



Left to right: President Colin Lorrimar and Midweek Men's Players Ross Sweeney, Bob Peake and Keith Growden.

New Courtside Seats

It's all smiles for this group of merry gentlemen who have just completed the last of the new courtside seats for the comfort of spectators all around the Club.

It's been a great community effort involving volunteers from our Midweek Men's Group led by Keith Growden, Junior Club parent Leigh Collins and the metalworkers from Bicton Men's Shed.

President Colin Lorrimar said "We had a lot of fun with our own version of Blue Gum Men's Shed on the Clubhouse verandah." He also gave special mention to Gavin Bowey of Hartways Galvanisers, Naval Base who very generously provided the hot-dip galvanised coating of the steel frames at a heavily discounted price for the club.

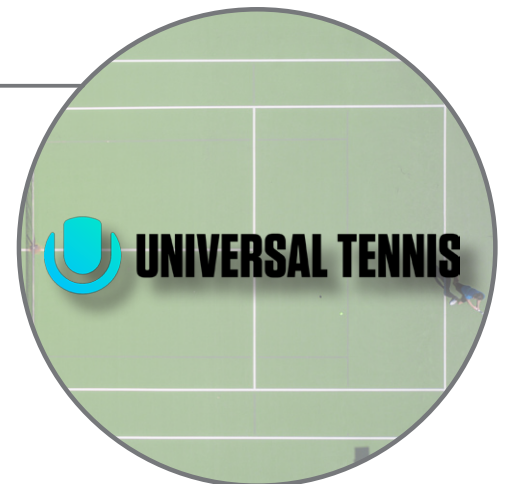
UTR & link for followers/members

We are excited to announce that Blue Gum (BGPTC) & Tennis Excellence are now officially registered to host UTR events. UTR is a rating system used all over the world. All results in a UTR verified event affect a player's UTR (rating). Here at BGPTC, we will host various UTR formatted events in the coming months to give our players the opportunity to compete and influence their own personal UTR (rating).

Follow our pages and register to compete in future events:

- [Blue Gum Park Tennis Club \(universaltennis.com\)](https://universaltennis.com)

- [Tennis Excellence \(universaltennis.com\)](https://universaltennis.com)



Tennis Development Summer 2021/22

Summer 21/22 Teams – Planning is underway regarding our higher-grade men's and women's shield teams for the approaching summer 21/22 season. Blue Gum is keen to strengthen/supplement our existing and anticipated upper-level teams and would welcome any new players. If you are aware of anyone who might fit into this category, you can assist by asking them to contact any of the following contacts: Dan Sewell 0408 197 750, Jim Sewell 0437 763 865, Dawn Goodreid 0419 193 166 or John MacDonald 0409 881 379 or pass on their details and we can make contact with them.





From Our President

I hope you're all enjoying the Winter season. Despite the extra wet conditions this year, I hope you are managing to get out on court as much as possible.

As you can see in this newsletter, there has been plenty happening around the Club over the last few months.

Congratulations to all those players who stepped up to compete in the **Club Championships**. And to the competition organisers (Clem & Lynn Gannon and Sue Redmond), and the can-

teen volunteers led by Pauline Foster (Social Director) who provided much needed nutritional support over the two weekends.

Social Tennis continues to thrive at Blue Gum Park. **Saturday Social**, with its great variety of special events afternoons, is humming along under the capable guidance of Greg and Deb. Hope you had a great time at BlueGumbledon – the food looked amazing!! Look out for the next “Winter Warmer” Soup and Casserole Night coming up soon – hope to see you there!

Our Ladies and Men’s **Midweek Social Tennis** groups are undaunted by the change of season and always looking to welcome newcomers. Well done Tricia MacWilliam and Keith Growden for continuing to encourage new members and provide a great atmosphere of enjoyment for your players. No wonder Muriel Mahoney, Kay Cook and all the Monday and Wednesday ladies call themselves “All Seasons” – nothing stops them from getting down to the Club for their regular hit, Brenda Buchan and all the ladies on Thursday are out there enjoying their tennis too.

With the addition of **Wednesday Night Tennis** (similar format to the very successful **Monday Night Tennis**) there are plenty of opportunities for members, PAYP regulars and newcomers to get out on the court.

For **competition and leagues players** of all ages and levels, the introduction of the UTR system promises to bring exciting opportunities for tournament events at Blue Gum. Congratulations to Claire Hitchens, (Tennis Director), Vice President Jim Sewell and the Tennis Excellence team led by Dan Sewell and Charlotte Connon, for reaching out to take on new challenges and pave the way for some exciting events with Universal Tennis.

Our **Junior Leagues Teams** entered into the Tennis West Leagues continue to grow and perform very well, this year with a record number of teams entered, once again highlighting the great work of Tennis Excellence Head Coach Charlotte Connon and her team, and Sunday Morning Supervisor Vuk Andjic. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who support their kids, their teams and our Club every week!

NEW ON THE CALENDAR: Starting Friday 23rd July. Everyone’s welcome to **FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT**. Generously **sponsored by City of Melville**, there’ll be live music on the terrace, movies for the kids and all round fun for a relaxing Friday Night at the Clubhouse. Forget the winter blues, gather around the cosy gas heaters on the terrace and enjoy drinks, food and some top level, popular WA entertainers for your enjoyment. Many thanks to Ellie Collins and her team for a superb effort to bring this all together. It’s sure to be a highlight on our winter calendar.

NAIDOC Week was a great opportunity for us to be involved in Tennis West’s initiative to recognise and pay our respects to the Aboriginal heritage of our area. I hope we can learn more about the significance of Blue Gum Lake and the surrounding lands and the history of the Whadjuk people. I hope you managed to catch our contribution on Face Book.

Enjoy your Tennis!

Colin Lorrimar
PRESIDENT BGPTC

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TENNIS NEWS



League/Pennants

Summer of 2020/21 saw 8 ladies teams, 11 men's teams and 22 junior teams – a fantastic competitive commitment from all these members – and a welcome from players after the COVID Winter!

For Winter 2021, we have 3 men's, 3 ladies, 1 mixed and 15 junior teams locked in for the Winter League season.

For the Juniors, Summer 2021 saw 22 junior teams – this is the second biggest program behind Cottesloe (27 Summer teams). Well done to our juniors for their competitive spirit.

In the last 12 months, under Charlotte's guidance, BG has enrolled 35 junior pennant teams (13 Winter + 22 Summer), the most of any Club!

A huge thanks to Dawn Goodreid (Ladies Pennant Co-ordinator) for the organization of teams but also court allocation and John MacDonald (Men's and Mixed Pennant Co-ordinator) for your organization with our league teams.

Orange Ball Players

You may have noticed the new blue lines on courts 19 to 22 which have been permanently marked for the benefit of our Orange Ball players. The dual markings may affect some people more than others, but the time and effort saved (by coaches and parents) with not having to prepare the alternative line methods, far outweighs this inconvenience. The parents of the Orange Ball players who no longer have to spend up to an hour using masking tape to make the lines before each fixture, are greatly appreciative.



Social Tennis

- Visit to Fremantle Tennis Club – 30 BGPTC members went to Freo on the 15th May. Deb and Greg organized a great afternoon of tennis with the folk at Freo. Unfortunately we didn't win the trophy but we hope to see them at BG next year and we will hopefully be holding the trophy again.

- Coaches day - 27th March – Dan, Mitch and Elliott provided an afternoon of fun and coaching tips for the members.

- Our Opening Day on Saturday 10th October saw our fabulous grass courts back in action and a great turn out for the Cannon Trophy which was won by Ole Hammer.

- We also enjoyed the “not the Hopman Cup cup”. Due to a Covid lockdown, we again missed out on our Anzac Day Tournament.

- Our annual BlueGumbledon Tournament was successfully held early in July.

Please remember to check your Social & Tennis Roster. If you are unable to do your roster on that date it is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement and advise our Tennis Captains of the change. The roster is emailed out and is also on the board outside the bar.



TENNIS NEWS



Club Champions

The Adult Club Champs were held over the weekends of 10, 11, 17, 18 April, 2021. Winners were presented with their awards at our Presentation Night on 22nd May – congratulations to all the winners.

Our sincere thanks also goes to Lyn and Clem Gannon (with the assistance of Sue Redmond) in organizing and running of this event.

Monday Night Tennis

There are currently 61 players registered for MNT this term (44 members and 17 non-members; 28 men and 33 women). We fill the 12 lit courts every week. Player standard varies from average social through to strongly competitive. The improvement of many of the players, who have remained part of the group for a number of years, has been remarkable. This extremely successful programme, run by Bill Thomas, is a great revenue raiser for the club and brings new members to our club. The overall standard is strong, but less experienced players are also welcome. We are very grateful to Bill Thomas for his continued contribution to this valuable programme.



Book a Court

The Book a Court system (BAC) operates smoothly if used correctly. Most issues are the result of the actions of the last person who entered/exited the courts and can be avoided by everyone following the correct procedures:

- It is most important to ensure that the gate is ALWAYS SHUT – please check it is shut before you enter your PIN and be sure to shut it again behind you as you enter and leave. This way the system will alert you if the PIN fails and will be ready and operate correctly for the next person.
- Ensure the light above the keypad flashes green after PIN entry and you hear two short beeps and the gate will allow you to enter. Your lights will not activate without correct PIN entry.
- The system will allow you access 15 minutes prior to your booking time and it is recommended that you arrive prior to your time. If the lights were already on and turn off because you have not entered your PIN on time, a cooling down period of 15-20 minutes is required before they will come on again.
- Do not hold the gate open for other users. Your considerate action may leave them playing in the dark if the above process is not followed correctly.
- Book your court at least 25 minutes prior to play to ensure that the PIN is active at the gate and be sure to book for the length of time you plan to play.
- Please use ONLY the court you have booked and finish your match on time to allow the next players to access the court without the need to wait or ask you to leave. If you wish to extend your play, simply log in and add another booking if a court is available (remembering that this will need to be done at least 25 minutes ahead to time).
- If someone is continuing to play on your court when your booking time has commenced, politely remind them that their time has finished. Playing on another court instead causes a knock-on effect and inconveniences others.
- Allow others to book the court if you are unable to play by logging in and cancelling the booking if you are unable to play.

Please also refer to the BAC T&C's on the BGPTC website. Thank you for your assistance.

[Court Hire | Blue Gum Park Tennis \(bluegumtennis.org\)](http://bluegumtennis.org)

Also, if members wish to play/practice, please ensure you book a court firstly, to ensure availability and secondly as we are requested to keep usage statistics to justify our continued existence with the City of Melville.



TENNIS NEWS

Mid-week Group

The 2021 season started with a new social committee, comprising Maureen Whittle, Coralie Maloney, Kit Cherry, Pam Muir, Ann Cook, Jenny Holm and Tricia Macwilliam.

Our first social event for the year was a St. Patrick's Day lunch after tennis on Tuesday 16th March. Some great food was shared and lots of green was seen! A few Baileys Irish cream liqueurs were consumed for the sake of the local leprechauns.

We celebrated Easter with coffee from Café Denada and hot cross buns. Recently we held a home-made goodies stall which raised some funds for our social events planned for the rest of the year.

Our group now comprises 45 members, including three new members who we were delighted to welcome during this season.

For WA Day, 27 members enjoyed an Aussie BBQ with burgers and lamington cakes. We are looking forward to holding many more events throughout the season, however, playing tennis is our main incentive! Our next event will be on the 24th August, to raise funds for the Cancer Council Daffodil Day morning tea.

A new trophy has been donated to the mid-week group by Bev Marshall and her father Mick Jahn, in memory of Beryl Jahn whose association with Blue Gum Park Tennis Club began as a Foundation member in 1973. This perpetual trophy will be awarded to a mid-week player who accumulates the most points during a competition to be held on our opening day.

Thanks to Pauline Foster (Director of Social for BGPTC) who kindly approved the funds for the purchase of a small coffee machine for the mid-week group.



TENNIS EXCELLENCE NEWS

From Our Head Coach - Dan Sewell

We hope you've all had a wonderful summer of tennis and the winter season has got off to a good start, hopefully inspired by watching the French Open and Wimbledon and the Olympics just starting!

We are beginning Term 3 now with all our coaching programmes in full swing, as well as school programmes across Mt Pleasant Primary, Ardross Primary, Brentwood Primary and Booragoon Primary in action.



Zone Squad

Last term we had the pleasure of working alongside Tennis Australia to run a regional Zone Squad for talented 12U players (one of only 5 clubs in WA selected); in term 3, you'll see us out there at 6.30am on a Thursday morning in the cold and dark training hard!

WA's Play Tennis Twilight Festival

A few weeks ago, coaches Dan, Charlotte, Elliot, Matteo and Mitch were part of WA's Play Tennis Twilight Festival which welcomed more than 400 players onto court for Hotshots activities and cardio tennis activities at the State Tennis Centre which was an amazing evening of tennis, fun and games and great food.



Coaching Team

Our coaching team is busy working hard to deliver tennis to the 350 or so children and adults that are enrolled in our programmes, with now 15 coaches out on court each week! We have recently welcomed coach Nick De Lima back into the coaching team; absolutely fantastic to have him back on board! And we can also introduce Addy Mann into the coaching team who has transitioned from training and competing for Blue Gum over the years into commencing coaching, as well as coach Elliot who is now in his second year at Blue Gum. Coach Elliot has been running some great coach training initiatives to help transition some of our stronger junior players into fantastic assistant coaches. Coaches Charlotte and Mitch are currently working through their Club Pro coaching qualification and Charlotte has also been gaining some extra qualifications in strength and conditioning through the ASCA Level 2 and a Grad Cert from the University of Wollongong. Our junior coaches, Cam Webb, Mal Davies, Aidan Cook and Addy Mann all turned 18 this year so the world had better watch out for these guys out and about! It's great they are all still so heavily involved at Blue Gum, coaching and playing pennants having been a part of the club for so many years now.



TENNIS EXCELLENCE NEWS



Winter Pennants

Winter pennants is well underway through the season despite the very average weather over the last few Sundays, and we wish all our 15 junior teams the best of luck for the season. Blue Gum has the prestigious claim of nominating the largest number of junior pennant teams of any club each year in Perth and last summer we nominated 22 junior teams, with 8 teams making finals, resulting in 3 winning teams. It's a testament to the great club and great people making Blue Gum a club that players want to keep representing year on year. Last year was the first time we nominated a Boys Junior State League team, and they did us very proud finishing top of the ladder and narrowly missed out on the shield falling to Dalkeith in the finals.

Performance Players

On the performance side of our coaching programmes, we've had some notable results and achievements of late worthy of showcasing. We had 3 players selected to compete in the Tennis Australia Super 10's competition – Addison Franklin (recently awarded Blue Gum's 2021 rising star), Lachlan Harney and Johnathon Maroney, as well as numerous players competing in the Super B's series including Ben Pooley, Princeton Cheung, Sunday Orioye and Gabriel Teague. Coach Charlotte was also team manager of Addison's winning Super 10's team and is now on a winning streak of 2 seasons in a row! Congratulations to all these young stars showing great commitment and dedication at the start of their exciting tennis journey. We have great numbers of players regularly competing in tournaments which is fantastic and it's great to see the support and comradery at each event from our players. Recently Caleb Sewell was awarded the sportsmanship award at the Rafa Nadal tournament, which is a fantastic testament to his character and personality and rewards him the opportunity to travel to Melbourne later in the year to compete for a chance to go to the Rafa Nadal Academy in Spain. Gerard Hadianto (also recently awarded Blue Gum's 2021 rising star) travelled to Canberra over Easter to compete in the 12U National Championships and came away finishing in 9th place in the country having had an amazing experience playing on the clay. Brendan Jayaprakash has just returned from Darwin to compete in his first ITF Grade 4 and 5 tournaments which is a fantastic achievement to be playing at that level and pushing his tennis onto new heights towards achieving a world junior ranking. We are super proud of everyone's efforts, achievements and ongoing dedication and development to their tennis. Last term to enjoy the last of the summer weather, we ran a beach fitness team building afternoon at Cottesloe beach for all players across our performance programmes which was great fun as always, with lots of activities and fun and games pushing everyone hard! There's plenty more activities in the pipeline so keep a look out for what's coming up in the near future!



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see what we're all up to and to see what programmes are on offer; we have our usual holiday clinics, pennants training clinics and tournament preparation camps planned for the upcoming school holidays. We hope you have a great rest of the term!



SOCIAL SCENE



Save the date - Saturday 31st July

Save the date for Soup & Casserole night on Saturday 31st July from 5:30pm

High Tea at Blue Gum

High Tea at Blue Gum – Sunday 12th September



GENERAL NEWS



Sponsors Needed!

We are actively looking ways to fund tennis projects such a State League teams and similar, therefore we are calling for sponsors who want to contribute with new small sponsorship packages to support our club while we can promote your business.

More info please contact: marketing@bluegumtennis.org or Bill Thomas: 0418 824 223

BlueGum Junior Tournament - October

Coach Charlotte has been dealing with TA, at this stage we would be hosting a Bronze tournament possibly a 4-day event from 5-8th of October . The final plans are yet to be approved and promoted by Tennis West, stay tune for more info!



Annual General Meeting - Sat 28th Aug

Members: Please be advised that the Board has scheduled this year's Annual General Meeting for SATURDAY, 28TH AUGUST 2021 commencing at 5.30pm.

The Agenda, last year's minutes and the Financial Report will be sent to you soon. We look forward to your support at this meeting.



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