



CLUB NEWS

Welcome to the Winter Edition of The Pines Newsletter!

As the courts cool down and the winter chill sets in, it's the perfect time to reflect on the achievements of the past season and look ahead to what's coming next at The Pines. From strong performances on the court to exciting developments off it, there's plenty to celebrate. This edition includes season highlights, upcoming events, important dates, and opportunities to get more involved in our vibrant club community. Whether you've been braving the cold on court or cheering from the sidelines, we thank you for your continued support and look forward to an action-packed Spring ahead.

Stay warm, and enjoy the read!

— The Pines Tennis Club Committee

Floriade 2025 – The Pines is Blooming!

We're excited to share that The Pines will be part of the Floriade Community 2025! Thanks to the incredible efforts of Nestor Palma and Longgo Pang, a total of 880 bulbs and annuals have been planted, setting the stage for a stunning spring display.

This year's Floriade runs from Saturday 13 September to Sunday 12 October, and we're proud to showcase our garden as part of this much-loved community event. You can already see our first progress post on the Floriade Community Facebook page—with more updates to come as the garden comes to life!

A friendly reminder to all visitors: please take care around the garden beds and respect the hard work that has gone into creating this beautiful display. Let's all do our part to help it flourish and be enjoyed by everyone in our club and wider community.

Some photos of Nestor and Longgo from Friday, 16 May 2025



Join the Committee – We Need You!

The Pines is a member-driven club, and we rely not only on your subscriptions but also on your generous support through volunteering.

We're currently seeking members to join the Club Committee and get more involved in shaping the future of our club. Your ideas and time—just a couple of hours a month—can make a real difference.

If you're interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Club President Graeme Barnes on 0409 308 039.

Your club. Your voice. Your impact.

Court Expansion Project Update

The Pines expression of interest submission for the adjoining land has been successful. There are other interested parties. We are awaiting advice from the ACT Government on the next steps which is likely to involve a tender process.

Court Lighting Upgrade Completed!

We're pleased to announce that the lighting upgrade on Courts 1, 2 and 3 was successfully completed during the first week of the holidays. This significant investment by the Club is designed to enhance the night-time playing experience, making evening tennis more enjoyable for all. We hope you get a chance to experience the improved lighting soon!



The new lights on Court 1



The new lights on Courts 2 and 3



The installation of the lights on Courts 2 and 3

Term 3 Gala

With the school term underway, our Tuesday and Wednesday Night Gala sessions have resumed—and we'd love to see more members getting involved in these fun, social evenings of tennis.

Tuesday Night Gala – For the more advanced and experienced players

All players are in set teams for the whole term

Cost: \$60 per term

Contact: Nicole Lock – 0439 907 005

Wednesday Night Gala – Open to all levels, from beginners to advanced

Flexible weekly entries with teams arranged a few days before

Cost: \$6 per session

Contact: Dianna Barrett – 0431 771 235

Come along, meet fellow members, and enjoy some great tennis under our new lights!

Canberra Tennis League

Autumn Competition

The Thursday Div 3 team went undefeated all season and took the title with a strong win over Forrest! We also had a valiant effort from the Monday/Tuesday Div 3 team, who finished runners-up in a tight final against ANU. Well done to all players on a great season!

Entries are now open for the Spring Competition. Closing 31 August. Please see your email or contact Di Barrett on 0431 711 235 for more information.



Social Tennis

Wednesday Morning Social Tennis

Join us every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12.00 pm.

All skill levels are welcome—don't let self-doubt hold you back! There is no body who is 'not good enough'. It's a relaxed, supportive environment perfect for learning, practising, and having fun.

No booking needed. Free for members | \$6 for non-members

If you're interested in joining or have any questions, contact Kerry Scarlett on

✉ kerryescarlett@gmail.com or ☎ 0414 292 150

Come along and give it a go—we'd love to see you there!

Child Protection

The Pines is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all members. We take child safety seriously and have a dedicated Child Protection Policy in place. All Office Bearers and coaching staff are required to hold a current Working with Vulnerable People Card. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person under the age of 18, please contact our Child Protection Officer, Kerry Scarlett, on 0414 292 150

Court bookings in the book-a-court website

Members making court bookings for events which are not club organised or are not competitions are reminded to nominate who their additional player(s) are when making a booking. There is a fee of \$6.00 for non-member guests either day or night. This fee covers non-members' insurance should they incur an injury.

Sponsorship for member businesses

Are you a Pines member who owns a business? We invite you to promote your company to our wider club community by becoming a club sponsor.

We're thrilled to welcome McDonald's as a Platinum Sponsor, and we're offering a range of flexible sponsorship packages to suit businesses of all sizes.

As a sponsor, your brand will be promoted to our members, coaching program participants, local school communities, and beyond—through court signage, club newsletters, emails, our website, and social media.

Your support not only raises your business profile but also plays a vital role in helping our club grow.

If you're interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Club President Graeme Barnes at

☎ 0409 308 039 or ✉ gebarnes07@gmail.com

We'd love to have you on board!

Thank you to **Marco Orsini** for painting the men's bathroom.
It looks amazing!!

Canberra School of Tennis

Adults & Teens Coaching

Robert and the Canberra School of Tennis team offer a variety of programs including:

Coaching – individual lessons or group coaching

- Classes are available for beginners to competition tennis players. Participants can work with players of similar ability in group sessions or they can book private lessons for one-on-one tutelage and focus.

Cardio Tennis

- Tennis Australia endorsed 'Cardio Tennis' coaching. Cardio Tennis is a fun, social, group tennis-fitness program for teenagers and adults of all abilities, ages and fitness levels. It's more about getting a great, high-energy workout than just tennis techniques. Constant movement is the focus as Robert guides you through a series of fun and heart-pumping drills. All Participants receive a Free Cardio Tennis Shirt.

Elite Squad and Private Coaching

- CSOT also offers coaching for the really serious player who has displayed exceptional talent and drive in all areas of their game and is ready and willing to work hard to take the next step in their tennis career. Elite Squad is by invitation only.

Red Ball Rally is the ACT region's BIGGEST entry-level tennis comp for kids aged 5 to 8+!

Whether your kids already love to play or are still building their confidence, this is the perfect way to kickstart their tennis journey.

Red Ball Rally is tennis made easy, exciting, and accessible for the whole family. So, rally your little one's energy, pick your nearest venue, and get ready to serve up some serious fun!

Fun, fast & friendly – Designed to keep kids moving, smiling, and making new friends

Local & convenient – Choose from our 3 venues across the ACT

Quick & easy sessions – flexible days and times offered by each club

Rewards for effort – Weekly sportsmanship prizes from the Canberra Southern Cross Club, because great attitudes matter most

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