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Membership

Year	Actual	SBP*
2003	170	N/A
2004	192	190
2005	212	202
2006	223	212
2007	232	223
2008	215	235
2009	219	
2010	194	
2011	208	
2012	177	
2013	168	
2014	150	

Cardio Tennis to Start at Old Bar Tennis Club

Get fit and have fun at the same time with this official program of Tennis Australia. One of the best things about Cardio-Tennis is that you do not have to be good at tennis to get involved. In fact it doesn't matter if you never played before.

The 45 to 60 minute program can cater activities to all fitness levels, to help you burn calories, increase your fitness and improve your game at the same time in a fun filled, music – fuelled group workout. All you need is a tennis racquet (one will be supplied if you do not have one), your favourite workout gear, a fun attitude, sneakers or suitable footwear and a water bottle or sports drink.

The first group Cardio-Tennis program will start at the Old Bar Tennis Club courts after the April School Holidays.

For more information and to sign up please contact Club Professional Tennis Coach, Wayne Deer on 65537949 or mobile 0431540032.

Monday Night Ladies Social

A reminder that the Club holds a social night of tennis commencing at 7.00 pm, Monday nights, just for ladies wanting a bit of exercise and social contact with the community.

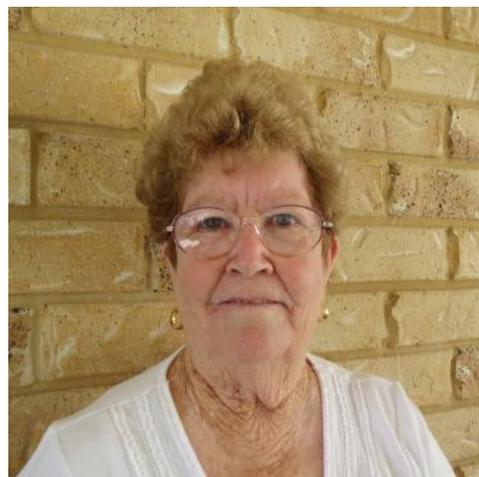
This event is ideal for ladies with a busy weekend schedule.

Every Monday night is played with whoever turns up. So there is no pressure on anyone to have to be available every Monday night. However trophies are presented to the winner and runner-up at the end of the season. For further details contact Robin Maytom on 6553 7131.



Taking a break at the Working Bee, from left; Sheila Rattray, Tim Shappere, Kevin Steinke, Liz Shappere and Bob Bisset.

Profile



Bev. Richardson 'the friends I have in the Wednesday Ladies group I regard as my own family'.

Bev. Richardson, (nee Spencer), was born in Macksville in 1936. She was the third of four girls in the family. When she was eleven months old her mother passed away. Her father who was a top country jockey, having once rode 8 winners at a country carnival, continued raising the girls. However, when Bev. was eleven her father was tragically killed in a racing accident and the four girls became orphaned.

Her two older sisters went to live with their grand parents, while Bev. and her younger sister went to live with Di. Best's parents in Taree.

Bev. attended school in Taree at St Joseph's and left at the age of 14 years and 9 months, after gaining a position at Becker's Cake Shop next to Dahdah's IN Victoria Street.

After a year or so Bev. left the cake shop as her future there was not assured and got a job with the Post Master Generals Department, relieving on the telephone exchange when the regular operators took their holidays. The area she relieved in covered all Post Offices between Gloucester and Coffs Harbour.

She transferred to Forster and was married in 1961. In the following years she had two children; Wayne and Suzanne. Unfortunately the marriage ended in divorce and Bev. and the children shifted to Singleton where she continued as telephone exchange operator. During her time in Singleton Bev. was very involved in tennis and played at both the Albany and Howe Park courts.

New Strategic Business Plan

The Committee is now in the process of producing a new Strategic Business Plan for the Old Bar Tennis Club Incorporated.

The Strategic Business Plan sets the direction for the next 5 years and will play an integral role in managing the club and achieving its goals over this period. The Management Committee will use it extensively and when necessary, it will be modified to reflect the ongoing development and needs of the club and tennis, within the Old Bar area.

In particular, the Plan will focus on our vision, which is "To provide opportunities for all people to participate in tennis at the Old Bar Tennis Club".

These are some of the things our tennis club would like to achieve in the future:

1. To increase membership of the tennis club.
2. To provide a friendly club atmosphere.
3. To foster the game of tennis.
4. To contribute to the community spirit.
5. To maintain and improve the infrastructure.
6. To provide opportunities for social tennis and activities, visitors and juniors.
7. To maximise the use of the facility through all of the above.

This is the third 5 year plan to be produced by the Club and is due in June 2014.

Members with any worthwhile ideas on achieving these objectives are welcome to pass them on to a Committee member.

During her time at Singleton bev. worked at the Panaroo Motel for 6 years followed by another 6 years driving for Hertz Rent-A-Car and associated with T & T Couriers. This was followed by another 3 years at the Bonnie Air motel.

She met Dick Richardson and the couple were married in 1983.

After Dick retired, they moved back to Old Bar in 1995. Bev. had many fond memories of Old Bar from when she was growing up and attended the dances at Rushby's Casino and her association with the Taree/Old Bar Surf Club.

Dick and Bev. were both strongly involved with the tennis here, with Bev. playing in the Wednesday Mid week competition and both of them playing on Monday nights and Saturday afternoons.

Unfortunately Dick contracted cancer and from 2004 through to his passing in 2006 Bev. had to forego her tennis in order to nurse her husband.

Her friendship with a number of women who have played tennis with her throughout the years have saved her from depression on many occasions.

Bev. has been making the Christmas Pudding for the Wednesday ladies social group since 1998. Its just one of those niceties that make a social organization strong and blend in with community friendships.

Old Bar Hosts Juniors

The Old Bar Tennis Club recently hosted a round of the 2014 MediBank Junior Development Series. This zone, (the lower North East Zone) covers from Napiac to Coffs Harbour. Juniors involved play a series of eight tournaments throughout the year. the one played at Old Bar was one of these.

The top 8 players go to play the Upper North East Zone at Grafton and the top eight players at this tournament go on to play the North West Zone at Inverell. Then the top eight players from this tournament go on to play at the state level.



From left :Andrew Lemin (Coffs Harbour), Sarah Harrison (Port Macquarie), Sandra Wallace (Port Macquarie – Organiser) Christie Haisman (Sawtell), Letiecha Wilkenson (Coffs Harbour), and Jake (“Raffa”) Howe (Coffs Harbour).

The tournament played at Old Bar was for juniors aged 15 and above, and the participants came from Port Macquarie, Forster, Wingham, Taree, Coffs Harbour and Kendal.

Clean up

Owing to the time of the year and the nature of the weather, the tennis courts at Old Bar were in a particular untidy state recently. In order to rectify this a working bee was held on Sunday afternoon the 30th of March.

A special thanks to the 13 members who turned up to give a hand.

These consisted of ;

Tim and Liz Shappere, Bob Bisset, Robin Maytom, John and Sheila Rattray, Bob Stone, Kevin Steinke. Barry Baillie, Brian Clarke, Rosemary Probst, Don Sheather and Wayne Deer.

Work undertaken on the courts included, cleaning grass and debris from both the surrounds of the courts as well as on the inside of the courts, trimming the windbreak and fixing the nets.

After the working bee was completed, the volunteers enjoyed a well earned afternoon tea, prepared and served by the ladies present.

Needless to say, the courts are now in a pristine state thanks to the efforts of the volunteers.



At the working bee, from left; Bob “Muscles” Stone, Robin Maytom, Barry Baillie, John Rattray and Wayne Deer.

Hot Shots Junior Tennis Program

The Hotshots Junior Tennis program conducted at the Old Bar Tennis Club courts on a Friday afternoon during school terms continues to grow from strength to strength under the guidance of Club Coach, Wayne Deer and his able bodied helpers. This has proved to be a fun time for the 40-50 young players who participate each week in various games and modified tennis over the mini nets. Many of the juniors have also availed themselves of the promotion by Tennis Australia of getting a free T- Shirt and back pack which they look great in.

A special feature is the canteen run by the volunteer lady members of our Club, where all the juniors can enjoy a tasty bite to eat and a drink after the on court sessions.

Hawkesbury River Trip

On Thursday the 10th April, 24 people from our Club enjoyed a great day on a trip down Hawkesbury River with the Riverboat Postman.

The trip was organised by Committee member, Bob Bisset. He organised the bus with former member, Noel Lanagan, who upon his retirement from the RTA has bought a 24 seat bus and gone in the transportation business.

The group left the tennis courts at 6.00 am on the Thursday in the Old Bar Mini Bus and travelled to Brooklyn on the Hawkesbury River.



Enjoying the day on the Hawkesbury River, from left; Bob Bisset, Liz Wisemantel, Col. and Julie Parker and Sue Lotz.

Upon boarding the boat the group was served morning tea and later enjoyed lunch as they cruised the lower stretches of the Hawkesbury for three and a half hours, taking in the beautiful scenery, while the boat delivered mail and passengers to such exotic places as Dangar, Milson and Peat Islands. On the way home the bus driver phoned ahead and arranged afternoon tea at the motel at Heatherbrae.

The group arrived home at 5.30 pm after a most enjoyable day.

WHY DO MEN PLAY THE BEST OF 5 SETS WHILE WOMEN ONLY PLAY THE BEST OF 3 ?.

BECAUSE WOMEN ARE MORE EFFICIENT

