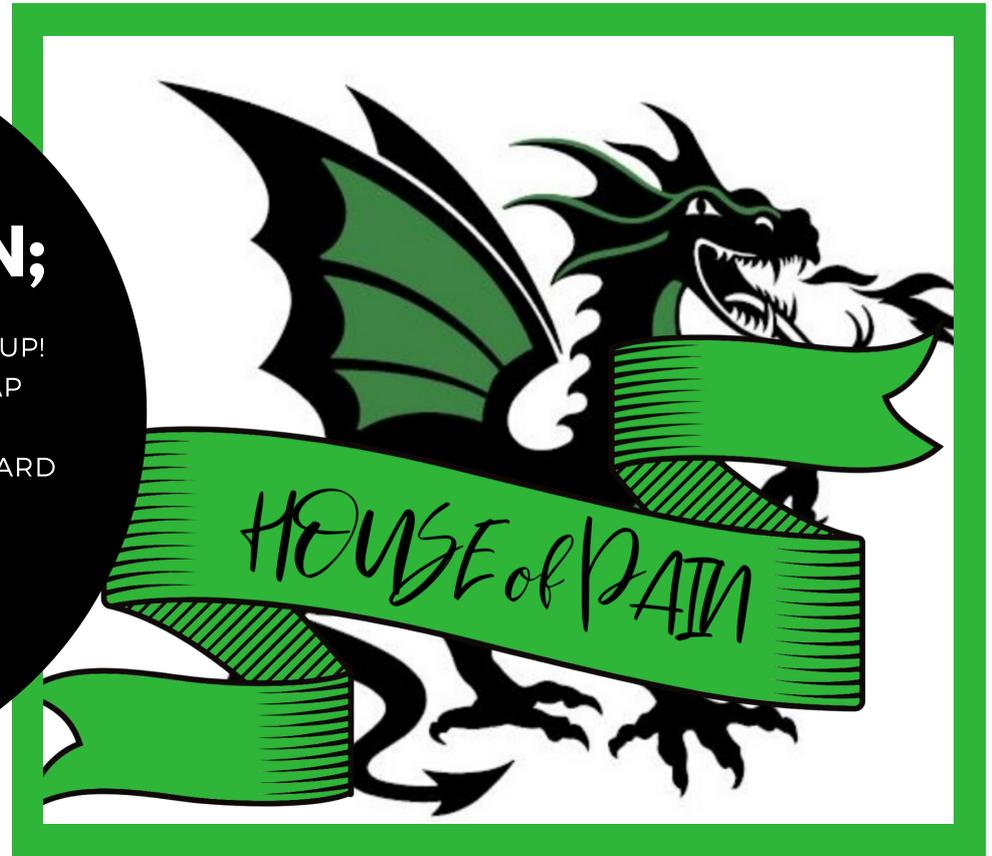


# THE DRAGON'S DEN

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## SUMMER 2019/20 SENIOR WRAP UP!

*BY DARREN LAMB DEN*

What a crazy summer it was for the Dragon's but one to be proud of as we secured five premierships for the Greenacres Tennis Club.

While we didn't get to play the traditional grand final, the five teams all finished minor premiers and won the 1v2 finals clash proving them the best teams in their respective divisions.

Long after the Coronavirus leaves our shores the premierships will remain forever and will take pride of place at The Den!

Back in late September a small group of us got together and formed the sides for summer which eventuated with seven senior sides nominated. Four Men's Singles, two Women's Doubles and a Men's Doubles team were entered.

The anticipation and excitement from members on Thursday nights eagerly awaiting the results of the grading and the draw was unlike I have witnessed in nearly a decade at the club. It was going to be an exciting season!

Three of the singles sides were graded lower than anticipated but you have to start somewhere so it started there. Such a great mixture of members with many new faces to the club made our Thursday night training sessions a vibrant place to be.

Who would have thought a ghost town awaited by late March.

The season was packed with friendly banter between our members and opposing teams throughout the season. The EDTA/NETA combined effort seemed very successful and opened the door for us to experiment and grow on last year.

This culminated in being able to do something never been done before at GTC and on the 14th March 2020, we hosted four finals in one afternoon. With five teams top of the ladder we had the opportunity to secure five home finals, it really is a shame we don't have more courts as to host all five, wow! (Maybe in the not too distant future!) Split times being on offer allowed the four finals to be hosted and gave us a massive afternoon of tennis. With debate that morning on the matches even going ahead the message on the day was simple "This is the Grand Final!"

With six top two clashes out of the seven teams entered it was another history making day for the Dragon's.

Well done to all members and teams for their efforts throughout the season, we will look forward to a belated celebration in the months to come.

Let's look forward to the upcoming season, whether that is winter or summer it will be here before we know it.

See page 3 for Senior Premiership Results!

# JUNIOR SUMMER 2019/20 RECAP

BY RACHEL OWENS

Unfortunately, the Summer season came to an abrupt end during the finals series due to COVID-19 restrictions, with 4 of our 6 junior teams still in the finals race.

North East Tennis Association drew a line in the sand, and results were awarded based on where teams currently were on the ladder. We believe that several of our teams had a real chance to progress further than what the final ladder position shows.

In addition to team results, each season, players who are part of one of our Green or Yellow ball teams have the chance to be awarded the "Most Consistent" award for their team. When awarding this, we take in to account how many matches each player played (Singles), and how many of those matches were won. Below are the results for where each team finished the season and who was awarded the "Most Consistent" trophies in each team for this past season. It is important for all players to realise that there has been great improvement to everyone's game.

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## Friday night - A2 Boys Team

**Team :** Johnny, Eisse, Samuel & Peter

**Finished 3rd** before season cut short.

Would've been playing off for second spot had matches proceeded. These boys played a strong season.

**Most Consistent trophy** - Johnny & Eisse (dual winners this season as both Johnny & Eisse won 100% of their matches. An outstanding effort boys

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## Saturday morning - Div 2 Yellow Ball Boys Team

**Team:** Alexander, Tony, Aquif, Zafir

**Finished 4th** on the ladder but were extremely unlucky in their first final. This team played against Valley View at Valley View. The result on the day was an exact tie, however, as Valley View had finished 3rd in the minor round, they were the team to progress to the next final.

**Most Consistent trophy** - Alexander

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## Saturday morning - Div 1 Green Ball Girls Team

**Team:** Shahanna, Tithi, Jasmeen, Ajuni, Ava

**Finished 2nd** on the ladder before season was cut short. This team was a real chance to finish 1st as throughout the season, 3 of the girls were away for extended periods at various times so they did not have much opportunity to play their best team. We have Runner's Up medals for the girls in this team.

**Most Consistent trophy** - Shahanna



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## Saturday morning - Div 1 Green Ball Boys Team

**Team:** Shaarav, William, Jamain, Jacob, Jackson

**Finished 3rd** on the ladder before season was cut short.

Would've been playing off for 2nd place and a chance to see the grand final. Unfortunately for this team of boys, the previous Winter season grand final was rained out and no chance of playing on the day. Keep going boys...third time lucky!

**Most Consistent trophy** - William

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## Saturday morning - Div 3 Green Ball Boys/Mixed Team

**Team:** Aahan, Akshath, Kai, Kingston, Shreya, Yashil

**Finished 6th** on the ladder. There were a few changes in this team, as well as injury, but this team finished the season with some really good results.

**Most Consistent trophy** - Aahan

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## Saturday morning - Div 2 Orange Ball team

**Team:** Kavish, Tristan, Hrishi, Kiana

The minor round was still being played before the season was cancelled, however, this team of pocket-rockets was on top of the ladder. This team only started playing the previous term played a division above what was nominated. Everything seemed to gel for this team and they were undefeated for Term 1 season. Looks this team needs a challenge in Orange Ball Div 1 when tennis returns.

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We would also like to thank all the parents that assisted in getting the teams out on court each week, sending scoresheets to Junior Coordinator each week and for also just simply getting children to their matches. We look forward to seeing you all out on court again soon. If you would like to organise to pick up your trophy/medal, please contact Rachel to organise a time.

# ~~Semi-Final Day~~

## GRAND 14TH MARCH 2020

### PREMIERSHIPS

#### Men's Division 5 Singles vs Beaumont (4-2)

David Turner, Tyson McLean, Zac Hefford, Declan Billingsley, Darren Lambden and Mark Iadanza

David Turner/Declan Billingsley	9	3	Euver Naranjo/Jose Rodriguez
Tyson Mclean/Darren Lambden	9	4	Tai Nguyen/Dylan Nguyen
David Turner	9	1	Jose Rodriguez
Tyson Mclean	9	1	Austin Nguyen
Zac Hefford	3	9	Tai Nguyen
Mark Iadanza	1	5	Dylan Nguyen

#### Men's Division 9 Singles vs Valley View (5-1)

Duy Nguyen, Johnny Lopic, Eisse Van Hoving and John Lopic

Eisse Van Hoving/Johnny Lopic	7	9	Sean Kelly/Michael Pfeiffer
Duy Nguyen/John Lopic	9	3	Nicholas Saw/Jordan Brockbank
Duy Nguyen	9	7	Sean Kelly
Eisse Van Hoving	9	5	Michael Pfeiffer
Johnny Lopic	9	3	Nicholas Saw
John Lopic	9	2	Jordan Brockbank

#### Men's Division 10 Singles vs Trinity Gardens (4-2)

Nikola Skrob, Bostan Rahimi, Shaun Fernando, Shaun Guttilla and Josh Prike

Nikola Skrob/Shawn Fernando	9	4	John Hanson/Thomas Tiver
Shaun Guttilla/Josh Prike	4	9	Mark Baldwin/Alex Sereda
Nikola Skrob	5	9	John Hanson
Bostan Rahimi	9	5	Alex Sereda
Shaun Fernando	9	4	Mark Baldwin
Josh Prike	9	4	Thomas Tiver

#### Women's Division 1 Open Doubles vs Kilburn (4-2)

Jillanne Giacomo, Bethany Bartel, Rachel Owens, Sandra Heyndyk, Tammy Lambden and Kaylah Wilson

Jillanne Giacomo/Rachel Owens	4	9	Katelyn Hutton/Taryn Van Dyk
Bethany Bartel/Sandra Heyndyk	9	6	Sandy Dunn/Ellen Frost
Rachel Owens/Kaylah Wilson	5	7	Katelyn Hutton/Sandy Dunn
Sandra Heyndyk/Tammy Lambden	7	5	Taryn Van Dyk/Glenys James
Jillanne Giacomo/Tammy Lambden	6	1	Taryn Van Dyk/Glenys James
Bethany Bartel/Kaylah Wilson	6	4	Sandy Dunn/Ellen Frost

#### Men's Division 2 Doubles vs Modbury (4-2)

Shaun Oliveira, Adrian George, Craig Livori, Wallie Van Hoving and Ian Mattschoss

Shaun Oliveira/Adrian George	9	3	Andrew Hawley/Mick Savona
Craig Livori/Wallie Van Hoving	6	9	Gary Stevens/Michael Gaedtke
Adrian George/Craig Livori	6	1	Andrew Hawley/Gary Stevens
Shaun Oliveira/Wallie Van Hoving	6	2	Mick Savona/Gary Meldrum
Adrian George/Ian Mattschoss	5	7	Andrew Hawley/Gary Stevens
Shaun Oliveira/Wallie Van Hoving	6	2	Mick Savona/Gary Meldrum

# TENNIS SA AWARDS

Greenacres Tennis Club for a second year in a row is a finalist for the 'Most Outstanding Club Award 2020'. Unfortunately the awards night scheduled for April had to be postponed.

Our club has come a long way in a very short amount of time and the reason for its success is the diehard members we have. Darren and Kaylah have also had their nominations progress to the finals for the Volunteer Achievement Award 2020. Thank you to all involved with the nomination process and for providing some amazing endorsements, maybe we will go one step further than last year.



## TUESDAY SOCIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

This season we decided to name the Sportsmanship Award after the great Colin Beams. For those of you who don't know, Colin Beams

and his wife, Joyce started our great club back in 1962.

Colin would come out and wet down dirt courts and mark the lines each week so that soo many in the community could play the game we all love. This Summer 2019/20 Social season saw 2 people fight it out for top spot from the get go with the final minor round sealing the deal for the winner, Davin Buttery. Davin is only new to our club, joining for this social season but he is already a respected member. His attitude on and off court really shows why he won this award.

**Congratualtions Davin.,**

## EDTA/NETA SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Eastern Districts Tennis Association have had a long standing tradition in honouring true sportsmanship with the Malcolm Winneke Award.

The 2019/20 summer season was the first time our associations joined forces and we were very proud to announce that our very own Brendan Dennis was a recipient of this award.

For those of you who know Brendan you would know he is a very worthy winner showing true sportsmanship and respect to everyone. Brendan is a great team player and an extremely valued member of our club, not to mention a gun player!!

**Congratulations Brendan.**



## RECLAIMING THE DEN



With handover of the keys to the new storage shed imminent, we will be able to carry out a thorough clean-up of the club house. Moving everything out we will make full use of the space we have so by the time we all return it is going to be great.

Thanks to Port Adelaide Enfield Council for having the shed approved and installed, we look forward to putting it to good use.



**COMING EXCLUSIVLEY TO GREENACRES TENNIS CLUB**

*Fiery's*

Tuesday Nights

Start Times 6:45pm and 8:15pm

\$65 Per Player | Mixed Doubles Tennis | 3 Players Per Side

2 Sets Per Player | Best of 3 Sets | First to 5 Games

No Tiebreak | Sudden Death Deuce

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Register your interest at [greenacrestc.social@gmail.com](mailto:greenacrestc.social@gmail.com)

What does a Christmas at the Den look like? Looks like a lot of fun!!

I'M DREAMING OF A

# Summer Christmas

On Sunday 15th December 2019 we celebrated Christmas and the end of the year. What an amazing day we all had. Let's kick off with a few thank you's starting with our awesome members and their families. We hope you all enjoyed yourselves as you are what makes our club so great. To those who dedicated many hours over the last few weeks to make this event a success, thank you and well done. A lot of work goes into putting it together and the hard work paid off with it running so smoothly on the day. A huge thank you to Ingle Farm Primary School in loaning us their marquee, that extra shade made a big difference. To the parents that helped put the marquee up, great job and thank you, we really appreciate it. A shout out to Adelaide Mechanical Bull Hire, your service was excellent and all the kids (and a few adults) loved the jumpy castle. Another shout out to Olympic Party Hire for the yard games, again really great service. The day itself couldn't be better, the weather turned it on and was one of the best summer days we have had so far. Plenty of high spirited members after great wins on Saturday enjoying the pumped up atmosphere with family and friends. The comments from members throughout the day make us all feel so very proud to be a part of something special. This is not just another club, we are Greenacres, we are the Dragon's and this is our story. We really hope that we will all be back together to celebrate in December 2020 and lets make it extra special!



Halloween.....WHAT A NIGHT!!

A HUGE Thank You to all that came out to support our inaugural Halloween Party / Open Night!!

We would easily of had 100+ people through our gates with a vast number of those hitting the courts for some action.

Bobbing for apples and the donut eating competitions were enjoyed by young and old.

It was amazing to see many of our regular families as well as many many new ones.

A big thank you to Matt from Rackets and Strings for heading out with some demo rackets for a night that was a little different to most.

A special Thank You to those of you that invested your time and energy into the set up, catering, running of the bar and the pack up.

Without dedicated volunteers our club wouldnt be what it is.

Stay Spooky and we hope to see you all again in 2020!



**HALLOWEEN AT GREENACRES TENNIS CLUB**  
Rise to the event of the season.....

Celebrate with GTC from 6:45pm on 31/10/19  
Come find out more about our Tuesday Night Social Competition, Seniors and Juniors Competition, Coaching, Book a Court and more!  
Prizes for the best costume, candy station, bobbing for apple's and donut eating competitions!  
Dress Code SCARY

# HALLOWEEN

