

Letter from the President

27 June 2011

I send you glad tidings of the **Doubles Tournaments at the Club**.

The Board has made an historic decision regarding the Doubles Tournaments. As you know the Doubles Tournaments are held early in the summer usually before members head off to the pristine pleasures of the countryside. This year the inclement weather in June caused delays in our planning.

The Board has decided to alter the format and substance of the **Mixed Doubles Tournament**. Two members, Craig Macdonald and Paul Bernier, have stepped forward to organise this Tournament. The new format has the benefit of saving many hours of repeated phone calls from the organizers to beg members to play, and of alleviating the headaches of members in arranging playing schedules. This new format will be contained and disciplined.

The Tournament will be held on Friday 8 July from 1700 to 2000 hrs and Saturday 9 July from 0900 to 1800hrs. The Board shall reserve the soft courts exclusively for the tournament during these hours. The tournament finals will be held on Tuesday 12 July at 1800hrs during the Tuesday BBQ.

Ladies and Gentlemen please select your dancing partners as soon as possible.

Registration will open **today** - Our Manager will post a notice and a registration form in the Clubhouse. Registration will close Wednesday 6 July at 1800hrs. No fees will be charged. Everyone is welcome to participate - young, old, new, or seasoned players; we shall all be in the same tournament. Messrs Macdonald and Bernier will rank and seed teams according to their known and observed ability. Everyone will have the opportunity to play at least two rounds. Those losing in the opening round will move to a repechage. The first round will be played to Australian rules – the first team to win 8 games passes to the next round. Thereafter the rules may change to the best of three traditional sets.

This format will bring many players together for both competitive tennis and a lively social occasion. Lunch will be available in the Clubhouse. It is unlikely that players will play two rounds consecutively, but the organisers will be responsible for sorting this out.

The Board will assess the success of the new format and decide whether it is appropriate to use it for the Women's and Men's Doubles to be held later in July - August.

Excelsior.

David Adam