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## Around the Courts December 2020

### Christmas message from the President



As I stand outside level 1 of the Mills Park clubhouse and look out over 10 of 14 courts of the HKDTA 'empire', I can see physical evidence of some of the changes over the year. The new Mai Donnelly rose garden below me is settling in, the junior players are cooling off in front of the new misting fans, there is no longer any yellow paint on the clubhouses which made it harder for players to see yellow balls coming at them, and the two new blue courts are twinkling in the gloaming, waiting for their 'brethren' (soon to be resurfaced courts 9 and 10), to join them in a few weeks' time.

Despite the complications of COVID-19 (hopefully soon to be a part of history), much has been achieved at HKDTA during this year, thanks to the efforts of the staff, contractors, coaches, committee members and other volunteers who have given their time to improve our facilities and services, as well as the patience and understanding of all our members. Onward and upward in 2021!

Make sure you check this newsletter and our website for the short comp and social tennis options we will be offering over the holiday period.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all HKDTA members and friends. I hope that you have a fantastic holiday wherever you are and look forward to seeing you all back on court next year!

Eddy Watson  
HKDTA President

### Christmas 2020 and January 2021 at HKDTA

Mills Park Tennis Centre will be closed and locked on Christmas Day.

Berowra Tennis Centre will be open on Christmas Day for online bookings only. Book at:  
<https://hkdt.com.au/HKDTA-Bookings.aspx>



With the exception of Christmas Day at Mills Park, our centres will be open every day in December and January. Our Centre Manager, Tim, will be taking annual leave from the 1<sup>st</sup> January returning on the 8<sup>th</sup> January so bookings must be made prior to play through our online booking system (see link above). Committee members and coaches will be on site to ensure bookings have been made prior to play.

### Wednesday night social

The last Wednesday night social for 2020 will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020. COVID-19 safe Christmas drinks and nibbles will be provided! We will then be taking a break and resume on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### Saturday afternoon social

Our popular Saturday afternoon social will continue right through the Christmas and January period. PLEASE NOTE: On the 26<sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) we will be starting at **3pm** until 6pm.

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### January Monday night social

Starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021, we will be holding social tennis at Mills Park. Play starts at 7pm and all standards are welcome. \$14 per night. No need to book.

### Tuesday night mini comp: 12th January (doubles) and 19th January (singles)

Going to miss your Tuesday night fix of competitive singles and doubles over January? There's no need to! Book in for one or both evenings in which you will play 4 or 5 mini-sets each night. We will have 3 divisions and for the doubles event on the 12th January, you can enter with a doubles partner (in same grade) or enter on your own and you will be allocated a doubles partner. On 19th January you will play 4-5 mini sets of singles.

Book via Eddy Watson: [pres@hkdata.net.au](mailto:pres@hkdata.net.au) or 0410 487 219 or Matthew Noone: [vp@hkdata.net.au](mailto:vp@hkdata.net.au) or 0418 203 596 **by Friday 8th January** 2021. \$20 per night (\$25 non-members) including fabulous prizes for winners in each division.

### Normal competitions resume:

Monday ladies – Registrations and social tennis 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Monday night Quick Mix– 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Tuesday night – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

Wednesday ladies – Normal competition resumes 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Thursday night – 28th January 2021

Friday night Juniors – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

### Resurfacing of courts 9 and 10



The committee has just approved more improvements at Mills Park! Work will commence to resurface courts 9 and 10 on the 4th January 2021. We expect the courts to be ready for use by Monday 18th January weather permitting.

We will also be installing new nets and more of those great recycled blue seats that work so well on courts 5 and 6.

**School holiday camps** are being offered at both Mills Park and Berowra Tennis Centres in December and January.



#### Mills Park Tennis Camp

21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

18th January 2021 – 22nd January 2021

Contact Steve Thompson on 0414 708 701 or [stevethommo1@hotmail.com](mailto:stevethommo1@hotmail.com)

#### Berowra Tennis Centre Camp

17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

18th January 2021 – 22nd January 2021

25th January 2021 – 27th January 2021

Contact Trevor Hodge on 0408 977 787 or Gilly Blackwood on 0402 110 904.

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### Kristine shines both on and off the court!



On the court, Kristine Papasin displays tenacity, determination and a "never give up" attitude. And off the court she adds poise, generosity and glamour to her personality checklist.

Kristine has been a regular player at HKDTA for a few years taking part in Monday Night Quick Mix and social.

In 2019, Kristine entered and won the Mrs Glamour Look of the Year International pageant and is the current ambassador for the Glam Pageant Organisation. As the holder of the crown, Kristine is required to travel and promote the Glam Pageants, judge at pageants,

undertake charity work, take part in fashion shows and promote fitness and sport for women - which is where her tennis comes in.

In Kristine's words, "I would like to thank my husband Rodger for pushing me and teaching me Tennis. Also I am grateful to Mai Donnelly (previous coach) and Keith Smith (present coach) for being patient with me during tennis squads. And to the Mills Park staff, committee and players, thank you all for your encouragement, tips and support. Tennis at Mills Park has been a big part of my journey."

### HKDTA Extreme Weather Policy



Through our affiliation with Tennis NSW, HKDTA is required to abide by the Extreme Weather Policy of Tennis Australia (TA).

Tennis Australia (TA) recognises the dangers of extreme weather and the need to ensure that there are appropriate policies and procedures in place to mitigate risks to players, officials, coaching staff and spectators at all of our tournaments and competitions should an extreme weather event occur. The objective of the Extreme Weather Policy (Policy) is to:

- protect the health, safety and well-being of persons who participate in tennis activities of Australian Tennis Organisations (ATOs) tournaments and competitions
- ensure venues are safe places to play, spectate and officiate so far as is reasonably practicable, and,
- provide a defined process to any event, tournament and competition organisers on managing extreme weather conditions.

The full Policy can be found here [Tennis Australia Extreme Weather Policy Update | 26 November, 2019 | Tennis West](#)

Please follow any instructions issued by our Centre Manager or committee in regards to play in extreme weather.



The committee recently purchased two Australian made PatioMist fans for the comfort of members and guests. PatioMist fans are the latest innovation in misting system technology and create a very fine mist which quickly evaporates and provides fast and efficient cooling with no wetting of floors or surfaces.

These fans will be located outside the pro shop at Mills Park.

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### Mind your manners!

Following a player complaint, the committee has decided anyone wanting to play music on or near their court must do so at levels which are not audible to adjacent courts and which do not disturb other hirers. Ideally anyone wanting to play music should book Courts 1 or 2 at Mills Park.

Please! No spitting! For obvious COVID-19 reasons, and to observe general good health and safety practices, it is not acceptable to spit anywhere in the facilities.

### New balls please!



Tennis balls are the major consumable for HKDTA. At the moment, a number of procurement channels, ball brands (Wilson, Babolat, Slazenger and Dunlop) and ball utilisation approaches have been adopted and both 3 ball and 4 ball tins are purchased.

HKDTA's tennis ball procurement will change from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. It is proposed to rationalise as follows:

All balls will be purchased via NSW Hardcourt at the lowest cost.

Ball types will be limited to four as follows:

Ball Type	Ball Description
1	Slazenger Wimbledon Grasscourt 4 ball tin (Purple)
2	Slazenger Advantage Grasscourt 4 ball PET (Green/clear)
3	Dunlop Australian Open 4-ball can (Blue)
4	Green Dot balls - 4 ball PET (Green/clear)

All tennis balls will be available for purchase from the pro shop at \$14 per 4 ball tin or \$12 for members.

**Our next edition of Around the Courts will be  
February 2021! Happy New Year!**



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Christmas recipe courtesy of Kanthi from Monday Ladies' comp



### Frozen Neapolitan cheesecake

SERVES 12 PREP AND COOK TIME 30 MINUTES (+ FREEZING TIME)

250g chocolate cream biscuits	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
50g butter, melted	2 tablespoons honey
4 cups (800g) fresh ricotta cheese	2 tablespoons cocoa powder
1½ cups (330g) caster sugar	250g strawberries, hulled strawberries and
2 cups (500ml) thickened cream, softly whipped	chocolate Ice Magic, to decorate

**1** Grease a 20cm springform pan; line base and side, extending paper 5cm above edge of pan.

**2** Process biscuits until fine. Add butter; process until combined. Press mixture over base of pan. Refrigerate while preparing the filling.

**3** Beat ricotta and sugar in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Fold in cream; divide mixture evenly between three bowls.

**4** Add the vanilla extract to the first bowl and stir to combine. Cover and refrigerate.

**5** Put the honey and cocoa into a small bowl and stir to combine. Microwave on HIGH for about 20 seconds, stirring halfway through, until cocoa is dissolved. Add cocoa mixture to the second bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

**6** Put strawberries into a blender and process until smooth. Fold strawberry mixture into the third bowl. Remove chilled base from fridge and spoon in strawberry mixture. Freeze until firm. Add the vanilla mixture, freeze again, then top with the chocolate mixture. Freeze overnight.

**7** To serve, unmould the cake from the pan, decorate with fresh strawberries and drizzle with chocolate Ice Magic.

**Suitable to freeze.**