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Dear HKDTA members and friends,

Welcome to the November edition of
“Around the Courts”.

From the Prez:

Another calendar year is coming to a close, and the 2019 “Summer of Tennis” is fast approaching! As well as watching some of the world’s best players in action in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and all around the nation, don’t forget to keep your eyes open for opportunities offered through HKDTA’s own summer programme. More details will be available on our website and the club noticeboards in mid December!

Congratulations to **Anastasia Berezov** who was named as the **NSW Young Female Player for 2019** at the NSW Tennis Awards night. Another reward for a very talented young lady who works incredibly hard at her game, a great role model for us all!

An indicator of the strength and ability of HKDTA’s head coach **Steve Thompson** and his team is that 3 of the 4 nominees for NSW young male and young female player are coached here at HKDTA by Steve. Steve’s fantastic coaching ability was once again recognised at the national **Newcombe Awards** when he was awarded the top gong for **“Coaching Excellence – Development”**, the second time in 3 years that he has won that award. Congratulations Steve! Our young players couldn’t be in better hands to guide their development as tennis players (and everyone else in the club as well)!

Congratulations also to **Kim Warwick** who was recently elected by his fellow board members as **President of Tennis NSW!** I look forward to working with Kim for the development of our sport both in our area and around the state.

Keeping our membership system up to date is critical for the smooth operation of our club as it is the best way that we can communicate with you all. Over the next month or so we will be working on ensuring that the details we have for you are accurate so that you don’t miss any of the information about what is happening at HKDTA and in the wider world of tennis.

See you on court!

Eddy Watson

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Thommo's Tennis Tip of the Month - The Drop Shot

The drop shot is a effective asset to have in tennis if executed properly. Normally when playing the drop shot, you have a dominant court position. The continental grip is the most effective grip to have, which is the same grip as the volley.

As the drop shot is a touch shot you will require good feel and underspin to achieve the optimum result.

The best time to play a drop shot is when you have a good court position and your opponent is in a bad position. The element of surprise to your opponent will acheive the best results.

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Junior Superstars

Angus Vardy has been selected as one of the 2 NSW representatives to be a ball kid at the Australian Open in January 2019. Congratulations Angus, we are sure it will be a fantastic experience for you! Anybody interested in becoming a ball kid should go to the Tennis Australia [website](#).

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2018 Festival of Tennis

Thanks to everyone who donated, volunteered and participated in our "Hornsby Festival of Tennis" on 27 October. Our special guest, Mayor of Hornsby, the Hon. Phillip Ruddock, enjoyed our hospitality and was very impressed with our facilities and bushland setting. We appreciate all of your efforts and in particular thanks to Westleigh Tennis Club who donated \$2,000. In total we were able to raise \$3,000 for the Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Women's Shelter.



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December & January Holiday Tennis Camps:

HKDTA will be running our regular camps for children during the school holidays.

More information & registration on our website: <http://hkdt.com.au/HKDTA-Camps.aspx>

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R.I.P. Dane Binney

It is with great sadness that we have to pass on the news of the passing of one of our members - Dane Binney. He will be greatly missed by all. Our condolences go out to his family and all who knew him.

HKDTA Club Championships Update

Champions decided so far:

President's Champion	Alan Rate
Open Men's Singles (Matthews Cup)	Ian Choat
A Grade Men Singles	Ian Westmoreland
A Grade Ladies Doubles	Gail Silver & Elizabeth Wright
B Grade Men Doubles (Donnelly Cup)	Anderson Pendrick & William Pendrick
14 and Under Boys Singles	Andrew Zhao
14 and Under Girls Singles	Alice Tysoe
16 and Under Boys Singles	Angus Vardy

Finals to be played:

Open Mixed Doubles	R. Flood/I. Choat -v- K. Yang/A. Zhao
A Grade Men Doubles	C. Ireland/I. Westmoreland -v- C. Bisset/E. Wongso
A Grade Mixed Doubles	M. Vicenti/G. Bodilly -v- K. Yang/A. Zhao
B Grade Men Singles	P. Rich -v- W. Pendrick
B Grade Ladies Singles	L. Fox -v- S. Parker
B Grade Ladies Doubles	B. Limburg & K. Male -v- R. Read & S. Parker
Veteran Men Singles	E. Watson -v- I. Westmoreland
Veteran Men's Doubles	C. Ireland/I. Westmoreland -v- T. Brackenreg/L. McDonnell
Super Veteran Men's Doubles	I. Westmoreland/D. Wooldridge -v- S. Hillier/P. Poon
Super Veteran Men's Singles	I. Westmoreland -v- M. Adams
18 and Under Boys Singles	A. Zhao -v- J. Champion

Other events still in progress:

Open Men Doubles	<i>Round 2 matches</i>
B Grade Mixed Doubles	<i>Semi-final</i>



Girls 14/U Winner Alice Tysoe,
Finalist Jodie Drever



Open Men's Singles
Winner Ian Choat,
Finalist Chris Bissett



Boys 14/U Winner Andrew Zhao,
Finalist James Champion

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HKDTA Competitions

Congratulations to the winners of our **Quick Mix Monday Night Comp:**

Winning teams: Sultans of Swing and Guns & Roses

Best Male Player: Khairul & Phil

Best Female Player: Alison & Jeanine

Most Valuable Player: Dale

Congratulations to the finalists of our **Monday Night Mixed Comp:**

Ballistic defeated Queens Road Rangers

A new competition will start on Monday 3 December – please contact Margaret Stirling on 0418 211 115 if you are interested in playing. [Back](#)

Saturday afternoon doubles social for intermediate & advanced players

1:30 – 5:00pm on Courts 7 & 8

Men and women of reasonable standard are invited to join Stuart Hillier, Robyn Flood, Matt Noone and many regulars for a fun afternoon of competitive but friendly doubles. Players are matched with partners and opponents for evenly balanced 8 game sets. You will enjoy at least 4 sets and be on the court most of the time with new balls. Snacks are provided. \$13 for members.

Come along whenever it suits you. Bring your friends if you wish.

Contact Matt Noone (0418 203 596 or email vp@hkda.net.au for more information. [Back](#)

2019 National Primary Games - Save the Date



The NPG is a unique Sports Carnival for girls and boys aged **8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14** representing their school, club or association in teams of all levels. They will compete in a feel good atmosphere against clubs and schools from all regions with the support of the Australian Olympic Committee which includes the presence of Olympians over the weekend. Competitions will be coordinated by Sporting bodies (local, state and in some cases national) and is set to be held over the last weekend of the July school holidays in NSW – 20th and 21st July 2019.

Wednesday Adult Group Tennis Lessons



Learn to play tennis with an accredited tennis coach in small groups.

Beginners will learn the basic to enjoy playing this fantastic game and more experienced players will improve their technique and develop a winning strategy.

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!

- **7.30-8.30pm** is for **beginners and social players** starting to develop their skills.
- **8.30 -9.30pm** is for **intermediate and comp players** looking to take their game to the next level.
- All sessions are run by Shane, under the supervision of the HKDTA Head Coach, Steve Thompson.
- Cost is only \$20 per night, or \$90 for a 5 week course.
- Players are welcome to join the Wednesday evening “Social Tennis” before or after their coaching session.
- Booking is essential! Please contact Steve Thompson on 0414 708 701. [Back](#)

