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Major Events for 2010

- ❖ *23rd July Junior Tennis commences*
- ❖ *25th July – Chatham Tennis Club social visit*
- ❖ *25th, August Annual General Meeting.*
- ❖ *28th, 29th August – Tennis-A-Thon*
- ❖ *22nd – 24th October - Seaside Classic*

Holiday Coast CU Grant

Recently the Club applied for and received a grant for \$2,900 from Holiday Coast Credit Union. This money has gone toward the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Clubhouse. Installation was carried out by Godwins Green Energy of Forster who was very generous by giving the club a discount of \$1,000 off the original cost of \$5,000. Old Bar Tennis Club was one of 44 community organisations in the area who shared in \$121,000 worth of grants, allocated by the Credit Union. A number of Committee members attended the presentation of grants on Tuesday, 6th July in Taree.



Members of the Old Bar Tennis Club Committee who attended the presentation of Grants at the Holiday Coast Credit Union branch in Taree: from left: Bob Stone (Public Officer, Rosemary Probst (Secretary) and Don Sheather (President)

2010 Junior Seaside Classic

The Club held its annual 2010 Junior Seaside Classic on the 14th, 15th and 16th May. All events were conducted on a round robin basis, with the top two qualifiers contesting the title for each event on the Sunday afternoon. The number of players involved was similar to last year at around 28. A free barbeque lunch was provided by the Club to all players and supporters. Our thanks once again to the sponsors, L.J. Hooker Real Estate Old Bar Beach. Proprietors Keith and Val Stack were on hand following the barbeque to assist with the presentation of trophies.

Results

- 16 and under Boys Singles** :Tarik Jeffcoat def Ryan Rowsell 6/3, 6/1
14 and under Boys Singles : Patrick Abraham def. Matt Wynter 6/5, 6/1
14 and under Girls Singles : Georgie O'Byrne def. Ellise Bowerman 6/1,1/6, 10/4
16 & under Girls Doubles : Bonnie Boothman & Brodie McCann def. Jess Craythorn & Jaimee Lee Schubert 6/1, 6/3.
14 and under Boys Doubles : Pat Abraham & Matt Wynter def. Luke Jirman & Riley McCann
14 and under Girls Doubles : Georgie O'Byrne & Grace Johnson def. Ellise Bowerman & Olivia Snow 3/6, 6/1, 14/12.
16 and under Mixed Doubles : Beau Seiger & Ellise Bowerman def. Matt. Parker & Brodie McCann 6/5, 4/6, 10/3.
14 and under Mixed Doubles : Pat Abraham and Georgia Braude def. Jack and Bonnie Boothman 6/1, 4/6, 10/4.

Funday

The Club held its Annual Family Funday and Membership Drive on Sunday 27th June. About 25 members and potential members enjoyed a day of social tennis, playing the ball machine, testing the speed of their serve, court shootout for prizes and the free barbeque. A great day had by everyone.

Profiles

Following the finals of the Junior Seaside Classic in May the winners of the Club's coveted Junior Sportsmanship Award was announced and the trophies presented. This years winners were for the girls, Brodie McCann and for the boys, Tarik Jeffcoat.



Brodie McCann

Brodie was born in Gosford on the 17th September, 1997 and soon after moved to Wallabi Point. She first became interested in tennis when at primary school. After having returned from holidays with an old racquet which had belonged to one of her cousins,. it was then that she first became interested in tennis. Living in Wallabi meant that the closest place to start playing was Old Bar. Her mother . Karen, enrolled her in group coaching of a Saturday morning conducted by Wayne Deer, the Club coach. Brodie continued this for the next 2 years before joining the Friday night group coaching under both Wayne and assistant coach, Bob Stone. About a year later she moved to the top courts and began to show real progress. Entered her first Junior Seaside Classic when she was 10 and soon after was asked to join the Friday Night Junior Comp. Following this she was selected to play for her school in the zone championships in Newcastle, and although the standard was a bit of an eye-opener for her she wasn't deterred and took an even

bigger interest in tennis and found herself improving rapidly. Along with her older brother, Riley, she began private coaching of a Saturday afternoon with Wayne Deer. This year Brodie represented her school (St Clares High) at the Diocesan Championships in Newcastle and managed to play well enough to gain the Junior Girl Runner-Up trophy. She was also thrilled to receive the Old Bar Junior Girl sports person of the year award this year. Brodie believes that tennis is one of the greatest sports you can play as you find your self socialising and having enormous amounts of fun and at the same time, keeping your body fit and healthy. In the future she hopes to still be playing tennis as a competitive and non-competitive sport, whether that be playing with her friends or her family.



Tarik Jeffcoat

Tarik started playing tennis in June 2001, at the age of 7. He loved getting on the court each Friday night. He's had regular lessons with Wayne Deer for about the past six years. He learned tennis "etiquette" playing with members on a Saturday morning and those mornings helped develop his maturity with the game. Tarik has regularly participated in tournaments over the years where he enjoyed both the competitiveness and social aspects of the game. Last month he was honoured to receive the 2010 Junior Boy Sportsmanship Award. He is a regular on Thursday nights, having a social hit with those a little older than himself. Tarik attends Taree High School and is in Year 11 this year. Of course he has chosen tennis as his sport preference several times over the years. This has led to him receiving the Tennis School Champion Award for the past two years. Through the school, he has also tried out for the Hunter School Tennis team at Broadmeadow on two occasions.

On completion of his HSC next year, Tarik is hoping to join the Air Force and become a pilot. For the time being though, he'll concentrate on learning to drive a car. Tarik's other hobbies include martial arts, table tennis, the beach and socializing with friends. His favourite player is Roger Federer, but he loved watching Nadal, Djokovic, Baghdatis and Stosur at the Australian Open last year. Tarik's studies and his part time job at McDonalds are keeping him from playing as much tennis as usual, but with his love of the game it is a sport that he will always partake in no matter where he is in life.

**MEMBERSHIP
NOW DUE**

*Adults \$40
Juniors \$24*

COURT HIRE (per hour)

	Day	Night
Members	\$5	\$6
Non members	\$18	\$28

Congratulations Fred Bennett

Congratulations to Fred Bennett on attaining his OBE on the 5th July. Fred, still enjoys his tennis with the Tuesday/Friday morning group, despite suffering from arthritis in both hands from time to time. Happy birthday and congratulations on reaching this important milestone Fred.



Runners up in the 14 & under Girls Doubles, Ellise Bowerman(Taree) & Olivia Snow(Rainbow Flat)

Junior Tennis Iguana Wins Junior Tennis Autumn Teams Competition

A very exciting final between the Piping Hot team of Matt Parker, Brodie McCann & Luke Spicer and the Iguana team comprising Luke Jirman, Jack Boothman & Brooke Shaw came down to the last set to decide the winner.

The match was played in a good spirit with some close matches in the singles. The heavy hitting topspin of Matt Parker & the all court play of Luke Jirman saw an entertaining singles match to commence the final, with Matt winning by a close margin. The other singles matches saw the lead change a number of times with the tenacious Brodie McCann & the ever improving Jack Boothman playing a hard fought match that ended in a draw. The remaining singles matches between Brooke Shaw & Luke Spicer saw some long rallies with Brooke coming out the eventual winner. Likewise in the doubles matches the sets see-sawed right to the final set which was even half way through the set until a break of serve saw the Iguana team draw ahead of their rival to come out with a close victory by just 3 games.

The competition was held each Friday night during the school term. Organizer Wayne Deer said "that this has been one of the strongest & even junior teams competitions conducted at the Old Bar courts in recent years. The competition amongst all the players was very keen with all enjoying the singles and doubles format, he said.

Following the finals, a presentation of trophies was made to the winners and runners up. Encouragement Awards were made to the much-improved Bonnie Boothman and quiet achiever Max Heaslip.

The junior teams' winter competition will get underway after the July school holidays.

Friday Night Kids Canteen

The Kids Canteen on a Friday night is doing a sterling job in providing meals for the juniors during Friday evenings. The group recently helped the Club in purchasing a High Definition TV with built in VCR. for use by the Club and the coach. They provided over 50 meals on the one night recently. Congratulations and well done to those ladies who help the Club in this way. Anyone wishing to go on the roster should contact Robin Maytom.