

Historical Information for the O'Halloran Hill Tennis

Historical information (and trivia)

1980 – July 2	A public meeting was convened by Jack Pitcher of interested persons in establishing a tennis club Jack Pitcher joined the Serpentine Reserve Committee – working towards developing the reserve and a tennis club At another meeting of interested tennis persons was held and it was proposed that the club try to establish 2 competitive teams Each committee member loaned the club \$5.00 to start funds for expenses incurred – the amount to be deducted from subscriptions.
1980 – 27 August	Inaugural Meeting of the O'Halloran Hill Tennis Club
1980 – 16 November	First Tennis Day – held at Hamilton Park Courts
1981 - June	Meadows Council allowed \$29 000 for tennis courts with contribution of \$4000 from OHTC
1981 – August	John Wheatland and John Averats attended first SDTA meeting re possibility of OHTC fielding team in 1981/82 competition – SDTA approved notion of OHTC joining association and fielding a team.
1981 – October	Grant application forwarded to Meadows Council for toilets on Serpentine Road Reserve.
1981 – October	Notification of successful grant applications – Recreation & Sport: \$300 towards nets and \$15 000 towards courts. Black bitumen courts built.
1981 – October	Committee enquired at crash repair company for old seat belts to use as net straps – also used chair webbing as net straps to save money.
1981/82	First summer competition team (6 men & 4 women in teams) – Division 6 – matches played at Braeview Primary School [team beaten by Kesmond 10 sets 95 games to 10 sets 94 games in semi-final] Inaugural team members: Barry O'Niel Sadie Cook Chris Nogaj Robyn Moore Mark Trowse Mary O'Niel John Wheatland Natalie Wheatland John Pethick) John Quinn) shared a position
1981	Agreement with Victoria Hotel that they supported OHTC by selling beer tickets – proceeds went to OHTC
1982 – February	O'Halloran Hill Tennis club becomes incorporated.
1982 – March	Nomination of one men's team on Saturday and one mixed team for Sunday winter pennant tennis.
1982 – April	Meadows Council investigated the volume of water coming out of the bore on the reserve – court work held over until results available.
1982 – August	Commenced discussions re building clubrooms
1982 – October	Initial 8-week counselling by club members (junior bucket-and-ball squads)
1982/83	3 senior teams and 2 junior boys and 1 junior girls teams nominated
1982 - October	OHTC Committee decided not to amalgamate with the Pony Club to construct clubrooms
1983 – October	Federal Grant approved for sum of \$101 000 for development of reserve – toilets, clubrooms, BBQ, paving, clearing of creek, pine log bridge, clearing of oval, trees, pergola on community centre.
1984 – April	Reported that workers on the clubrooms were playing cricket on the tennis courts – asked to use the reserve. (initial clubrooms did not include toilets and the clubrooms were half size of present building – there has been an extension since). No fencing around grounds yet – fencing ordered for the surrounding of the courts and clubhouse.

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1984 – May	Clubrooms completed.
1984 – May	Roster for committee members to clean the toilets (located on council reserve) each month.
1984 0 October	Club looked at resurfacing courts – fungus growing under the courts needs to be cleared completely first.
1984 – December	Senior Report – Dress restrictions - no boob tubes, track suits, t-shirts etc.
1985 – March	More mushrooms are appearing on the courts.
1985 – May	Quiz night – ‘everyone is asked to bring a plate of supper and a chair’
1985 – June	Complaint about Council mowing grass on Tuesday’s and stones being thrown on courts and hitting people on the head.
1985 – July	Reported that mushrooms are appearing in Happy Valley courts.
1985 – October	71 children about to start coaching with Judy May (club coach) – scholarship offered
1985 – October	Quotes for painting courts - \$12,500-\$22,000 for 2 colours
1986 – February	\$5 000 savings maturing – options 13%pa on call or 15.75% 3-12 months!!!
1986 – September	‘We have 6 players (men) too many at the moment. What is to be done?’
1989 – September	Courts resurfaced
1990 – May	Lighting installed on courts
1990 November	10-year celebrations held on 25 November
1991 – August	Working bee cancelled due to Adelaide Crows match.
1993	12 senior winter teams
1998 – March	Ants continue to be a problem on court 6.
1994	Replacement court lighting installed
1994 – December	Courts resurfaced
1994/95	18 junior teams, 14 teams in finals, 12 teams in grand final, 7 premierships (highest achievement in the association), women’s winter Pennant team and senior Division 1 team
1995 – April	Work commenced on clubroom extensions - \$30 000 grant towards cost of \$64 000 (club had funds of \$32 000). Clubrooms doubled in size plus attached toilets built at southern end of clubrooms. Andrew Jessup coordinated project.
1995 – August	Clubroom extensions completed
2001 – December	Courts resurfaced

General information:

June 1996 - SA Harcourt League and TennisSA merged