

Head Coach Report 2019-2020 season

I have now been coaching at Gladstone Tennis Club for over ten years, seven of which have been as Head Coach. I strongly believe the club is in excellent health both on and off the court, none of which would be possible without the support of my assistant coaches and our current president and board members.

My assistant coaches; Robbie Stuart, Emma Denton, Hugo Hosking, Cameron Bobbermien, George McCready, Sam Hodges, Sahara Hotchin, Mia Birnie, Caspar van Bruggen, Audrey Newman and Jasmyn Maher. Thank you for your hard work rain, hail or shine.

Our club has also been extremely fortunate to have former Wimbledon doubles quarterfinalist Artem Sitak and NZ Davis Cup player Ajeet Rai as well as Davis Cup captain Alistair Hunt on court coaching over the past few weeks. I can proudly say there would be few clubs around the country that have current Davis Cup players providing coaching to their members.

Saturday morning junior tennis is a major highlight of our coaching programme. It's fantastic to see over 50 kids participating as well as so many of the parents staying around to watch.

Our Mens and Ladies Tennisfit sessions continue to be successful in retaining and recruiting new members for the club. As we head into the new season we will look to increase the amount of classes available each week.

Senior club night on Wednesday is now consistently popular among our members. We have a core group attending each week that provide both a friendly face and a friendly game for other new or potential members that use the Wednesday evening session as a trial to join our club.

Our Wimbledon club fundraiser last year was one of our most successful ones to date. A big thank you to Karen and Jo for helping me organise the event, as it would not have been possible without you! We are on track for our upcoming fundraiser again on the 15th of August.

I look forward to seeing you all on court soon,

Martin Colenbrander