



CLUB NEWS

Tennis ACT Awards 2024

We are proud to announce that Robert Jamieson, our head coach, won the ACT Club Coach of the Year for 2024, and Graeme Barnes, our club president, was a finalist in the Volunteer Achievement Award for 2024. The Awards event was held at the QT Hotel Canberra on 31 August.



Pines Tennis Club Court Expansion Update

The Pines began the process of court expansion over 18 months ago. The first meeting with Tennis ACT and the ACT Government Sport and Recreation was in March 2023. The club obtained an ACT Government grant for a town planner who was engaged at the start of 2024.

The first step was to work on obtaining the lease for the adjacent block of land (Block 9), currently zoned for community use. Block 9 has enough space to include 4 new courts and could also include additional hot shot courts and future clubhouse expansion. The area wraps around the club and extends to the fence with the neighbouring housing.



Club and Tennis ACT representatives have been meeting with local and federal politicians to raise their awareness of the project and to seek their support. The response has been very positive. The ACT Government has announced recently that it will shortly seek public community interest in Block 9 through an “Expression of Interest” (EOI), followed possibly by a public tender.

During March they undertook an initial site investigation and determined that there are “no showstoppers to the development of the site.”

A more detailed investigation took place during May/June looking at site ecology, environmental contamination and site servicing. During this period the ACT Government asked all of its agencies if there was any interest in the site. On our behalf, Sport and Recreation indicated our interest and no other agencies expressed an interest.

The following concept is proposed as an option, giving room for future clubhouse expansion, future carpark expansion and enough space for additional hotshot courts.

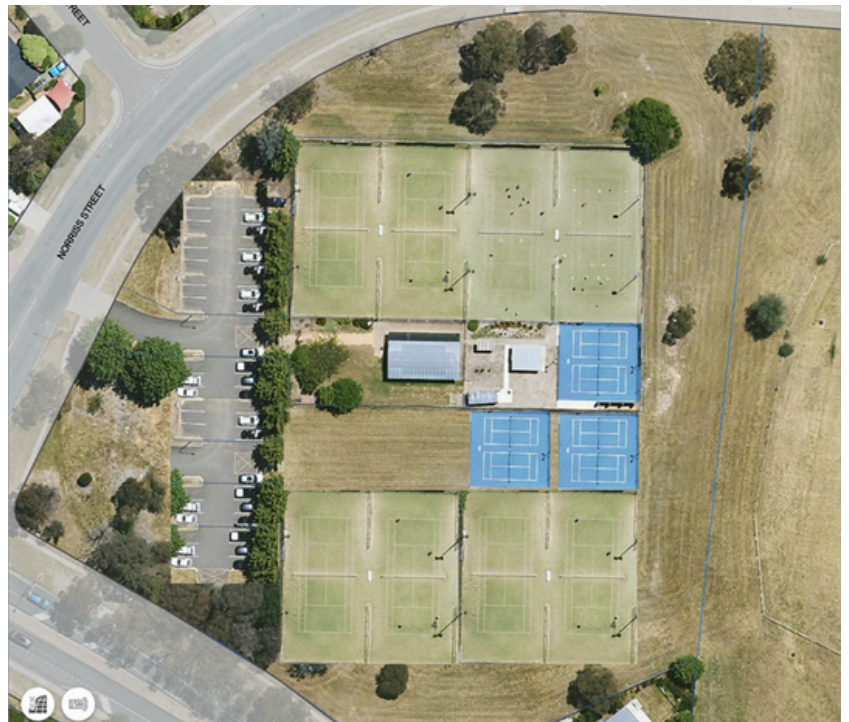
The town planner we have engaged is preparing a summary report that can be used to support the anticipated response to an ACT Government EOI process. The report will also contain a professionally drawn 2D site plan and an itemised preliminary cost estimate.

Tennis ACT is assisting us with the development of a comprehensive business case. We will be outlining the constraints that players and our coach have experienced with the limited four courts and the opportunities available to the club and community with additional courts. It is vital that we can tell the story around the numbers of people who we have not been able to accommodate in casual, social and coaching play and have had to turn away or move to an alternate venue.

Please let a Committee member know if you would like to be involved in this project.



A possible future Pines Tennis Club



Free come and try tennis

There will be a come and try afternoon on 21 September from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All are welcome. All new junior students receive a free racquet and drink bottle. There are free adult and junior clinics, and it suits all all kids aged 3 and up. Try the latest tennis Australia Programs including hot shots for kids and cardio tennis for adults. All new junior students who enrol in Term 4 2024 will receive a free racquet and shirt. To book a free trial session scan the QR code in the come and try day flyer (which has been posted on social media), email info@csot.com.au or call 0432 118 204

Like to be a Pines Committee Member?

With our club expanding, we would appreciate it if a few more members could join our Committee. There is a lot to do! Right now we need someone to take on the maintenance role which mainly involves arranging for and reporting on any club repairs required. In addition, there is a role for a member to represent us at Viking meetings (held 6-weekly) and report back to the Committee on any new grants or other news. Our Committee meets monthly on a Monday evening. To join please contact Graeme Barnes on 0409 308 039 or gebarnes07@gmail.com

Welcome to new members of the Club

Congratulations to Rosa Cotta and Olivier Manican who have recently become new members of the club. Under a new arrangement with Canberra School of Tennis, new members are able to have a free one-hour coaching session.

Social Tennis

Wednesday afternoon social tennis

Drop in for casual tennis from 1-3 pm on Wednesday afternoons. All are welcome, and no prior booking is required. It is free for members, and non-members are required to pay \$6.00. If you are keen to come along contact Kerry Scarlett on kerryescarlett@gmail.com

Sunday morning tennis

You can also come to Sunday morning social tennis from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm on Sunday mornings commencing Sunday 13 October 2024. Same as Wednesday afternoons, all are welcome and no prior booking is required. It is free for members, and non-members will need to pay \$6.00. Anyone interested can contact Dianna Barrett on 0431 771 235

Tuesday's and Wednesday's Gala

Whether you're looking for somewhere to start your tennis journey, or have some fun and improve your game, Tuesday's and Wednesday's Gala is a great idea for you. Players are seeded so you will be up against players of your own level and the groups are supportive and inclusive. Tuesday's and Wednesday's gala both start at 7.00 pm and are generally finished by 9.00pm. Term 4 of Tuesday Gala will commence on 15 October for 10 weeks. To register your interest as a player or reserve, email Nicole Locke on nlock2@bigpond.com

Wednesday evening gala will resume on 16 October 2024 for 10 weeks. Register your interest as a player or reserve with Dianna Barrett on dianna.barrett@bigpond.com

The cost of Gala is \$60.00 for the term.

Reminder to become member

This is a reminder to all players that there is a 10 week free-trial when playing, but after 10 weeks, you must become a member. If you are interested in becoming a member and need help, feel free to contact Graeme Barnes on 0409 308 039 or gebarnes07@gmail.com

Winning Autumn League Mon/Tuesday night team and plaque

Congratulations to the winning Autumn Monday/Tuesday night team (Lester Bunnell, Joe Rule, Cameron Hall, Talal Elmasri, and Matt Grosbernd.

Canberra Tennis Leagues Team nominations have closed for the popular spring competition. Once again the Pines Club will be well represented in the Mon/Tuesday and Thursday Night Leagues. It is not too late if you would like to reserve for a team. Please contact Dianna Barrett on dianna.barrett@bigpond.com if you are interested in being involved.

At a recent committee meeting it was unanimously agreed that all teams will consist of Base Players and Reserves from the Pines Tennis Club. Teams can use Emergency fill in players if they are financial members of an ACT Tennis affiliated club. This decision is consistent with the strategy of building our Club identity and capacity.

From left to right: Lester Bunnell, Joe Rule, Cameron Hall, Talal Elmasri, and Matt Grosbernd



Photo credit: Lester Bunnell



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Court bookings in the book-a-court website

Members making court bookings for events other than club organised or competitions are reminded to nominate who their additional player(s) are when making a booking. There is a fee of \$6.50 for non-member guests either day or night. This fee covers non-members' insurance should they incur an injury.

Clubhouse security

Please ensure that the clubhouse lights - including the toilet lights - are turned off if you are last to leave the club at night. This will help reduce our electricity costs. Ensure that the clubhouse is locked if you are last to leave. Also, to avoid the club being open and accessible to anyone, please cancel your booking if you finish early for any reason.

Sponsorship for member businesses

We are welcoming sponsorships from Pines members who own businesses who would like to promote their companies to the wider Pines Club community. McDonalds is now onboard and has taken out a Platinum package. We have developed a number of flexible sponsorship packages for you to choose from. In return, we will advertise your brand to our Club members, coaching program participants, participant local schools and the broader community through court signage, our Club Newsletter, emails and through our website and social media. Your support would be much appreciated and it would provide valuable support for our club's growth. If the idea of sponsorship has sparked your interest please contact the Club's President Graeme Barnes on 0409 308 039 or gebarnes07@gmail.com to discuss this exciting opportunity.

Club Champs – reminder

The club championships will be held on the weekend of 23 - 24 November. All members are invited to participate. There will be both open and social events to cater for the various levels of competitive and social players. Online entries will open in the coming weeks so look out for our email and keep an eye on the club notice board. If you have any questions, please contact our head coach Robert Jamieson on 0432 118 204 or robert@csot.com.au

Details:

Where: The Pines Tennis Club

Eligibility: All players must be club members

Cost: Singles \$25 or Doubles \$12.50 per player

Entries Open: Now

Entries Close: 20 November 2024

Register using the following link: [The Pines Tennis Club Championship 2024 | All Tournaments – Tennis Australia](#)

Canberra School of Tennis Coaching

Canberra School of Tennis offers coaching and playing opportunities for all players and standards. The Tennis Australia Hot Shots program is for juniors aged three and up and is taught at the club. All new junior students receive a free racquet and shirt in their first term and are also invited to attend our free Hot Shots Social Play program. Adults can get started with our popular Cardio Tennis program or our Stroke Correction classes. For more information, or to book in a free trial, please contact our award-winning head coach on 0432 118 204 or robert@csot.com.au

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