's first major tournament and he did a splendid job ensuring that the event was a success.

As with previous years the one day events held throughout the year were very popular with members with events being fully subscribed within days of the event opening. I would like to express my gratitude to the Tournament Directors of each of these events. Without your efforts they would not have been as enjoyable as they were.

I would also like to thank the Tennis Sydney Committee who support the Tournament Director in ensuring that the events run smoothly and successfully.

To all of our champions, congratulations on being the best in your divisions on the day.

Competitions

All of our mid-week competitions enjoyed high participation rates this year. The three different formats in the Summer, Winter and Spring competitions saw strong fields in all divisions. It was pleasing to see some new faces in each division. The competitions were held over four locations: Parklands Tennis Centre; Moore Park Tennis Centre; Sydney Boys High School and Camperdown Centre for Tennis.

I would like to express my thanks to our Competition Coordinator **Rob Ward** for his hard work in getting these competitions up and running smoothly. To all of the Division Captains, thank you for your work on a weekly basis ensuring that your respective divisions had all the requirements needed to run the competition. To Tim Pailthorpe, thank you for keeping the leader boards up to date on a weekly basis.

Sunday Social

Sunday Social Tennis is the weekly get together of our members and non-members for an afternoon of tennis. Sunday Social is held at Parklands Tennis Centre each Sunday, with the exception of when tournaments are being held, from midday through to 5pm. On average there has been between 50-60 players on a weekly basis. Sunday Social is a great way for new players to come along and see what Tennis Sydney is about. It caters for all levels from beginner to advanced.

I would like to thank the Tennis Sydney committee who ensures that this event runs smoothly on a weekly basis. Without all of your efforts this day would not be able to be run.

Sponsorship

Tennis Sydney is currently running without sponsorship however if there are any members who are aware of any sponsorship opportunities please speak with any of the committee members.

While they are not officially a sponsor, I would like to thank the team at **Tennis Ranch** for their continued support over the year. Therese and her team do a fantastic job and are always there to support any of our members with their tennis requirements.

This year, **Rob Ward** put together a proposal that helped Tennis Sydney to secure a grant from the NSW Government Office of Sport. This grant was put towards a subsidised coaching program which has been popular with all members not only our beginners but also our more experienced players. We will be looking to continue this program in 2017.

Communication and Legal Issues

The main communication with Tennis Sydney members is via the website, newsletter or through our social media channel on Facebook. I would like to thank **Chris Morrison** for his work on ensuring that all of these channels have been managed and .

Thank you to **Tye Brown** of Aquawebs designs for all his work with the website throughout the year. Tye has also been working with **Jon Zhu** and the committee on the new Tennis Sydney website which will be launched in 2017.

Chul Kim as our Public Officer lodged our statutory returns with the Department of Fair Trading, which we are legally required to do, many thanks to Chul for ensuring that this happened.

Social Events

There were a number of social events that were held throughout the year including: Game Set Love (held as part of the Mardi Gras Festival), Bubble Soccer and a movie night screening of Absolutely Fabulous. Our Christmas Party and Oscars presentation was held at The Dove and Olive with special guest appearances by **Maxi Shield** and **DJ Jimmy Dee**.

I would like to thank **Andrew Soo** for his organisation of these events throughout the year.

Insurance

Our membership with Tennis NSW continues to provide all our members with Personal Sports Accident Insurance and Insurance Protection to the club (Public Liability), along with a range of other advantages as detailed on our website.

Fundraising

During the year the club had two major fundraising events, the Lawn and Compass Doubles Tournaments, and funds were also raised by other activities such as the Bake-off and a small portion of the entry fees for the one-day tournaments. In 2016 we raised \$4,588 and it was decided that this be shared between World Aids Day - \$1,105 and PFLAG - \$3,483.

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and gays are a non-profit voluntary organisation whose members have a common goal of keeping families together. PFLAG is there to give help, support and information to families, friends to all gay people.

I thank our members for your generosity in supporting these organisations and the committee for their time in organising the events.

Committee

Tennis Sydney is very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteer committee members who have given up their time to assist in the running of the club. I thank them for their time, services, support and professionalism in organising all the activities of the club for the benefit of its members.

At the AGM held in May 2016 the following members were elected to the committee. **Damien O'Brien** (President), **Jon Zhu** (Vice-President & Design and Creative Coordinator), **Evan Knowles** (Secretary), **Chul Kim** (Treasurer). **Tracey Macmillan** (Amazon Tennis Coordinator), **Chris Morrison** (Communications Coordinator), **Rob Ward** (Competition Coordinator), **Andrew Soo** (Social Coordinator), **Josef Garrington, Ryan Wright and Lou Fortus**.

During the year both **Tracey** and **Lou** stepped down from their roles for personal reasons however the rest of the committee remained for the entire year.

There are members of the club who are not on the committee however do work behind the scenes and to them I wish to extend my thanks. In no particular order **Tim Pailthorpe, Steven Thorne, Ray Lance** and **Duddy Apriadi**.

I would like to thank everyone on the committee for their hard work and dedication to Tennis Sydney. Your work does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by myself and the members of the club. Without you Tennis Sydney would not be the successful club that it is.

In Conclusion

It has been another successful year for Tennis Sydney. The club is in a strong position both financially and from a membership standpoint. All of our events from tournaments, competitions and Sunday Social have solid participation and we have a good spread of skill level in all grades.

The club is supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who make up the committee and ensure that the club continues to offer events both on and off court for all Tennis Sydney's members. I call on any members who would like to join the committee to nominate themselves at the upcoming election.

Finally I would like to thank all of the members who have supported myself and the committee in 2016. There has been some real highlights. Tennis Sydney is a great club made up of great people and everything that we do is for the enjoyment of the members.

Damien O'Brien
President
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