

Welcome to Badge 2009

Dear Team Captains,

You have been chosen by the selectors because we believe you are a responsible person and we are confident you will ensure your team are good ambassadors for the club each week & that there are four players all upright and mobile each week and at the designated location at least 10 minutes prior to the assigned starting time – that location you will have confirmed with the said four players during the week – and should you be playing a home match you will have rostered your players to bring food in quantities suitable for 8 players according to the time of day your match was scheduled and arrange for a drinks kitty or a roster for that too. If you have a rostered match at Giltinans you will advise your team and your opposition 8 days prior to the match.

2009 sees the introduction of points penalties for incorrect/illegible result sheets and it is the full responsibility of the home captain to ensure all sections are 100% correct.

We **start** our matches at either :-

- **A** - 12noon and play on 2 courts and finish at 2.30pm
- **B** - 2.35pm and play on 2 courts and finish at 5.05pm
- **C** -12noon play on one court and finish at 5.00pm.

The draw is specific as to the time and the format of your match each week.

Noted on left side of your match draw is A B C be sure to check.

TIME is of the utmost importance again this season AS all four players **MUST** be at the venue 10 minutes prior to starting (in the two court format matches) – as all the toilet/sunscreening/water providing /racquet gripping/ball opening must be done and you must get on that court – there is a five minute hit-up allowed-then its on – four sets straight – unless you are waiting for the other pairs to complete their sets there is NO break. At completion of the 2.5hours a time device – depending on the complex / whistle/ bell/ alarm or a public address system will announce it is 2.30pm - at that exact time - **the point you are playing maybe finished** THEN you must **immediately** vacate the court for the following match to begin. The 5.05 finish must also be sounded exactly at 5.05 otherwise it is not fair the second match could finish but the first had not that opportunity- and at the end of the day - a win is worth 4 points! At the end of the comp you don't want to miss the semis because you were foolish and gave away points during the rounds by not following the rules.

GILTINANS- There is only 1 team per week at Giltinans and that match will be **ROSTERED** and I will send a roster in advance to all captains. It will be imperative you have collected the balls score sheet and esky by 11.30 am or 2pm at the latest so you are at Giltinans and unloaded – down the back – Courts 8 & 9 - unpacked and ready by 10 to 12. Or 2.20pm.

DRAW – I will forward you this information as soon as it is available and it will also be on the website . I will forward it to you along with the Giltinans roster for our teams. **REMEMBER** you must advise you opposition **EIGHT** days in advance when you have a match at an outside court.

www.tennisnsw.com.au - is the website of Tennis NSW all information rules teams and court locations is available from this site.

- Go to the website –
- Click on competitions
- Click on badge
- Click on autumn badge
- From there you can go to Saturday – ladies or mens
 - Team Captains – point scores
 - Rules - suggest all teams carry a copy
 - Club Addresses and contacts

Teams with new members – dress codes / colours for some clubs also listed.
CAPTAINS- remember to remind team if playing at a “white only clothes” club.

ALL THERE FOR YOU TO BROWSE AND ABSORB!

SUNSET TIME – is not relevant this year as time is the only factor.

WET WEATHER – If your match is at 12 noon ring by 10.45 to ascertain if its on /off
If your match is at 2.30 ring by 1.15 to ascertain if its on / off

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE DECISION WITH YOUR OPPOSING CAPTAIN.
Home and/or away matches- confirm to save any mistakes.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL PLAY AT M.L.T.C.

TEAM CAPTAINS

PLEASE ensure your team members are aware of the new arrangements regarding **SOCIAL PLAY** at the club – it is clearly posted on the club notice board and for the enjoyment of and in fairness to our social players we ask the badge players to abide by the guidelines as set out by the committee during the duration of this badge season – thanks in advance.

RESULT SHEETS- There will be a supply of result sheets supplied by the club – they will be on the tables with the water and balls prior to the match - however there will be facility to download from the website . ****SEE IMPORTANT NOTE BELOW****

COLD WATER- will be in water coolers with plastic glasses for you to take on court. Players wishing to have sport drinks may purchase them from the bar or pro shop – water is all that needs to be provided.
Players and visitors should purchase their own sports drinks.

BALLS: Please return your comp balls to the bar at completion of match as these balls are sold to offset our badge expenses.

HOSPITALITY- The 2 timeslot is still pretty new, as to the requirements for hospitality – but as Manly Lawn Tennis Club is proud to boast its great hospitality success we recommend if you play at 12 noon – at the conclusion of your match you have some savoury offerings- eg sandwiches or saos cheese/tomato / a little fresh fruit or iced bun as well as tea and coffee – which of course is always at the club- not

sure if too many ladies will want wine after 4 sets straight – but the men will probably have a beer!_ with their savoury offerings.

After the 2.30 match – I don't think too many sandwiches would be required – perhaps more party pies sausage rolls meat balls cheese biscuits chips nuts.

Of course all washed down with a wine or ale!

There are freezers at the courts – so you can take any amount of frozen delights and use the convection or microwave oven to heat them when required.

****IMPORTANT NOTICE**** The home team is deemed responsible for the accuracy and legibility of the result sheet – **BOTH SIDES** – all player details etc – as from 2009 – if the sheet is incorrect ineligible or inaccurate – **YOU** the home team will lose points from your ongoing tally- even if you have none it will register you in the negative.
BE WARNED. IT WILL HAPPEN.

Below please find team lists along with captain and team members contacts.
Should you require a **RESERVE** for badge please ring Ray Kirby for the mens or me – Barb Myers for the ladies and we will help you as best we can – if you have secured your own reserve please advise me by email <mailto:barjon@mte.net.au> barbjon@optusnet.com.au so I can register your reserve with M.G.C.C.A. – you don't want to play an ineligible person and loose the sets and win points! **RAY - 0402 026 992 BARB – 0403 194 243**

PLEASE PRINT OFF THIS LETTER AND THE DRAWS AND KEEP THEM WITH YOU FOR REFERENCE.

IT WOULD BE WISE TO PRINT OFF THE COURT LOCATIONS AND PHONE CONTACTS FOR YOUR OPPOSITIONS TEAMS AND CAPTAINS WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE www.tennisnsw.com.au website AS I EXPLAINED EARLIER IN THIS DOCUMENT.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL THE TEAMS - ENJOY YOUR COMPETITION

CAPTAINS – ITS UP TO YOU TO DO YOUR TEAMS ROSTER!!

ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL DON'T HESITATE TO CALL BARB OR RAY.