

President's Report

The Club's second Open Day was held on Sunday 22 October. It was an outstanding success and Audrey and her team did a marvellous job in opening our Club to the local community. Over 60 new members signed up.

Members will have noticed the work being done to resurrect the four grass courts. An arrangement has now been entered into with Ryde TAFE for students to work on the courts as part of their training program. It is the most exciting development in many years for the Club. The courts should, all things going to plan, be playable in March/April next year. I congratulate Steve Crass for the work he has put into this development. Without his enthusiasm and organisation it would not have got off the ground and we would still have an area growing weeds and nothing else. Steve has also recently accepted the position of vice-president of the Strathfield Recreation Club and he would be interested in anyone who might like to help water the courts, either at night or in the morning.

Before Christmas the Board hopes to enter into an agreement for the construction of two Plexipave hard courts on the bowling green. Construction should commence early in 2007. Upon completion the Club will have 13 tennis courts for members and guests. When we were first elected almost two years ago the Club had 7 courts. In 2007 the Club will have a range of playing surfaces to cater for all members, from tournaments to social competition. Our aim, as has been stated before, is to make Strathfield Recreation Club the premier tennis and recreation club in Western Sydney. I believe we are well on the way to achieving this.

The 2005 financial year saw a record profit of \$198,000. We are still waiting for the 2006 financial year figures to be completed, and will advise members of the result as soon as we can. We don't expect the same result as 2005 as ongoing development continues. The works that the Club carried out this financial year. Include:

1	Lights on courts 4 and 5	\$37,500
2	Re-surfacing courts 10 and 11	\$39,270
3	A new fence Morwick Street	\$7,000
4	A new car park fence	\$2,000
5	The re-connection of the water bubbler	\$1,650
6	Tennis Netting Courts 1,2 & 3	\$4,994
7	Replacement of Glass Washing Machine	\$2,420
8	Replacement of Glycol Chiller and Cool Room Compressors	\$5,000
9	Exterior Lighting	\$4,540
10	Time Delay Lock on Safe	\$1,050
	Total Cost of Work 2006	\$105,424

Work completed in 2005 effecting this year's financial statement:

11	Electricity upgrade	\$17,500
12	Beer Garden	\$31,000
13	Retail System	\$14,000

Total Cost of Work 2005 \$62,500

**Total Cost of Works this Financial Year
2005/2006 \$167,924**

I would like to thank all members and staff for their generous support during 2006 and I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.

Alex Elliott

Secretary Manager's Report

Dear Members,

As Alex mentioned, our Open Day for 2006 was a huge success! Thank you to all members who helped out on the day and to those who came along to enjoy the celebration. Without your support, we could not host such events.

I would like to acknowledge the effort of the staff, who continually strive to meet my deadlines and expectations. A special thank you to the Board members, who once again gave their time to help.

LCD Advertising

You will have noticed the new LCD screens in the Club. I have received very positive feedback from members and visitors. We all agree they bring another dimension to the facilities the Club has to offer.

I am seeking sponsorship to assist with the installation costs of Fox Sport. If you are a business owner and would like to be involved in sponsorship, or would like to advertise in our Club, please contact me on 9747 5055.

Melbourne Cup 2006

Melbourne Cup this year was a great day! Thank you to all who attended and to Diane Lachlan and Leo Stibbard who organized the sweeps.

Simon Booth

I received a letter from the Roselands Sports & Aquatics Club, thanking SRC once again for our support. I am pleased to announce that Simon won a Bronze Medal in tennis! Fantastic!!

Members Only

PLEASE remember that it's Members Only on
Saturdays between 9 & 2pm and
Sundays between 8am & 1pm
No visitors allowed.

Members Christmas Party 2006



By now you should have received your invitation in the mail. If for any reason you haven't, please contact the Club and request another to be sent. You will have noticed that the date previously advertised (2 December) has been changed to **Sunday, 3 December**.

After further consideration of member requests and feedback, it was decided to change this year's Members Christmas Party from a Saturday evening to a Sunday afternoon, thus allowing more members the opportunity to attend. To hold a successful event the requests of Members must be considered. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience.

Details:

Date: Sunday, 3 December 2006

Time: 1pm (*lunch to be served at approximately 1:30pm*)

Menu: Catered for by Sue Lee

- 1 Roast Lamb, Pork and Turkey
- 2 Baked Pumpkin, Potatoes and Hot Vegetables
- 3 Fresh Prawns
- 4 Salads
- 5 Traditional Plum Pudding with Custard or Cheesecake

Cost: \$28 per person, \$15 for children (*14 years or younger*)

Live entertainment will be provided on the day. Christmas Raffles will

be run, and Santa will visit again, bringing Christmas gifts for all!

RSVP: Please return your RSVP no later than Sunday, 26 November.
Payment should be made in full at this time.

Please ensure that children attending have their age clearly noted on your RSVP.

Christmas Tree



Kay Owens and Diane Lachlan have kindly offered to put up the Christmas tree this year, thanks ladies. If you would like to help Kay and Diane, they will be decorating the tree on **Wednesday, 29 November**. Please feel welcome to come along and help!

Calendar 2006/2007

Please make a note of the following dates;

- 1 3 December Members Christmas Party
- 2 3 February Try Out Day – for all competitions including Badge.
- 3 Christmas and New Year Trading
 - o **The Club will be closed** on Monday, 25 and Tuesday, 26 December. The Club will also be closed on Monday, 1 January 2007.
 - o Trading hours maybe reduced during the week of 27-31 December. Notices will displayed when trading times are confirmed.



Parking

Members, please remember that you **MUST** be on the premises and using the facilities of the Club to use the car park!

Hitting Partners

Members are invited to bring a visitor/hitting partner for the cost of \$5 per hour or \$10 for up to 3 hours (must be paid to bar staff prior to play).

The same visitor/hitting partner may play for a **maximum of three times per year** on a casual basis, after which **Membership is a requirement**.

It is the Member's responsibility to organize payment of this fee. Please comply with this rule as it is embarrassing to all concerned when Club representatives are forced to request visitors to vacate the court due to non-compliance with Club rules.



SUNSCREEN IS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS FROM THE BAR.

Back on the Grass!

Grass Court Renovation Program

Dear Members,

Yes it is true. The renovation of the four grass courts commenced in mid October. We are hopeful that the renovation will be completed by March 2007.

We have in place a joint project between ourselves and Ryde TAFE to restore all four courts to there original condition.

Ryde TAFE have welcomed our proposal to them and have committed to not only assist with the renovation, but put in place an on going commitment to maintain the courts in the future.

While this is fantastic, TAFE do not operate 52 weeks a year.

During the holidays we will be in charge of maintenance and keeping the grass alive. I am willing to do as much as I can to achieve this, but will need assistance from other members.

We are not after qualified green keepers, but people to help as little or as much as possible. Duties will vary between watering, mowing, rolling and marking lines.

Steven Crass.





Badge

On behalf of all at SRC, I would like to congratulate Strathfield 1 on their result in Spring Badge. Strathfield 1 drew with Mosman in a tough contest resulting in 4 sets, 40 games all.

Strathfield 1 are, in my opinion a credit to the Club and to sport in general. Week after week they gather each Saturday for their game. I have never witnessed one episode of unsportsmanlike like behaviour. They are great hosts to the visiting team.....well done guys!!

On behalf of Steve Crass, I would like to thank all members of the team and as Steve says, "Although we would have liked to win outright, with a game of such intensity, it seems fitting that both teams share the badge".

Sunday Doubles Club Championship

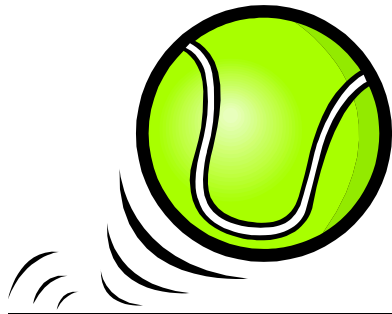
On Sunday 24 September, the inaugural Sunday Doubles Club Championships was held.

Nothing could deter the enthusiasm of the 28 players who braved 40c heat and 100km winds! The conditions certainly produced some interesting tennis.

Thanks to Phil Bryant who organised the day and kept everybody moving and the 28 members who participated so enthusiastically.

The winners of the final were Steve Crass and Will and the runners up Tad and Danny

Diane Brown



Ball Machine

I am pleased to advise that SRC are now the proud owners a ball machine. As the machine runs on a re-chargable battery it can be taken on to any court.

The ball machine is available to **MEMBERS ONLY for \$10 per hour**, decompressed balls are also provided.

If you are interested in hiring the machine, please advise bar staff.

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Strathfield Recreation Club Survey

To assist with our Strategic Planning, the Board would appreciate your views regarding the following matters. It is not necessary to identify yourself, however if you wish to speak further with a Director, you will need to provide your name and contact number below. Please leave completed surveys in the box at the bar or mail to the Club by 1 December 2006. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

1. Male / Female Age: _____

2. Tennis Member / House Member (*Please circle*)

3. How long have you been a member of SRC? 1 – 2 years, 2-5 years,
6 - 10 years, 10+ years

4. Do you believe the name of the Club should be reviewed? Yes / No

5. If yes, please rate the following in order of preference 1 to 3:

Strathfield Tennis Club , STAR (Strathfield Tennis and Recreation Club)
The Strathfield Club Other . *Please specify:*

COURT & TENNIS FACILITIES

6. Please nominate your preferred surface for any additional courts.
(*Number 1 to 3 in preferred order.*)

Grass Synthetic Hard Court Clay

7. If grass was a possibility, would you be prepared to assist with maintenance?

Yes / No

If yes, please circle the time you would contribute per week.

1 hour, 2 – 3 hours, 3 – 5 hours

. CLUBHOUSE

8. *Please rate 1 – 6 in order of your priority for the following:*

- 1 Increase outdoor space to accommodate no smoking laws. _____
- 2 Provide air-conditioning to current club-house _____
- 3 Provide a bar upgrade to make a Sports Bar _____
- 4 Renovate toilets and change rooms _____
- 5 Renovate kitchen _____

6 Redevelop Clubhouse to include underground parking _____

9. APPEARANCE OF SRC

Please rate 1 –6 in order of your priority for the following:

1 Provide a gas BBQ area with tables, benches, shade and sink _____

2

1 Provide a childrens' playground _____

2

3 Other suggestions _____

10. STAFF

Please tick one box for each category

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Ability to perform job				
Manner with members				
Work ethic				
Dress				

11. Please give any suggestions as to how staff could improve their delivery of service to members.

MEMBERS

12. Would you participate in Club Championships? Yes / No

13. Would you be happy to volunteer your services to assist with the running of the Club? Yes / No

If yes, please indicate how you could assist. Eg. gardening, delivering pamphlets, social activities, cleaning the silver cups, assisting on a committee or the board, other

14. Do you have any suggestions as to how the Board could improve services to members? Yes / No
If yes, please elaborate. _____
