



BASE - LINE

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President's Corner

Hello to all!

Welcome to another edition of Base Line! A very late edition!! Sorry for that....

Stuff & fundraising:

As always there has been plenty of activity around Doutta in the last few months.

Since the last newsletter court 3 was completed and members are now basking in the knowledge of having three outstanding courts to play on – and which are the same surfaces! Committee is extremely pleased with the end result.

Unfortunately the downside to the club having replaced court 3 is the club finds it self a little bit strapped for cash.

It does however mean the club needs to repay some money and in doing so a clever strategy that I know this will put us back on track has been devised. It is interesting to note that a small club like ours has managed in two years to save enough cash since the replacement of court 1 and 2 to be able to afford court 3!! Unbelievable!! Hats off to the Treasurer!

The way in which the committee and hopefully our loyal members can help, is to get involved in the fundraising ideas put forward, like the DG power ball. Another unfortunate but necessary part of the club increasing its revenue is the decision by committee at the recent AGM to increase the club fees. It is quite evident that our little club still has one of the lowest fee structures in the area and in terms of average prices we are quite below the rest of the area. I feel the club needs to do this and it has been suggested by a few senior members that this is the way to go, hopefully members will see the sense in doing so.

Juniors:

I want to take this time to recognize some of our Juniors that have finished juniors at the end of last season, while it is hasn't been done in the past and should've, been done more publicly, it is important to make note of these juniors who are finishing up not only to thank them for their contribution and efforts in there junior tennis but to encourage and support them into playing within the senior ranks. Hopefully these juniors will, if not already take the chance to play senior tennis and remain within the club at a

competition level.

I want to say well done and thanks to Elliot Knight and Michael Mann for their contribution to DGTC. Both boys have been with the club for some time, hopefully Elliot will continue on into the senior ranks with great success. Elliot having finished his juniors off in the best way possible with a premiership. Well done.

Without taking anything away from Elliot's achievements it is personally satisfying to see Michael's progression from juniors to seniors where today he already competes at the top level of teams for DGTC in each respective competition. Michael finished juniors last season having played a number of seasons in A Special juniors and having seen the level at which these kids play it requires a lot of hard work and effort to not only get into A spec but remain at this high level. He also achieved the highest feat of playing number 1 in that A special team Well done Mick we are all proud of you! Along with other former DGTC juniors who haven't been mentioned in the past - Katie Astell and Christine Reed have also competed in A Special and deserve the same praise. Well done.

Fortunately DGTC next season still has one member - Emma Brennan - competing for DGTC/Hadield A Special team and we wish her and team manager Jim Brennan all the best for the coming seasons.

Around the club.....

Powerball the Doutta Galla way!!!!

As I am sure you all have noticed, we have replaced the third court earlier this year. In order to carry out this much needed work, the club had to borrow funds to finance the operation. Lucky for us a member offered the assistance free of interest. We now need to undertake some short term fundraising to cover the loan. Here is one suggestion with very minimal work.

Powerball has 45 numbers. It is drawn every week and the number is printed in the news papers. We sell each number for \$20 dollars and the buyer keeps that number for 10 weeks. This means it costs \$2 dollars per week to enter. Every time that number comes up, you get your money back!!! (Potentially that could happen ten times!!)

It is imperative to sell all the numbers for this to work and then the club will make \$750 dollars for relatively no work.

If at all interested, please write your name on the board in the club rooms on the number you want. Remember, only one number per person. Money needs to be paid in full before we start the draw. It can be paid to Annette Mann or any other committee members ASAP. If it is more convenient, it can be placed in the weekly fee envelope so long as there is a name who it is from.

Good luck and please help support the club!!

Club Championships 2007

The annual Club Championships have arrived again, and all events are open to all members. New this year are two new events, the Veteran Men's and Ladies Doubles, only open to those over 40 years of age.

Entries Close on Sunday 2nd September 2007, and matches will **commence on Saturday 7th September**. All **Grand Finals** will be held on **Sunday 30th September** (Day after Football Grand Final Day).

Also new this year is our **website's** involvement in the event. For your convenience, every **Draw** and **Schedule** will be available **online**, so that you won't have to go down to the club house to check out the details of your next match (or you could still do that, everything that's on the web will be available on the wall of the club house.) **DouttaGalla.com** will be **updated very regularly** during the event, and the Club Championships Mini Site will be your one stop for all your Club Championships Information.

Coaching:

Just a quick mention and update on the coaching program at DGTC. Thanks must go to Courtney for all she has done with the kids this year, given Courtney has only been with the club less than 6 months the impact she has had has been enormous. The increased enthusiasm I and other committee members have seen within the junior group and even some of the older juniors (haha) who are having a hit is exciting to see, Courtney's details are inside the clubhouse and on the website for those who are interested in coaching.

Website:

Thanks to Tim for his work on the website, this looks fantastic. If you come up with any ideas, Tim is more than happy to respond, so send him an email on the club's email – email@douttagalla.com. Remember, get everyone to subscribe to eBaseline, the Club's Online Newsletter, it's your premier source of Tennis Related Information. Sign up at DouttaGalla.com.

Nets:

Thanks to Trevor Peters and Michael Benton for helping out with the purchase of new nets for courts 2 and 3 recently.

NSTA Premiers :

Just a short message of congratulations to the Saturday afternoon B Special Team for winning the Premiership, the team had 14 wins, 1 loss and 2 heat outs for the season!! A great season! Well done team.



Next Committee Meeting: Sunday 2nd September 2007

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