**Beecroft Tennis**

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 3 August 1895, page 8**

Beecroft.

Tennis Court. - Mr. H. Perdriau is having a very nice tennis court made at his new residence, and a tennis club is shortly to be formed.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Friday 9 August 1895, page 6**

LAWN TENNIS.

At Beecroft on Saturday afternoon Mr H. Perdriau, as president of the Kennedya, a private tennis club, opened the courts which the committee has constructed in a portion of Mr Perdriau's grounds which he had placed at the disposal of the club. The position is admirable. At 3 o'clock the courts were declared open by Mr Perdriau amidst the cheers of the visitors, who numbered about 50. The scene was then quite animated, the players making an agreeable spectacle on the gaily decorated courts while the ladies of the committee, in the club colours (violet and white), were busy dispensing afternoon tea.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Saturday 10 August 1895, page 10**

SOCIAL.

The pretty little village of Beecroft was quite en fete last Saturday, the occasion being the opening of the "Kennedya," a private tennis club, by the president, Mr. H. Perdriau, who some time ago kindly placed at the disposal of the committee a portion of his grounds in which the courts have since been made. Their position is an admirable one, as it commands a fine view of the surrounding district. At 3 o'clock the courts were proclaimed opened in an appropriate little speech by Mr. Perdriau, amidst the cheers of the visitors, who numbered about 50. The scene was then a most animated one, and the ladies of the committee, all in their club colors (violet and white), were busy dispensing afternoon tea. The setting sun disappeared all too quickly for the players, and a most enjoyable afternoon drew to a close amidst the hearty good wishes of all present.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 10 Aug 1895**

Beecroft.

**A Tennis Club**. – The pretty little village of Beecroft was quite “en fete” last Saturday, the occasion being the opening of the “Kennedya,” a private tennis club, by the president, Mr. H. Perdriau, who some time ago placed at the disposal of the committee a portion of his grounds in which the courts have since been made. Their position is an admirable one, as it commands a pretty winding view of the railway line and the surrounding residences. At 3 o’clock the courts were proclaimed open in an appropriate little speech by Mr. Perdriau, amidst the cheers of the visitors, who numbered about 50. The scene was then a most animated one, the players making quite a pretty picture on the gaily decorated courts, whilst the ladies of the committee, all in their club colours (violet and blue) were busy dispersing afternoon tea. The setting sun came all too quickly for the players and a most enjoyable afternoon drew to a close amidst the hearty afternoon drew to a close amidst the hearty good wishes of all present.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 September 1895, page 7**

Beecroft.

Tennis. — Mr. H. Perdriau's tennis ground still continues to be the scene of much enjoyment by the young lady and gentlemen folk of our district. So enthusiastic are some in the pleasant pastime that it is now quite a common occurrence to see them at it considerably before breakfast hour.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 October 1895, page 8**

Beecroft.

The Holiday. — Mr. H. Perdriau's pretty tennis grounds were the scene of several good practice matches during Eight Hour Day. The membership the club are showing good form of Iate, and it is quite possible that some oi them will yet have their names recorded among, the most promising of tennis players.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 4 January 1896, page 8**

Beecroft.

Tennis. — The principal amusement here on New Year's Day was a tennis match between Thornleigh and Beecroft which took place at Mr. H. Perdriau's popular grounds. Thornleigh was represented by Messrs. A. Hall and Ward, and F. Hall and Bergel, who met Messrs, A. and C. Perdriau, and W. S. Perdriau and H. Seale respectively. Great interest was manifested in the game by a large number of visitors, the play throughout being very good, in all, eight sets were played, Beecroft coming off victorious by two games. For the convenience of the visitors a nice autumn house was erected on the grounds, and all present were most hospitably entertained by Mr. T. Hall, of Thornleigh.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 1 Aug 1896**

Beecroft.

**Tennis Club**. – On Monday night the first general meeting of the Kennedya Tennis Club was held in “Willabah” Schoolroom, when there was a good attendance. The Hon. Secretary, Miss C. Ogden, submitted a very satisfactory report, showing that during the past year some £50 was spent in making grounds and purchasing the necessary equipment, and also that the club was very successful in play, notwithstanding many of the players were novices. The members’ roll shows 40 members good on the books.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 14 August 1897, page 8**

BEECROFT.

Congratulations. — The district is happy to congratulate Mr. W. S. Perdriau, our worthy resident, on his appointment to the magistracy. The appointment is creditable to the Government. Mr. Perdriau has been with us some four years, and has always evinced the greatest interest in matters appertaining to the advancement of the district. He has been an active member of our Progress Association (one of the live institutions along the line), and was president last year, when many improvements were carried out. He was one of the promoters of the tennis club (30 or 40 strong), and captain since its inception, holding the Captain's Challenge Cup. He is a member of the well-known firm of Perdriau and Co. THE ARGUS congratulates him and the district on his appointment.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 27 August 1898, page 11**

Beecroft.

The New Tennis Club. — A contract was signed on Saturday for the preparation of two new courts for the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club. Beecroft, the contractor being Mr. George Willis. The courts will be on the village green, the ground upon which they are to be formed having a frontage of three chains to the Beecroft-road, and about the same depth. The present court will still be used by the club.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 28 August 1897, page 10**

BEECROFT.

The Kenneyda Club's Ball. — The School of Arts hall at Thornleigh wore an exceptionally and festive appearance on Thursday night when the members of the Kenneyda Tennis Club, together with a good number of invited guests from the city and suburbs, met to take part in the first of what is intended to be an annual ball in connection with the club. Together with the colors of the club, violet and white, and other drapings of various colors and decorations and the dresses of the ladies, the effect was very pleasing. The floor was in splendid order, and dancing was therefore delightful to the first-class music supplied by the pianist, Mr. Hancox. Mr. W. Perdriau and Mr. M. Green were most efficient M's.C., and the spread provided by Mr. Sargeant, the well-known city caterer, who is a resident of Beecroft, was up to the standard of perfection. In addition to the visitors the following local ladies were present: — Mrs. H. 0. Holcombe, Mrs. W. S. Perdriau, Misses Seale (2), Miss Higgs, Mrs. C. Perdriau, Mrs. Messiter, Miss Ogden, Mrs. M. Green, Miss Skellett, Mrs. Perdriau, sen., Miss Newton (Beecroft); Miss Love, Miss Fairfax (Wahroonga); Mrs. T. Hall and Misses Crane (2) (Thornleigh); Mrs. W. Loveridge, Misses Hilliard (2) (Carlingford). The enjoyable event, for which Mrs. Holcombe, Mrs. M. Green and Mrs. W. Perdriau as a committee were chiefly responsible, was brought to a close at about 2 a.m.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 23 April 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The trustees of the Village Green at Beecroft decided at a meeting on Tuesday, night to recommend to the Minister that the green be leased to the Lawn Tennis Club at a nominal rental.

The club purpose putting down two courts at an expenditure of £40.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 7 May 1898, page 10**

ALONG THE LINE.

The trustees of the village green, Beecroft, have not leased the whole of that exquisitely picturesque spot to the lawn tennis club, but just enough to enable the club to form a couple of courts.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 27 August 1898, page 11**

Beecroft.

The New Tennis Club. — A oontract was signed on Saturday for the preparation of two new courts for the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club, Beecroft, the contractor being Mr. George Willis. The courts will be on the village green, the ground upon which they are to be formed having a frontage of three chains to the Beecroft-road, and about the same depth. The present court will still be used by the club.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 10 Sep 1898**

Beecroft.

**The New Tennis Court**. – Very satisfactory progress is being made by the contractor (Geo. Willis) with the clearing of that portion of the village green which is to be transformed into two courts for the Kennedya Tennis Club. It is anticipated providing the weather continues fine, that the courts will be completed and ready for occupation in three or four weeks’ time.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 1 October 1898, page 12**

Beecroft.

The Tennis Courts. — Good progress is being made by Mr. G. Willis, the contractor, with the preparation of the new tennis courts on the village green for the Kennedya Tennis Club. The whole of the required space has been entirely cleared of the heavy timber with which it was studded and the excavations have been commenced.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 15 October 1898, page 11**

Beecroft.

The Tennis Courts. — It is anticipated that the tennis courts, in the course of preparation and formation for the Kennedy a Lawn Tennis Club will be ready for occupation in the space of three weeks.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 22 Oct 1898**

Beecroft.

**Tennis Courts**. – The tennis courts in the course of preparation on the village green for the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club will be ready for occupation on Prince of Wales’ Birthday.

**Daily Telegraph (Sydney, NSW: 1883 - 1930), Monday 28 November 1898, page 3**

RYDE DISTRICT NOTES.

The opening of the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Courts at Beecroft is to take place shortly, and a social gathering Is being arranged.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 4 February 1899, page 10**

Beecroft.

OPENING OF THE TENNIS COURTS. — The official opening of the tennis courts, recently completed at considerable expense to the order of the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club, Beecroft, took place on Saturday in the presence of a large and brilliant assemblage. It is estimated that fully 100 people were present, including the whole of the members of the Kennedya Club, members of various other clubs, many of the loading residents of the village and districts, and visitors from the metropolis. The lady members of the Kennedya Club were all handsomely and appropriately attired in pure white costumes, and wore the club's colors - violet. Bright colored flags were floating in the breeze from almost every eminence in the immediate vicinity of the courts, and the collection of carriages grouped round was the largest ever seen in Beecroft. In the absence of Mr. E. Terry, Member for the district, who is at present in Tasmania, the opening ceremony was performed by Mr. Henry Perdriau, president of the Kennedya Club, and on whose grounds the old courts stood. Mr. H. O. Holcombe, on behalf of the members of the club, thanked Mr. Perdriau for his good offices, and also for his kindness in giving the free use of his grounds where the old courts were situated. The ceremony over, sets were formed and play was continued with enthusiasm from four o'clock until half-past 7 o'clock. Afternoon tea was daintily served to the large gathering in an ideal rustic tea-room, and altogether a more pleasant and enjoyable manner of spending an afternoon could not have been wished for. The outlay so far has amounted to £50. They are very much indebted to Mr. Bigg, jun., and Mr. Joe Seale, who drew the plans, adjusted the levels, and did all the surveying work free of charge.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 25 February 1899, page 12**

Beecroft.

Garden Fete. — The forthcoming garden fete in aid of the funds of the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club is the principal topic of conversation in social circles' just now. It promises to be a great success.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 3 June 1899, page 11**

Beecroft.

Tennis. - The Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club are in the middle of a tournament which is causing some little excitement. Fifteen couples are engaged in the competition, for which two prizes are offered, and the play so far has been keenly interesting. It will probably be decided today (Saturday). The management of the club have agreed to have the city water laid on to the now courts.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 January 1900, page 10**

Beecroft Progress Association.

Two tennis courts had been constructed during the year by the Kennedya Tennis Club. The club had also laid on water at a great expense and were contemplating further improvements.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 28 Apr 1900**

Beecroft.

**Tennis**. – The members of the Kennedya Tennis Club have arranged to play a match on Saturday on their own courts against the Laurel Lawn Tennis Club, of Canterbury.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 19 May 1900**

PERSONAL.

**Tennis**. – Three separate matches have been arranged to be played today (Saturday) between teams selected from the Epping Recreation Club and the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club – two at Epping and one at Beecroft.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 28 Jul 1900**

Beecroft.

**Tennis**. – The tennis courts have scarcely been occupied of late in consequence of the continuous rainy weather.

**Social**. – Two social events are at present absorbing the attention of Beecrofters, viz., the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club’s annual ball fixed for Friday (last) night, and the garden fete at “Sheen,” Hannah-street today (Saturday) in aid of the Indian Famine Fund.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 22 Sep 1900**

Beecroft.

**Social**. – The members of the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club were last week the guests of Mrs. Chorley, of Cheltenham, who invited them to a social evening in Miss Ogden’s school at Beecroft. The building had been very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Dancing to excellent music was indulged in; and a sumptuous supper was provided.

**Changed Hands**. – Mr. T. Skellett has purchased, with a view to building thereon, the old tennis court grounds, a block containing about 3 ½ acres, the property of Mr. Henry Perdriau.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 August 1900, page 10**

Beecroft.

The Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club.

The annual meeting was held on Monday, Mr. Holcombe in the chair. There were also present: Messrs. Skellett, Seale, Harrison, Birkenhead, Barnby and Wachsmann, Mesdames Wachsmann and Holcombe, Misses Ogden, Skellett, Seale and Lamont. The annual report showed that Mr. H. Donges had resumed his position of secretary in March, owing to his removal to another district, and the committee desired to place on record their appreciation of his services to the club. Mr. Wachsmann consented to take up the position of secretary for the remainder of the season. One, of the vice-presidents had passed away — Mr. G. Ogden — who had always taken a keen interest in the club, and it was with deep regret and sorrow that the members of the club sympathised with his family. The assets of the club on July 31, 1899, were £12 1s 6d, and its present assets amounted to £12 5s 7d. The members roll at the end of last year showed a total of 30. The membership now totalled 28, but there were indications that it would be considerably increased this year. Several matches have been played during the year, in which the club had been very successful, having regained their laurels from their old opponents, the Epping Recreation Club. Two tournaments had been played during the year, and a mixed double handicap, which had been won by Mr. A. Harrison and Mrs. Holcombe, and Mr. and Miss Seale. It was suggested to the incoming committee that a tournament be held early in the new year. The club's annual dance was held on the 27th July, at the School of Arts, Thornleigh, and was most successful both socially and financially, and the hearty thanks of the club were due to the ladies, to whose efforts this result was to be attributed. During the year, the water had been laid on to the courts, and several minor improvements had been carried out. The committee, in conclusion, desired to thank the ladies of the club for their kindness in providing afternoon teas, which had contributed so largely to the enjoyment of the members, and the social success of the club. They also desired to express their appreciation of the ready way in which members had co-operated with thorn on all occasions. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: - President, Mr. E. Terry, M.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. D. McCall, Joseph Seale, H. O. Holcombe, G. R. Harrison, H. Thompson, H. Briggs, T. Skellet and W. Chorley; hon. sec, A. E. W. Wachsmann; hon. treasurer, T. B. Skellett; committee, Messrs. W. Birkenhead, A. Harrison, O. Seale, Mrs. Holcombe, Mrs. Wachsmann and Miss Ogden. It was resolved that the incoming committee should take steps to construct a pavilion, and drain the courts at a cost not exceeding £40. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to and Miss Ogden and Mr. Birkenhead for past kindnesses to the club; also to the chairman.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 29 September 1900, page 10**

Beecroft.

Tennis Club. — Plans and specifications are now in course of preparation for a commodious and handsome pavilion for the courts of the Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club. It is understood it is the intention of the club to proceed with the building at an early date.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 12 July 1902, page 10**

Beecroft.

New Buildings. — New buildings are quite the order of the day at Beecroft. They are to be seen at almost every turn in various stages of progression. Mr. Skellett's fine two-storey dwelling just over the line, on the site of the old tennis court, is fast nearing completion.

The Tennis Club. — The Kennedya Lawn Tennis Club is in a healthy condition. Another court has just been added, and a fine pavilion built at an aggregate cost of £80. The membership roll numbers between 35 and 40. A ping-pong tournament among members has been arranged for one evening this month in Miss Ogden's schoolroom. A match was played on Saturday afternoon on the local courts, between the Kennedya club and a team from the Burwood club. The home team won by 40 games to 32.