



CLUB NEWS

Summer at the Pines

Tennis life at the Pines has continued with lots of activity over the summer. We had a successful trial of Wednesday night social tennis which filled the gap between our gala competitions. Thanks to everyone that participated. Many of our members took the opportunity to visit the Canberra International Tennis Tournament in early January. The quality of the tennis in the up-and-coming stars of the future was outstanding. Keep your eyes out for the incredible Joao Fonseca from Brazil who at just 18 years of age looks to have very special talent. Many members also attended the Australian Open or watched it on TV. As a result we are all striving to improve our own game.

If you are interested in keeping up more regularly with events at the Club, please LIKE our page on FACEBOOK or INSTAGRAM. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/pinestennisact/> for Facebook or <https://www.instagram.com/PinesTennisClubACT/> for Instagram.

This is the place to stay regularly updated on events happening at the Club or around town.

Club Working Bee

The Club Working Bee will be held on Sunday 23 March 2025 from 8.00am-1.00pm.

Works to be undertaken include:

- Dismantling of the blue Bus Shelter near the BBQ area, since the wood is rotting and it is becoming unsafe.
- Painting of the bathrooms in the club house.
- Removing cobwebs around the clubhouse.
- Cleaning the windows.
- Repairs to the some of the seats.

The committee would be very grateful for assistance on the day, as completing all these tasks is a lot of work for only 4-and-a-half hours, and assistance is high in demand. A light lunch will be provided to all involved.

Pop it in your diary and turn up on the day ready to help.



Come and try day

It was a wonderful day for the come and try day on Saturday 15 February. There were over 50 people taking part in hot shots sessions for kids, and cardio tennis for adults throughout the day. Robert and coaches from Canberra School of Tennis lead students through fun activities, and the courts were filled to capacity. More than 80% of students had never picked up a racquet before and the others were coming back to the sport after an extended layoff from the game. CSoT and the club handed out flyers, kids activity books and free shirts to help promote the club to new students and potential members.



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Tuesday's and Wednesday's Members Gala

Our popular gala sessions have resumed for the first term of the year. On Tuesday night we have six teams playing and a good number of reserves also available to fill in if necessary. It is wonderful to see this event well supported within the club. The games have been good quality and enjoyed by all participants. Players pay \$60.00 for the term to cover lights and balls. Whilst the teams are set for this term, if you are interested in playing in the future you can contact Nicole Lock on NLock2@bigpond.com or 0439 907 005

Numbers for Wednesday night gala are also growing. A number of new club members are enjoying the opportunity to play with and meet other members of the Club. The format remains more flexible than Tuesday night so players can come in and out of the competition based on their availability. We will always welcome more players. Players pay \$6.00 per night to cover lights and balls. If you are interested in playing regardless of level, please contact the coordinator, Di Barrett on Dianna.Barrett@bigpond.com 0431 771 235

Please note that non-members are also welcome to join as a trial for one term, as long as he or she becomes a member.

Wednesday's Gala



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Canberra Tennis Leagues (CTL)

The Pines representation in Mon/ Tuesday and Thursday night leagues competitions goes from strength to strength. We are regularly fielding 3 or 4 teams in the Mon/Tues night competitions and for the first time there will be at least four teams represented in the Thursday night autumn competition. It is great to see the Pines participation increasing as we continue to grow and evolve our presence and Club Culture and identity.

In line with this objective, in 2024 the Pines Committee unanimously voted that all base players in a team representing the Pines have to be a financial member of the Club.

We look to build team identity and spirit with players proud to represent their Club. Over the past year we have had over 40 members participate in CTL either as base players or reserves. This equates to a quarter of our membership and is something that we should all be very proud of. We are even having other members come and watch some of our games, sometimes with a glass of wine or a cup of tea in hand. Thank you to everyone who has played and supported our leagues involvement.

Nominations are currently open for teams for the autumn competition. Entries close on 2 March 2025.

Mon/ Tuesday night: <https://matchcentre.tennis.com.au/leagues/22823>

Thursday night: <https://matchcentre.tennis.com.au/leagues/22824>

Saturday: <https://matchcentre.tennis.com.au/leagues/22822>

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If you would like to know more about the format/ requirements:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/act/competitions/canberra-tennis-league/the-walking-clinic-adult-tennis-leagues>

If you are interested in playing or being a reserve or just want to have a chat about what is involved, give Di Barrett a call on 0431 771 235

Social Tennis

Wednesday morning social tennis

If you are looking for ways to improve your tennis, or are a complete beginner, one option is to drop in for casual tennis from 9:00 am 11:30 am on Wednesday mornings. All are welcome - resist the temptation to think you're not good enough! 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 0414 292 150

Sunday morning tennis

You can also come to Sunday morning social tennis from 9:00am - 11:30 am on Sunday mornings. Same as Wednesday mornings, 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 Karensylviahawke@gmail.com

Court light replacements on Courts 1 to 3 and new court shelters

We have already applied for a grant to replace the lights on courts 1 – 3 and expect to hear whether we are successful in March. Small elements of these lights are beginning to fail, resulting in some areas of the courts being darker than others. Court 4 lights were replaced in 2021. The Club is also looking at options and costs involved in installing shelters between Courts1 & 2 and Courts 3 & 4.

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. McDonald's 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 newsletters, 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.



Canberra School of Tennis coaching for adults

Are there elements of your game that are frustrating you? Are you hitting the ball into the net too often, or missing those “easy shots”? Are you not able to hit a strong forehand or reliable backhand? Do you shudder at the lob coming at you and are not sure what to do with it, or do you just feel that your game is not progressing? Maybe you will benefit from coaching with Rob from the CSoT! Coaching is for everyone regardless of the level of your game; everyone can improve. Canberra School of Tennis offers coaching and playing opportunities for all players and standards. Adults can get started with our popular Cardio Tennis program or our Stroke Correction classes. Discounts apply for students who, in advance, book and pay for 4 or more lessons. 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

Website – www.csot.com.au

You can also search Canberra School of Tennis on Facebook and Instagram.

Canberra School of Tennis coaching for kids

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. 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

Court bookings in the book-a-court website

Members making court bookings for events which are not club organised or are not competitions are reminded to nominate who their additional player(s) are when making a booking. There is a fee of \$6.00 for non-member guests either day or night. This fee covers non-members' insurance should they incur an injury.

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

And don't forget to like us on Facebook and Instagram!