

## Match Committee Report 2015-2016 Competition Year

Once again the club has fielded teams in the three main district competitions, Diamond Valley Tennis Association (DVTA), Heidelberg & District Tennis Association (HDTA) and North Eastern Night Tennis Group (NENTG) however Spring 2015 also saw the first team in the Metropolitan Masters, an over 50s competition played on a Thursday afternoon.

Although the number of teams entered has remained fairly constant our biggest problem has been finding enough eligible (i.e financial Club members) emergencies to ensure that teams do not forfeit matches when injuries/holidays etc reduce numbers.

It has become very obvious that teams really need six players to compete successfully and this is something we will be strongly encouraging next season.

May I take this opportunity to thank Chris Groves, Catherine Keegan and Cliff Turner for managing the various competitions ó it doesn't happen without them!

Since the last AGM there have been two seasons, Spring 2015 and Autumn 2016. The following is a summary of each of those seasons in each competition.

### **DVTA**

Spring 2015: A very successful season for Karingal Drive with all teams competing in the finals.

Mixed Sec 1 Premiers

Mixed Sec 5

Men Sec 1 Premiers

Men Sec 8 Premiers

Men Sec 9 Premiers

Men Sec 6 Runners Up

Men Sec 2

Men Sec 7

Autumn 2016: Again an excellent result with only one team missing the finals.

Mixed Sec 1 Premiers

Men Sec 2 Premiers

Men Sec 1 Runners Up

Men Sec 5

Men Sec 7

Men Sec 8

## **NENTG**

Spring 2015: Wednesday Ladies. A very good result with five out of six teams featuring in the finals.

Sec 2 Premiers

Sec 11(2) Premiers

Sec 14 Runners Up

Sec 9

Sec 11(1)

Autumn 2016: Wednesday Ladies. Not as good as the previous season with only three teams making finals.

Sec 9(1) Runners Up

Sec 13 Runners Up

Sec 11

Spring 2015: Tuesday Men. A 50% success rate with five out of ten reaching the finals.

Sec 6 vets Runners Up

Sec 14 men

Sec 2(1) Vets

Sec 9 (2) Vets

Sec 12 Vets

Autumn 2016: Tuesday Men. Not a good start to the year with only three teams reaching the finals.

Sec 14 Men Runners Up

Sec 3 Vets Runners Up

Sec 12 Vets

## **HDTA**

Spring 2015: Very good season with two of three teams playing in finals.

Sec 5 Premiers

Sec 2

Autumn 2016: A difficult season with player shortages making it difficult at times to field teams.  
Only one team reaching finals

Sec 2

The following commentary is from the HDTA coordinator Chris Groves ó

Three teams continue to participate in the HDTA Tuesday Ladies Competition. In the Spring 2015 season our teams were graded Section 1, 2 and 5. Section 2 and 5 played finals with 5 being premiers and promoted to section 4 for the proceeding Autumn 2016 Season. Our other teams remained in Section 1 and 2.

The Autumn season saw Section 1 have little success due to injury and several team members holidaying throughout the season. It was necessary to give a couple of walk overs when we could not field a team. We managed to remain in Section 1 for the current season but are still struggling.

Section 2 played finals but were knocked out in the first round. Despite wanting to stay in Section 2 for the current season they were unexpectedly promoted to section 1. Like our other section 1 team they are struggling with the top 4 teams being quite strong.

Section 4 had a good season holding their own in this section and have remained at this level for the current season.

Thank you to Raelene Craven and Melissa Haberfield who look after the other 2 teams

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On Behalf of the Match Committee