

NEWSLETTER

August 2004

New Court Surface Laid

Work on laying the new artificial grass surfaces on courts 1 and 2 has finally finished – with a great new surface for members to play on. Those members who have played on the new surface have commented on how forgiving it is – so try it soon and enjoy the new feel. Thanks again to all the members who have worked so hard to raise funds for the new surface – and for the past and present committee members who have put submissions to ACT Government for funding. The new courts are a great new lease of life for MTC.

Care and Maintenance – members are requested to brush the new court surfaces after play using the wide brooms provided. Please brush the court lengthways not across like the clay courts. This will ensure the sand is evenly distributed as the surface settles in and not piled up on the court edges. Also, please distribute the little black hose snakes across these courts after play– apparently they deter birds like ducks from landing and picking at the “grass”, a problem experienced by our friends at Campbell courts.

Fence Replacement Work Commences

Work is now well underway to replace the fences throughout the MTC complex. With a bit of luck the work will be over in about a week to 10 days. Again, many thanks to all the members who have raised funds for this project – which combined with the new court surface will make MTC one of the best facilities in North Canberra. Thanks to Elaine for contacting ACT Urban Services – they came and did a major clean up of bushes and dead trees around the perimeter of the courts.

New Storage Facility

Thanks to the hard work of Greg and Betty Rolls, Christa Tickle and Gerry McCluskey, the groundwork was done and a concrete slab has been poured

for our new storage shed. If you can help erect the new shed – currently in a box in the clubhouse – contact Betty Rolls on 6241 1637.

Mums with Bubs Initiative

This is a Tennis Australia initiative designed to encourage women who have recently had children to get back into or start playing the game of tennis. This pilot program will be run at MTC by the Canberra School of Tennis initially for 5 weeks starting on Wednesday 18 August and conclude on Wednesday 22 September 2004. For more details contact Brett Lennard from CSOT and Head Coach at MTC on 0402 469 891.

Annual General Meeting

The MTC Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 18 September. It is also proposed to have the “official” opening of our new courts following the redevelopment of our surfaces and fences – possibly with representatives from the ACT Government in attendance. A BBQ is also planned plus a social tennis session – so keep this day clear. The Executive Committee will be meeting on Saturday 14 August to finalise plans. More details in the next newsletter.

Garage Sale Coming Up

Members are reminded the MTC garage sale is scheduled for Saturday 11 September. Please leave your donations in the clubhouse or contact the coordinator – Betty Rolls on 6241 1637. Furniture, kitchenware, books, CDs, electronic goods, clothes in good order, bicycles, workshop and garden tools, in fact anything of potential value to someone else would be welcome.

Happy tennis!

Majura Tennis Club Committee