

New Faces



Warren White

Warren joined the Club in July 2017 as a table tennis player. He is one of the small group who enjoy their table tennis every Friday afternoon.

Prior to joining the Club, Warren had played only a few social games at home with his sons, Jackson and Brady. Warren enjoys the social aspect of the game here at Old Bar and is a popular member of the Group.

Warren grew up on the Central Coast and went to school at Point Clare and Gosford. He started his working career as an apprentice butcher. But after completing his apprenticeship changed tack and took up a position at Old Sydney Town at Somersby as a bullock team driver and wagon driver. After that stint he then bought a semi trailer and did interstate truck work for about 15 years. Then he decided to live the dream and bought an hotel at Hermidale near Nyngan which he had for 5 years. He then bought a pest control franchise and moved to Bohnock where he resided for 15 years.

Warren moved down the road to Old Bar 2 years ago. He owns a small truck and finds work wherever he can but you might also have noticed his vegetable stall on the corner of Manning Point Road and Old Bar Road. As well as gardening, Warren spends his spare time renovating the old home on that corner. The house hadn't been lived in for many years so he has had plenty of work to do.

Welcome to the Club, Warren and hope you continue to enjoy the table tennis and maybe try your hand at tennis someday.

2017 Seaside Classic

The 2017 Old Bar Seaside Classic was held over the weekend of 27th, 28th and 29th October. Once again the tournament was a great success thanks to the efforts of the volunteers and of course the players, all of whom behaved in a friendly manner. Special thanks to Wayne Deer who ran the tournament like clockwork, as he always does, and to Kevin Steinke who prepared the courts to tip top condition with the help of all those who turned up for the working bee the weekend prior that saw the grounds looking like Augusta National.

Thanks also go to those ladies who gave up their time for canteen duty and for the donations of cakes, scones etc which are always much appreciated and to those who helped with the bar b q.

It's always good to know that Club Old Bar has once again been generous in its support of the tournament. Club Old Bar President, Trevor Wisemantel presented Tennis President, Wayne Deer with a cheque for \$1000. The donation was much appreciated and helps to affray some of the costs that go into the running of the event. **THANK YOU CLUB OLD BAR.** The weather also played its part by providing us with sunny days for the duration.

Results

Div. 1 Mens Singles, Miles Johe def. Jeb Smith 6/4, 6/2.
Div. 2 Men's Singles, Paul Shaloub def. Matt. Wynter 1/6, 6/3 10/6.
Div. 3 Men's Singles, M. Wynter def. O. Norman 6/2, 6/1.
Div. 4 Ladies Singles, Jemima Worldon def. Reeya Joon 6/2, 6/3.
Div. 1 Men's Doubles, J. Smith & R. Ellison def. M. Johe & S. Bridger 3/6, 6/3. 10/8
Div. 2 Mens Doubles, T. Wisemantel & B. Bisset def. K. Steinke & C. Chapple 6/5, 6/3.
Div. 2 Ladies Doubles, J.Gill & R.Yarnold def. C. Johnson & C. Lane 6/3, 6/4.
Div. 3 Men's Doubles, B. Stone & M. Wynter def. P. Blanch & R. Hood 2/6, 6/5 10/1.
Div. 3 Ladies Doubles, M.Armstrong & K. Hood def. K. Isles & A. Walters 6/2, 6/0.
Div. 4 Men's Doubles, I. & M. Smith def. O. Norman & J. Tickle 6/0, 6/0.
Div. 4 Ladies Doubles, L. Shappere & L. Davies def.H.Gregory & D.Gilmour def. 6/4, 6/1.
Div. 2 Mixed Doubles, K. Rowan & P. Shaloub def. P. Sarleman & B. Bisset 6/1, 7/5.
Div. 3 Mixed Doubles, S. & E. Worldon, def. T. & M. Berry 6/3, 6/3.
Special Doubles, B. & I. Smith, def. J. & M. Smith 6/4, 6/5.



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Some of the volunteers and players lining up for a photo shoot following the presentation of the Cheque for \$1000 and players

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2018

A happy and healthy New Year to all and welcome to the first Newsletter for 2018.

2017 has flown by and in 2018 we look forward to continuing to progress tennis in the area through the ongoing good work of the Committee and fresh ideas

that hopefully will see positive outcomes for the future of our game.

In particular, the Committee recently sought a Government Grant for improved solar efficiency through the installation of battery storage to enable court lighting and other electrical equipment to be run more economically. A grant of \$7000 has now been secured and the Club will contribute the balance of a little under \$15000. As well as battery storage, additional solar panels are to be installed



Seaside Classic Players showing their repertoire of shots. Watch out Serena!

Tennis is Friendly

*It was a hot summer's day when we stepped onto the court,
It was meant to be a friendly doubles match, at least that's
what I thought*

*The opposition looked mean the morning we played,
They had sweatbands and restrings - but we were not afraid
"Have a good game" was their attempt at distraction,
"Yeah, up yours too" was my internal reaction.*

*I went up to serve – "fault" shouted one of the foe,
"It looked in to me" I replied – "as clear as my big toe"*

*The call stood firm as etiquette must allow,
So I went back to my spot and just wiped my brow.*

My second serve was a spinner that he reached hard to get,

But it came back with interest clipping the top of the net

"Dammit" I thought as I scrambled in vain

"Sorry" he joked – "yeah, crap" was my silent refrain.

*"Love-fifteen" they cried with their dentures glowing
(My next serve will get ya and change that grin ya showing).*

"Serve to his backhand" my partner suggested,

"I'll try" I said as I went back to digest it

My next serve was good – well it came off the frame

The guy couldn't get to it – oh! What a shame

Fifteen-all we called as I took up my position,

I put my foot over the line – winning was now my only mission

I tried for a slice on my next service point,

His return was a good one as it ricocheted off my elbow-joint

"Fifteen-thirty" was the call they shouted as one

(Maybe a flat serve will see them undone)

The ball sailed over the net and hit fair on the line

My partner volleyed a winner that I thought was just fine

"Play two" they yelled claiming my serve was too close to call

We argued the point but etiquette stood tall

So I went back and served with a little extra pace

This point could not be disputed-it was clearly an ace

But a ball trickled silently from Court 2 next door,

And they called for a replay- their sportsmanship was poor

"Bloody etiquette" I muttered as we replayed the point,

(Maybe a serve to the body will not disappoint)

I sent down a boomer - maybe 120K's'

He blocked the return and hit my partner straight in the face

"Fifteen-forty" they announced loudly with glee

So I volleyed the next point and hit him right on the knee,

"Thirty-forty" my partner spluttered a nasally shout,

My next serve was crucial and they hit it out

"Deuce" we called as I practiced my swing,

(I'll serve to his backhand - he won't see a thing)

His return was a lob that landed on the back of the line

(I wanted to call "out" but my conscience declined)

"Your ad" we said as hope started to fade,

But the next point was ours, a forehand error they made

We battled several deuces before my serve we did win

They held serve easily – our hopes were looking thin.

We managed to scramble till 4-3 they led

But on set point they faulted and we won that game instead

"Good game" we all said as we shook hands at the net

"See you on Friday" and maybe we can play another set.

We went back for coffee and analysed our play,

The good points, the bad ones and the temperature that day.

We didn't get to play them on Friday that week,

I had a bad elbow and my partner a sore beak

But there's always next Tuesday if our bodies hold out,

We'll know on the day if we can endure another bout

Thank you Robin Maytom

Robin was instrumental in getting a canteen running in conjunction with the Friday Night kids coaching clinic, which has been a huge success. Unfortunately, Robin can no longer continue to participate on Friday Nights due to personal circumstances. She will, however, continue to attend committee meetings.

A **big thank you** to Robin.



Membership

The Club presently has 113 members on its books (as at December 2017)

Thursday Night Tennis

There is a small group of guys who play regularly on a Thursday night between 7.30pm and 9pm. If any chaps would like to join the group for a social hit, contact Mike Norris on 6557 4060 as the group would welcome new players. The cost is \$5.