

## New Faces



**Paula Sarlemyn**

Paula Sarlemyn grew up in Caringbah, a suburb of many backyard tennis courts. She started playing tennis at age 9 and knew it would always be her favourite sport.

At 13 Paula was selected to play in inter-high school tennis matches in the Sutherland Shire.

Paula moved to Old Bar after marrying Frans in 1970. They built their first home where daughter Kelly was born in 1974. After selling this house they caravanned on a working tour of Australia, settling in Perth for a few years where their second daughter Christie was born.

On returning to Old Bar, Paula was elected secretary of the newly formed Old Bar Tennis Club. She also coached tennis to the local children.

Due to work commitments they left Old Bar again but kept their home in Hall Street. They would spend their annual Christmas holidays with Paula's parents who also lived in Hall Street.

After Frans and Paula retired, they returned to their Hall Street home and commenced renovations.

Paula said, "I am very happy to be home and playing tennis at Old Bar Club again".

## Club Old Bar Celebrates

Club Old Bar, the major sponsor and long time supporter of the old Bar Tennis Club's Club Championships, (the Seaside Classic), recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary by holding a dinner/dance at the Club.

The Tennis Club had hoped to raise two tables to attend the

community function, but owing to the popularity of the event were only allocated one table. However, from all accounts those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



**John and Marianne O'Donnell   Heather Davis & Brian Clarke   Doreen and Geoff Sinclair**

## New Court Sweeper Tested

For 23 years Barry Baillie, as part of his maintenance program, swept the sand back into the surface of the artificial grass courts with a broom once every week.

With Barry's retirement, Kevin Steinke, has stepped up with a more innovated and labour saving method and at the same time has mechanised the process.

Kevin, a very clever man when it comes to innovative ideas, as well as being handy with a welder, put together a frame which carries a set of brooms which are designed to make the task at hand much easier. The apparatus is towed behind an older model ride on mower, (blades removed, of course). Kevin even made a number of upgrades to the mower which has bought it up to the standard of a new one.

He usually runs over the courts prior to playing on a Tuesday and Friday morning. A big thank you to Kevin.



*Kevin Steinke test driving the new court sweeper that he whipped up from some old steel and a disused ride on mower he had on his farm at Waitui. His brother, Noel and committeeman Bob Bisset look on.*



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*Pictured at the Old Bar Tennis Club's 2016 AGM is Barry Baillie (right), receiving an award from Club President, Wayne Deer, in recognition for the amount of voluntary work he has done for the club over the last 23 years. Barry recently retired from the position of Maintenance/Handy man.*

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## 2016 Old Bar Festival

The Club will once again cater for visitors to the Old Bar Festival over the October long weekend by providing, morning teas and light lunches. The event, which last year attracted over 20,000 visitors is a good revenue raiser for local sporting clubs, including the Old Bar Tennis Club. The organizing Committee wish to thank all those members who have volunteered to man the canteen during this time.

As well as all those who have indicated that they will provide scones, cakes and slices.

## 2016 Seaside Classic

Old Bar Tennis Club will be holding its Club Championships over the last weekend in October, Friday (28<sup>th</sup>), Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>) and Sunday (30<sup>th</sup>).

The annual Championships is also referred to as the Seaside Classic and is generally one of the stronger tournaments of the Manning Valley. Last year the tournament attracted over 60 entries.

This year's format will be run similarly, to previous years, where all events are conducted on a round robin basis, generally the first to 6 games. This seems to be a most popular system to ensure players get lots of tennis over the weekend.

Friday night the Championships will kick off with the Club conducting the Special Doubles. This has proved to be a very popular event over past years. In this event, teams are made up of a parent (or in some cases a grand parent) and junior or a neighbour and junior and is really a fun night. All events are conducted on a round robin basis with either pool winners or winners and runners-up competing in the finals on Sunday afternoon.

After all the round robin events are completed on the Sunday morning, the Club will provide a free barbeque for players, their families and supporters. Following this the finals will get under way and will be the best of three sets. It is hoped that matches can be finalised by about 4 pm when the drawing of the raffle will take place, followed by the presentations to winners and runners-up.

Entry forms are now available and can be picked up at the Club house or by phoning Wayne Deer on 65 537949 (Mobile 0431540032) or Rosemary Probst on 65 537574, or downloaded from the website,

www.tennisoldbarbeach.com.au. Completed entries can either be posted to P.O. Box 63, Old Bar 2430 or dropped into the Club house.

The tennis club takes this opportunity to thank the major sponsor, Club Old Bar for its continued support as well as the many businesses in Old Bar who supply some magnificent prizes for the raffle.

Last year's Division 1 Men's Singles winner was Robbie Bisset from Blair Athol who defeated Great Lakes player, Steven Bell, 6/3, 6/0 in the final.

## "Busted"

The Old Bar Tennis Club and adjoining sporting facilities have recently experienced a spate of vandal attacks, including the breaking of a net wire, the theft of the cap from a net post and the attempted break-in to the Pirates canteen.

The attempted break-in was discovered when a number of concerned citizens went to investigate banging noises on the roof of the Pirates facility, only to find three young boys on the roof. A brazen act in the middle of the day. One of the investigators managed to take a photo of the offenders in the act.

The net and net posts have since been fixed by Wayne Deer and Don Sheather.



*Offenders photographed by a concerned resident after investigating loud noises coming from the roof of the nearby amenities block in Old Bar Park.*

## 2016 AGM

The Old Bar Tennis Club held its Annual General Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. The two main features of the meeting was for the election of office bearers and to receive the President's Report.

The President, Mr. Wayne Deer, reported that the Club was in a very sound financial position, with over \$18,000 held in its working account and another \$20,000 held in an investment account. Besides this healthy outcome, the Club

has been able to donate to a number of worthwhile causes including, the Cancer Council, Old Bar Public School, Mitchell's Island School and the Old Bar Rural Fire Service. As well we have also been able to purchase a number of items for the club.

The big ticketed item during the past 12 months was the refurbishment carried out to Courts 4 and 5 by Power Court who completely rejuvenated the surface, reinstated edging around the courts and treated the surfaces for mold and algae growth to bring them back to near new condition at a cost of \$3,085.

A list of the new Committee, as elected, is shown below. President Wayne Deer was re-elected for his eleventh term while the secretary, Rosemary Probst, will be enjoying her straight twelfth year in this role.

## 2016 COMMITTEE

President .....	Wayne Deer
Secretary .....	Rosemary Probst
Treasurer .....	Marianne O'Donnell
Vice President .....	Bob Bisset
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