



PRESIDENTS REPORT 2010

In 2010 we welcomed three new members onto the Committee, Olivia Peters, Fiona Clinch for the first time and Adriana Cepeda who rejoined. They replaced Peta Adams, Michelle Morrissey and Michael O'Malley. The Executive and five Committee members remained unchanged from 2009.

Our achievements this year have only been possible through the hard work and efforts of the Committee, many club members, sponsors and supporters who have worked hard to provide a range of tennis programs, tournaments, social events and fundraising activities that brought success to the club. As a team we have one of the most capable and hardest working committees within a community club.

Vice President Erin leads activities in membership, newsletter editor, player, junior coordinator, match committee representative, fundraising, tournaments. In a separate role as the Goldfields Zone Regional Development Administrator she is responsible for fostering tennis within our region. Combined with working fulltime and having a young family it's a big commitment to make.

Club Captain Brian continues to do an amazing job planning, coordinating and conducting the tennis programs, tournaments and competitions we have at the club. I know this year he did not take his normal breaks. We do need to encourage others at the club to take an active role in conducting some of the tennis activities to take the workload off Brian.

Marian, our Secretary is in my opinion one of the best sporting administrators on the Goldfields. Many would not realize the commitment and workload that is necessary to administer the affairs of the club, which in many ways reflects a small business. Even though the Treasurer's role has been passed over to Virginia, Marian still spends an appreciable amount of time assisting her.

Virginia accounted for all monies received by the club to ensure that our accounts are kept in order with accounting standards. The club receives income from many different streams such as the playing programs, tournaments, sponsorship, grants and donations, which must be accounted for to the club members.

Neville, continued his passion of coaching, preparing juniors in the social program and also took on the grounds portfolio organizing busy bees, maintenance and repair works around the clubhouse, courts and surrounds.

Vicki and Merle continued their fantastic job managing all of the clubs catering needs during tournaments, the tennis reunion and other social activities at the club and were instrumental in leading the reunion committee. Fiona's preparation and cooking skill's were acknowledged during the reunion and tournaments throughout the year. Tom fulfilled the all important role of Bar Manager. Bernadette, Adriana and Olivia contributed continuously throughout the year.



Our Achievements

The first major event for the new Committee and many of the club members was the hosting of the 2009 Gold Fields St Ives International. The events major sponsors Gold Fields St Ives and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder once again made the tournament possible with the support of a select group of sponsors who have supported it since its inception in 2007. This year the Mens Futures tour joined the Womens Pro Tour for a combined event that offered US\$40,000 prizemoney. The event attracted a past champion Alicia Molik who was successful in the Womens event, defeating rising young star Olivia Rogowska. In the mens draw Matt Ebden a rising star in Australian tennis was the No 1 seed and has success over John Millman in the final.

The Community Engagement Plan co-ordinated by Erin and conducted with support from Tenniswest was again a great success. More than nine hundred school children participated throughout the week in tennis activities, viewing matches and meeting the players and their coaches. The success of the tournament is the profile it gives our sport in the community and as tennis grows as a game, so too will our club.

The tournament including the committee, members, partners, ballkids, volunteer coaches, drivers and canteen helpers involves more than forty people within the local tennis community. It is an enormous task for the club over the eight days to play host and I thank every person no matter how significant their contribution is for their help in making the 2009 tournament a success.

In December 2009 Lamington won the spring junior pennant competition. This competition was the last for several of our juniors including Justin Moffatt, Paul Gadjowski, Bodie Davis, Karol Mihal, Chris Sheed and Bernard Richter. Although they were already in seniors their commitment to remain in junior pennants to assist less experienced players was appreciated.

The Xmas period and early part of 2010 saw the club in recess until the play resumed in February. For seniors there was mixed doubles and singles leading into the pennant season. The junior coaching social and pennant program also resumed in the first term of 2010.

The major event planned for 2010 was to be Goldfields Tennis Reunion to be held over the Anzac long weekend. The small committee comprising Vicki Eaton, Merle Gaby, Neville Hatton and Mal Hodsdon commenced planning the event in August 2009 searching through old newspapers, meeting minutes and club records to prepare a list of more than 800 names of ex players and members from bygone eras. Almost 250 people confirmed their attendance to the reunion included past champion players Dawson Hamilton, Laurie Quan, Alan Hicks, Rob Kilderry and Lillian Cartledge and administrators Alan Hicks, Dick and Lorna Hamilton. Pat Franklyn wife of past President Reg Franklyn attend along with Gerald and John Pauley representing their father Jack Pauley. The weekend was a resounding success for the organising committee and the club and is the highlight of my time in tennis.

In the same month we made application to the City of Kalgoorlie- Boulder, through their Community Development Fund Program for \$12,000 in sponsorship towards the Goldfields St Ives Tennis International. This application was approved in July 2010.



In April the club renewed its coaching agreement with club coach Astrid. Astrid's program is successfully attracting many beginner players. In addition Astrid undertakes squad coaching with several of our junior pennant players, conducts private lessons and ran several clinics through the school; holiday periods which also attracted large numbers of players. We are starting to see some of Astrid's kids transition into our club program, which is a key objective of having a club coach at the centre.

In addition to Astrid's program the junior coordinator Erin Bond coordinated the club's volunteer junior program in the last school term of 2009 and the first term of 2010. Life member Neville Hatton continues to conduct the club's junior social program preparing these players for the transition into junior pennants.

Club Captain Brian O'Donnell does an amazing job conducting all of the club's senior program, including social tennis along with junior pennants. Collectively these four ensure that players of any age or ability are able to play our game.

In May 2010 the finals of the junior pennant competition were played with Fimiston being successful. Following that competition Brian conducted a junior tournament to give players continued matchplay leading into the Minelect Goldfields Open in June. May also saw the commencement of the senior pennant competition with twelve qualifying rounds to be played through to the finals in September.

The highlight for June was once again the 2010 Minelect Open. Minelect have sponsored the tournament for the past four years and are keen to see it grow into a leading event on the WA tennis calendar. Played from the 5th - 7th June the tournament offered around \$6500.00 in prizemoney and trophies. This was made possible through the generous support of a small group of sponsors who in addition to the major sponsors support the event year in and out. I refer to Neville, Warren, Ian Sheed, Palace Hotel and Kalgoorlie Diamond Jewellers, Goldfields Credit Union, Gill Smash Repairs, Borromei Willis Settlements, Retravision, O'Connor Fresh Super IGA and the Tower Hotel.

This year's tournament attracted 150 players. Once again it was professionally directed and officiated by Tenniswest's Jan Budden and Jill Sheridan. These two ladies are highly regarded for conducting successful tournaments and we are fortunate they enjoy coming to Kalgoorlie to help us. Many club members contributed to the tournament to make it a success as it continues to grow in status.

In June the club also signed an MOU with Tennis Australia for the Gold Fields Tennis Centre to be a Regional Tennis Centre. This arrangement will give the club additional benefits such as access to funding to establish and develop the facility, tournaments, coaching programs and branding opportunities.

In June we also resigned our lease agreement with the CKB. This year there was a revaluation of council buildings and premises, which has seen the tennis centre valued with a replacement cost exceeding \$2M. Unfortunately for us there is a corresponding increase in insurance premiums which have risen to almost \$4000pa.



In July the Committee began planning for the 2010 Goldfields St Ives Tennis International. Tennis Australia has taken control of the Pro Tour from PPR. This year the tournament will combine Womens/Mens Pro Tour events with a \$10,000 AMT.

In August the club played its annual championships. The womens final played between the defending champion Erin Bond and club coach Astrid Kanther, saw Astrid take her second title after winning her first in 2003. In the men, Bernard Richter became the youngest player to win the title following his victory over Peter Thomas in the final.

In September we played the team pennants final. In a replay of last years final the trendsetters for 2010 Fimiston, were again too strong for Piccadilly in the final and going through the season undefeated. Once again it was through the efforts of Club Captain Brian and Vice President Erin that teams were fielded each week and I thank them both for their efforts

During this month the club was also successful in obtaining a building licence to proceed with the building of new ablutions and administration area in the transportable unit to be placed alongside the existing clubhouse. This approval completes eighteen months of liaison with Council to obtain planning and building approvals in conjunction with seeking funding (\$30K) through the Royalties for Regions program. The release of this funding was contingent on Council issuing the building licence and we now have that funding to proceed. The club is required to match the RFR contribution through cash and in kind donations to acquit the grant. This is the immediate project for the club to pursue leading into 2011.

September was also the month that our friend and Caretaker Roger Stevenson returned to New Zealand. Roger took personal pride in maintaining the clubhouse, courts and grounds in the best possible condition, along with ensuring that our premises were secure. He carried out far more than was expected of him and he will be hard to replace. Our first attempts have been unsuccessful, however I am sure we will find a replacement in due course.

Our Stars

On the court our rising star Bernard Richter represented the club and region with distinction. Commencing with his entry into qualifying in the 2009 Mens Pro Tour event he gained valuable experience in an ITF tournament. In February 2010 he entered the Busselton Open and reached the semi finals in the 14&U singles before winning the doubles. He followed this victory with success in the 16&U doubles at the Esperance Open in March. In April 2010 he entered the Brixton Junior Open in Perth and won the 14 singles and doubles at the same tournament. In May Bernard was successful in winning the singles at the clubs junior closed tournament and followed this victory in to win the clubs open singles championship for the first time in defeating Peter Thomas in the final played in August.

In October the region was represented at the 2010 Foundation and Slater Cups played in Geraldton in late October. The Girls team of Niamh Delaney, Nyasha Bepete, Brittany Zanker and Elise Gaby won the Division 3 doubles title and finished seventh overall. The Boys teams of Mark Collins, Nick Crawford, Henry Brink and Adrian Zloic finished in the same position in the Slater Cup. Overall both teams exceeded expectations with most competing in the event for the first time, giving them valuable experience for the future.



Our Sponsors

The club has a committed group of sponsors who continue to support the club in tournaments and fundraising to ensure the club has sufficient turnover to meet its loan commitments and costs associated with maintaining the facility. For the fourth year in a row Gold Fields St Ives and Minelect have been naming rights sponsors for our International and Open tournaments. These two sponsors were once again strongly supported by the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Kalgoorlie Diamond Jewellers together with around twenty other sponsors throughout the year. Thankyou to every sponsor who supported us in 2010. Your contribution is valued.

Our Finances

The club maintains a strong financial position. Our loans with Council continue to be serviced. We received additional income from tournaments and the tennis reunion held in April . Our Total Current Assets increased by around \$14,000 from \$62,442 to \$76,309. And our Total Net Assets have increased from \$796, 553. to \$836,910.

During the year Council revalued the replacement cost of the courts (for insurance purposes). This revaluation was significantly higher than the current value of \$777,331 and we should consider getting a formal revaluation for our account purposes.

Looking Forward

The development for the clubhouse and toilets will give us an opportunity to upgrade our facilities, provide increased space and help us administer our tennis activities better. The grant funding (\$30,000) represents only 50% of the project cost and we need to match that funding with our own contribution (including in kind) to receive the full grant amount.

Growing our membership remains a priority, particularly as costs are increasing. Though we do endeavor to keep our membership as affordable as possible, there has not been an increase in fees since 2005 and this needs review by the new committee. The court sponsorship agreements (five years) we have for the courts have expired and negotiations will need to occur with existing and new prospective sponsors to replace those agreements.

Our maintenance costs will increase as the courts age and although we have a contingency fund created to assist with these costs in the future, the building project may draw on this contingency in the short term.

The cost of hosting tournaments did increase in 2010 and there is a limit to the commitment and contribution the club can make to conduct Pro Tour and AMT tournaments. There are some incentives with the Gold Fields Tennis Centre being an RTC, however at the same time Tennis Australia will expect us to maintain or improve the courts, the court surface, lighting etc.

Collectively we have the capacity to meet these challenges and continue to promote and grow our sport as one of the best on the Goldfields. Thankyou all for your support and contribution this year and I wish you and your families a happy and safe Xmas in 2010.

Shane Power
2010 President