

Pines Tennis Club

June 2026



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF COMMUNITY TENNIS

Welcome to the Winter Edition of The Pines Newsletter.

As we move into the cooler months, you might expect activity at the Club to slow down. However, there is so much happening beyond our regular social tennis, Gala competitions and Canberra Tennis League matches that we hope you'll find plenty of opportunities to get involved.

We have an exciting program of events planned over the coming weeks. Things kick off with our Ladies' Day Round Robin on Sunday 5 July, followed by our Whole-of-Club Winter Round Robin on Sunday 26 July. Details on how to participate can be found in the following pages.

We will also be hosting a fundraising Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 19 July and would greatly appreciate the support of members who can spare an hour or two to help on the day.

You may have noticed a great deal of activity around the Club in recent months. A new outdoor tap has been installed, garden beds have been prepared for our ambitious Floriade display, Tennis ACT has supplied sanitary bins and products for the women's bathroom, and our stylish new Club polo shirts have arrived.

These improvements are just some of the many projects being undertaken by the Committee and our dedicated volunteers. Their hard work and commitment continue to make The Pines a vibrant, welcoming and special community.

We look forward to seeing you at the Club over winter and thank you for your ongoing support.

Member and Participant Survey

The Committee is surveying all members and participants in the coaching program to help inform the future strategic direction of The Pines Tennis Club.

Your feedback is extremely important and will play a key role in shaping the Club's future planning and decision-making. We encourage all members and coaching participants to take a few minutes to complete the survey.

Responses are requested by 5 July 2026.

We genuinely welcome input from everyone, regardless of how frequently you use the Club or what your views may be. All responses will be treated confidentially and will be considered in aggregate as part of the review process.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts and contribute to the future of our Club. Please check your email





THE PINES

— 40TH ANNIVERSARY —

Women's Tennis & Afternoon Tea

Join us as we celebrate 40 wonderful years of The Pines with an afternoon of tennis, laughter, and a touch of Wimbledon elegance.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

DATE: Sunday 5 July
TIME: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

TENNIS ROUND ROBIN
1:30pm – 3:30pm
Enjoy a fun and social afternoon on the court!

WIMBLEDON AFTERNOON TEA
3:30pm – 4:30pm
Relax and indulge in a classic afternoon tea to finish the day.

COST: \$15

RSVP: Linda
linda.elliott3105@gmail.com



THE PINES

WINTER Club

ROUND ROBIN DOUBLES

\$10 ENTRY FEE

SUNDAY 26 JULY | **9.00AM** | *Everyone Welcome!*

Warm up and enjoy!

- MULLED WINE
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- COFFEE
- PANCAKES

PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS!

RSVP Di Barrett | 0431 771 235



THE PINES

TENNIS CLUB

TRIVIA NIGHT!

SATURDAY 22 AUGUST 2026

6:45 PM

THE LANYON CLUB
Heidelberg Street, Conder

\$20 PER PERSON

3 PEOPLE TABLES OF 10

Don't have a team? No problem! Come along and we'll help you join another table.

AMAZING PRIZES & RAFFLES!

Including:

- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AT THE PINES TENNIS CLUB
- COACHING PRIZES
- PASSES TO THE CANBERRA INTERNATIONAL
- THEATRE TICKETS
- RESTAURANT VOUCHERS

And many more fantastic prizes!

RAFFLE WIN!

Come Along, Have Fun and Support Our Club!

★ Book your table now and help support *The Pines Tennis Club!*

Whether you're a trivia champion or just looking for a great night out with friends, *this is an event not to be missed!*

BYO BRAINS – WE'LL PROVIDE THE QUESTIONS!

Scan to Book Now!

A Community Tennis Club run by and for our members

A Potted History: A tough start

Thank you to David Holloway for the text.

Plans were drawn up for a clubhouse and four decomposed granite courts. The Committee had been busy advertising the establishment of the new club and by the time the Government announced the allocation of funding in their annual budget, a prospective membership of over 150 people were registered.

However, a further setback arose from the budget announcement – only the four tennis courts would be funded in the initial allocation, the funds for the clubhouse would come later. Well, this was not ideal but as we had no control over the funding of community projects, and there were plenty of other projects which the Government had to consider. So, with the completion of the four tennis courts, we erected a shed to keep our valuables and to act as our Clubhouse.

And we were underway

Unfortunately, with the lack of a clubhouse, we lost many of our registered potential members to the other club up in Fadden. But that did not deter those who stayed with us. The Committee set about organising social tennis on Sundays and realised that we were going to need to establish a good funding base if the club was to evolve into an attractive community facility with a strong and active membership.

Tennis coaching was introduced for juniors on Saturday mornings.

Anyone for PENNANT Tennis?

Next up, the Committee sought interest from members in playing in the ACT pennant competitions –
Summer Pennant – Saturday afternoon Men's Singles, Sunday morning Ladies Doubles, Tuesday and Thursday Night Mixed Doubles

Winter Pennants – Saturday afternoon Mixed Doubles

Spring Pennant – Saturday afternoon Ladies Singles, Sunday morning Men's Doubles, Tuesday and Thursday Night Mixed Doubles

As can be seen, the Pennants available are vastly different to those on offer today. Well, we managed to field a number of teams and after a couple of Pennant seasons, we even started to have significant interest in the Night Mixed Doubles – yes, we didn't have lights at that stage but the Committee were able to negotiate courts with lights from other clubs including North Woden, Kamba, Weston Creek and Red Hill. During one season, we nominated ten teams in the Night Mixed, and this was before we had lights. It was crazy!!! Our Night Mixed teams were developing a strong reputation for not only great tennis, but amazing suppers, including the not-so-occasional drop of alcohol. I see this trend continuing these days in the Gala competitions.



Sweeping the Courts

Thank you everyone for sweeping the courts after playing



Wednesday morning social tennis

Cost: Free for members/non-members \$6.00
Winter times TBC

Contact: Kerry Scarlett on
0414 292 150

Court Expansion Update

The Club is awaiting further information from the ACT Government. We will keep you updated on any developments.



Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser Sunday 19th July 2026

Help Wanted .

Please contact: Tony Bishop
0404767556

Tuesday Night Gala

Entries for Tuesday night gala and Wednesday night Flexi-gala are open!

Tuesday night gala is for more advanced or experienced players.

Term 3 begins on 25 July 2026
If you would like to play or reserve please contact

Commences at 7.00pm.
\$60/term payable first or second night.

Nicole Lock
0439 907 005

Wednesday Night Flexi-gala

Wednesday night gala is for a mix of players from advanced to beginner.

Wednesday evening is open to those who cannot commit to attending every week but register their interest each week with players, playing against others of about the same level.

Commences at 7.00pm

\$6.00 per night for members.
\$10 per night for non-members

Emma Phelan
0414 300 871

Member Information Protection Officer

The Pines is committed to ensuring that our Club is a safe environment for all members. Importantly, we have a Child Protection Policy. All Office Bearers and coaching staff are required to have a Working with Vulnerable People Card.

Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs) are there to listen to issues raised by members, before triaging and referring them to the right place to find a resolution. The MPIO is responsible for providing information about a person's rights, responsibilities, and options to an individual making a complaint or raising a concern, as well as information support during the process.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss an issue arising at the Club, please contact Di Barrett on 0431 771 235 or Aaron Sharplin 0402 170 779

Farewell Linda and Longgo

It is not unusual for members to come and go from the Pines, many of whom have made significant contributions to our Club Life and Community.

Sadly we are about to lose two of our most valued members to a new life and tennis club in Melbourne. Linda and Longgo will leave a significant gap in our tennis lives. They have been members for a relatively short time, joining the Club on their arrival in their new home in Canberra from China just before Covid. Many of us will recall Linda spending literally hours at the Club refining her tennis skills hitting against the wall and playing with whoever was up for a hit whilst Longgo was stuck in China. This all paid off in spades as she developed a similar steely ability as Longgo and became known affectionately as "muscles" despite her tiny stature. For many of us we cannot remember the Club before they arrived and imprinted their kindness and humility on our tennis lives. It seems that they have always been here.-whenever there has been a call for help with a working bee or just odd jobs or when we have needed an extra player for Canberra Tennis Leagues or just a social hit. They have cared for our Club as if it is their home. They have embraced us as a family.

Linda and Longgo have reassured us that they will be back regularly to visit. We wish them well in their new lives in Melbourne and can only really reflect on how lucky the Fern Tree Gully Tennis Club is to have two of the most wonderful people as members of their club. We will miss them.



Member Donations wanted for Trivia Night

Beyond buying entry for the trivia night and raffle tickets, we are giving you an opportunity to contribute by helping with donations for prizes. We are happy to accept a bottle of wine, chocolates, socks, lollies, vouchers, soap, candles, puzzles, new books, Anything that can go into a hamper or that you personally would like to win as a prize.

Help us to make the trivia night one of the best ever!!

Want to donate? Let Di Barrett know 0431 771 235

And don't forget that everyone is welcome so invite all of your family and friends along.

Your committee

- **Graeme Barnes: President**
0409308039
- **Dianna Barrett: Vice President**
0431771235
- **Tony Bishop: Treasurer**
- **Aaron Sharplin: Secretary**
- **Daniel Jimenez: Social Media**
- **Nestor Palma**
- **Rosalin Mawlanazada**
- **Craig McKellar**
- **Pablo Jiménez**
- **Katrina Burgess**
- **Rosa Cotta**

Robert Jamieson: Coach
0432118204



Div 2 Thursday Night CTL:
Longgo Pang, Errol Neish, Lisa Nordsvan, Satomi Matsuoka
looking very smart in the new Pines Polos.

Thanks to Rosa Cotta for helping with the design, orders and delivery.

Canberra Tennis Leagues

The Autumn CTL is almost done and dusted. We did have more wash-outs than usual. There were a large number of players participating across our 8 senior teams due to people being away or injured. Thank goodness we have such a big pool of players who are happy to step in when required. Congratulations to the Pines Evergreens (Div 2 Thursday night) who made the Grand Final and to the Pines TopSpinners who won the Div 4 Grand Final. On Mon/ Tues night we welcomed two new teams. Everyone has done very well and have proudly represented the Pines with high levels of competitiveness and sportsmanship.



Div 7 Monday night: Leonie Ainsworth
Leon Barrett, Scott Kildey

Floriade and Working Bee

Whilst it is very exciting to be successful in securing bulbs and annuals from the ACT Government for a Floriade display again this year. It also means that there is a significant amount of grunt work required to dig new gardens, put in new soil and to plant them out.

But as usual a heart-warming number of members stepped up to the plate to help out. The bulbs are all planted and we are now awaiting the annuals which will arrive at the end of June.

We very much hope all members appreciate and enjoy these flower displays which should be at their peak for our BIG Club Day on Saturday 26th September (see next page)

THANK YOU

Nestor Palma Graeme Barnes Errol Neish Linda Shields Tui Allison Rosa Cotta Helene Connor
Linda Elliott Tony Bishop Di Barrett Bron Heinrich Victor Ellis Warren Blackshaw Longgo Pang
Karen Renfrey Michael Allen Linda Lin Daniel Jiminez Max Kupke Taimus Werner-Gibbings





COMMUNITY DAY

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE PINES AND FLORIADE 2026!



SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER



STARTING AT 11.00 AM

Open to the Community!



ONE POINT **SLAM** COMPETITION

Test your nerve and go for glory!



FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



SPRING GARDEN DISPLAYS



TENNIS ACTIVITIES



FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Come for the tennis, stay for the community!

Bring your family and friends and help us celebrate 40 wonderful years of tennis, friendship and community at **The Pines**.

Everyone Welcome!



Coaching at the Pines

Coaching at The Pines, led by Rob Jamieson and his experienced team from CSoT, continues to thrive with a fantastic range of programs for all ages and abilities.

Adult sessions include the ever-popular Cardio Tennis—a fun, high-energy workout that gets you moving while improving your game—as well as Adult Technique Groups designed to refine your skills and boost confidence on court. One-on-one coaching sessions are available for adults.

For younger players, dedicated children's coaching programs provide a supportive environment that nurtures both tennis fundamentals and a lifelong love for the sport. Whether you're new to the game or aiming to take your skills to the next level, there's something for everyone at The Pines with CSoT!

Did you know that new members who pay for an annual subscription are entitled to one half hour free coaching sessions with the CSoT.

If you would like to know more, give Rob a call on 0432 118 204 or email Robert@Csot.com.au



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