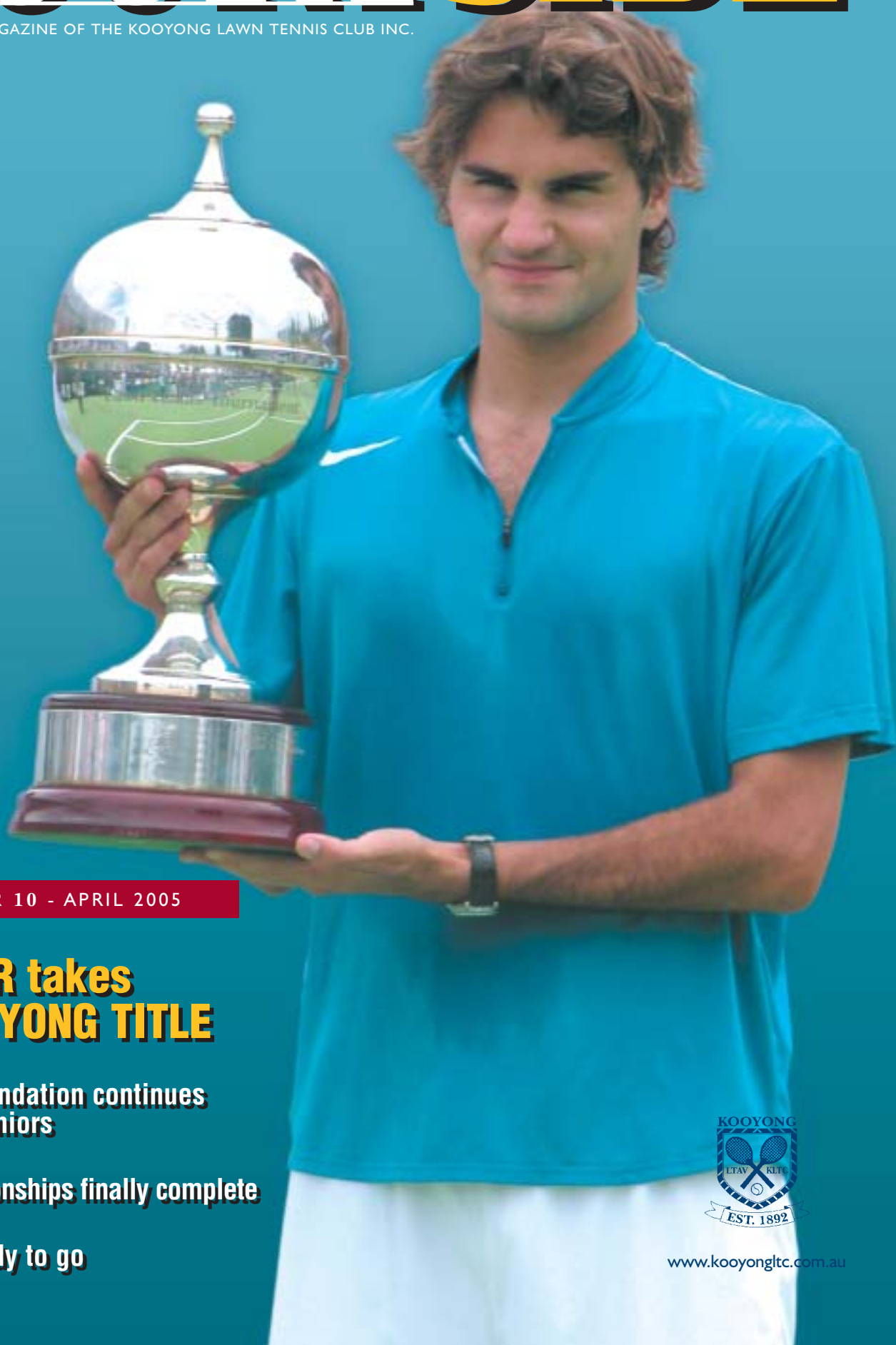


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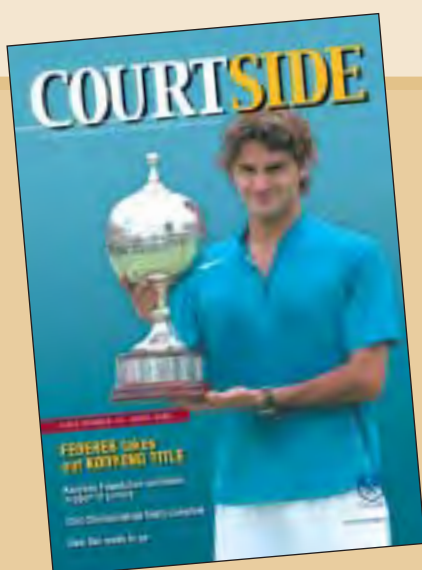
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on the cover

APRIL 2005

Roger Federer takes out the 2005 Kooyong Classic title.

... a word from the CEO

It has been quite a start to the year at Kooyong.

A highly successful Kooyong Classic, a major upgrade of club security, another great Club Championship, a new Members Bar and, of course, a major flood.

And it is only March.

Roger Federer, arguably the best player of the modern era, added his name to the Kooyong honour board, courtesy of his win against Andy Roddick in the final of the Kooyong Classic.

With the runner up final featuring Andre Agassi and Tim Henman, it was proof again of the important role our tournament plays in the summer of Australian tennis.

Our own champions shone through at the Club Championships. Congratulations to all section winners including Alasdair Graetz and Bianca Acquistapace for their respective wins in the open competitions.

The Club's security upgrade has been completed. The new and improved members cards came into operation in the New Year, additional areas of the property have been secured and the new boom gates installed to improve member parking on the site.

The Members Bar upgrade will prove popular in years to come by providing significant improvements in member services and food display and storage. The modern, dignified styling adds to the décor for a popular meeting place.

And finally, we've weathered the unexpected rains which caused havoc early in February, flooding our property and damaging both courts and property. We profile this near disaster and are pleased to report on the splendid work of our staff to return the courts in excellent condition in such a short time.

Chris Brown
 CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

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President's Report



2005 KOOYONG CLASSIC

In a fitting conclusion to the event this year the number one and two in the world, Roger Federer and Andy Roddick played in the final producing yet again a resounding endorsement of the event to the players and sponsors as the ideal preparation for the Australian Open.

It was great to see two of the sport's young guns go head to head in the final and then enthusiastically "talk the event up" in their post match interviews.

We saw some outstanding tennis throughout the week and the crowds flocked to Kooyong to see this world class action.

Congratulations must go to Colin Stubbs and his team on putting together this first class event as the major lead up to the Australian Open.

SECURITY CHANGEOVER

Members should by now have received their new security access card and begun using new proximity readers at various points around the Club and soon to include the boom gates at various points around the grounds to secure access to these areas.

This upgrade will help to secure members only areas and restrict non-member traffic from various points of the property so to give members the complete use of their facilities.

Card checks will also become easier as a hand held reader comes into use with members' details to be confirmed in on-the-spot checks by both Ollie and Cory.

Hopefully these improved security measures will help to give members exclusive enjoyment

of the facilities here at the Club in another move towards helping all members make the most of your Club.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

After more rain than anyone could have expected, the Club Championships were eventually completed on the weekend of the 19th and 20th of March.

Congratulations to Bianca Acquistapace on defending her Ladies Open Singles title against the challenge from Karen Kleverlaan, and to the newly crowned Men's Open Singles champion, Alasdair Graetz who defeated our State Grade number two, Leigh Holland, in the final.

It is fantastic to see one of our promising young juniors come through the ranks to win this title and get his name on the honour board at the Club.

Congratulations also to Lee Pearson and Stephen Gay on winning the Men's Open Doubles, Emily Arnott and Jessica Collins on winning the Ladies Open Doubles and to Glenn Busby and Bianca Acquistapace for winning the Open Mixed Doubles.

It was also good to see so many members taking part in the Club Championships again despite the problems we had with the weather.

FLOOD DAMAGE AND RECOVERY

Despite the flash flood, which hit us in early February, Kooyong's courts have made a miraculous recovery and were returned to play in double quick time by our hard working grounds team.

In around two weeks the courts went from 5 feet under water to playable in what was a great turn around, considering their condition. The impact on members was kept to a minimum.

The grass courts may even have returned to play in better condition than before they were flooded due to their appetite for water in the middle of our summer. There was significant damage to the porous courts and nearly the entire Melbourne stockpile of en tous cas was used up in replacement of damaged and polluted surfaces.

Congratulations to all involved for their hard work in the repair and maintenance of our courts after this unfortunate event.

KOOYONG FOUNDATION SENDS YOUNGSTERS TO THE USA

The Kooyong Foundation's Junior Development program proved its growing worth during November and December as Bran Bozic and Andrew Whittington got the opportunity to play in some of the world's biggest junior tournaments in America.

Bran unfortunately injured himself early on in the trip but Andrew was able to return some excellent results against some of the best Under 12 players in the world.

Andrew still has another 12 months in this age group and with that extra time under his belt he could challenge some of the top players the world has to offer for this age group.

Travelling with Kooyong's head coach, Glenn Busby, both boys were exposed to the match toughness of kids who play tournaments and matches every week and have huge training schedules from a young age so it was also an eye opening experience.

Hopefully both players benefited from this opportunity and it is one that we hope other players can benefit from, courtesy of the generous support of members to the Foundation.

UPDATED BAR TO BENEFIT MEMBERS

By the time Courtside reaches members the new bar will have been installed. We will be enjoying fresh new surrounds of the new Kooyong bar area.

This change was necessitated by the decrepit state of the old facilities and equipment and the need to upgrade to meet modern standards for the service of food. It will also help provide better service to members in the display of both hot and cold snacks.

Peter Quinn
President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

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Kooyong Foundation

U.S. Tournament Tour

The shock of the real for our Foundation Juniors

Eleven-year-old Andrew Whittington and 16-year-old Branimir Bozic, two of Australia's most promising juniors, are back at Kooyong chastened by the initial baptism of fire at the hands of junior tournament tennis in America.

The first junior players to be funded for international tournament experience by the newly-established Kooyong Foundation, they faced up to the world's best in a series of tournaments in November and December.

No stranger to the demands of the ATP seniors circuit, Kooyong Head Coach Glenn Busby, who chaperoned the pair, was disturbed at the intensity of training schedules of some of the juniors from Europe, Asia and the America (six hours daily) and their hectic tournament schedules.

Nevertheless, Andrew did extremely well in three tournaments (see separate summary) and Bran showed real fight against the No.4 Argentinian in his first tournament only to suffer a back injury that saw him return home.

But let Glenn summarise the competition on the tour:

The cost to parents has led to a win-at-all-costs attitude which is corrupting the integrity of tournament play among juniors from the age of 12.

Take the Bolletieri training establishment run by IMG. For \$US62,000 for 40 weeks a year the player gets dormitory accommodation, meals, gymnastic programming, group coaching (not one-on-one) and study time at the school across the street. This does NOT include clothing, re-strings or travel costs to local and international tournaments (up to 36 a year). The total parental commitment for a 12-year-old into this schedule is around \$A120,000, and the juniors are thick on the ground.

The scenario is best appreciated by the fact that the 12-year-old who won the Orange Bowl signed a contract for \$US100,000 a year for three years!

The overall result of the system is a fulltime tournament player with no school as we know it, constant travelling to American and European junior tournaments with coaches at the back and side of the courts bawling

instructions in any language you like to name during each match.

At the Bolletieri camp, post-match debriefings involve computer/video analyses for each of the say, 410 resident juniors.

Thus an unbelievable pressure to perform. Inevitably, this leads to widespread cheating, particularly given there are no linespeople or umpires and only one referee to every block of 4-6 of say, 40 courts.

In Branimir's match there were at least 16 unfavourable line calls. The option is either to play properly or to follow the lead of your opponent. How, you say, can a coach condone that sort of character-building? But they do, and in spades, and backed by hideously vocal family members.

Busby said the recent successes of Wayne Arthurs and Alicia Molik pointed up the need to review the national coaching program.

"Of the juniors we competed against - from America, France, China, Russia, Bulgaria etc - the majority had been out there against the world from the age of 12," Busby says. "And by the time they reach 18 or 19 those intense six or seven years turns them into seasoned campaigners.

"Alicia and Wayne never hit the road internationally until their late teens or early twenties so that their six or seven years didn't start paying off until say 24, in the case of Alicia, and indeed 34 in Wayne's case.

"Also, one-on-one coaching is essential. It worked with Harry Hopman during his golden years with Sedgman, Hoad and Rosewall and we need to get back up there."

Busby said the intensity and successes of the Bolletieri tennis programs has led to the introduction at the Bolletieri camp of similar programs covering basketball, soccer and golf.

An adult tennis program is a \$US6000 a week option.

Glenn sends this comforting message to Kooyong Members: "I visited a friend at a Kansas City Tennis Club on the way home. The joining fee is \$US42,000 and \$US600 a month for access to the club, six tennis courts and a golf course..."

THE KOOYONG FOUNDATION

funded Andrew Whittington (11) and Branimir Bozic (16) to go to the U.S. to compete in the world's three biggest junior tournaments - the Eddy Herr, Prince Cup and the Orange Bowl.

EDDY HERR was at Bolletieris in Tampa, Florida where Andrew reached the Round of 16 of a 128 Draw - exceptional for his first international tournament. Most of the boys had played 25 tournaments for the year against Andrew's 12.

PRINCE CUP was in Miami where Andrew was the only 11-year-old into the Quarter Finals, having to first qualify by winning three rounds and then winning four rounds in the main draw. These included some excellent wins against top-ranked players from Bulgaria, Canada, Asia and America. Andrew came up to the chin of all the boys in the Quarters and lost (courageously) to a boy from Portugal twice his size.

ORANGE BOWL, also in Miami, saw him qualify from a 256 draw having to win four rounds to make the main draw. He won his first round against the No.3-ranked Canadian and lost to the 8-ranked American who stood head and shoulders above him. Andrew thinks the best thing is that he will be one of the few able to play in the same age group next year!

Branimir Bozic got to play only in the Eddy Herr before he hurt his back and had to return home. In the round of 64 he played the No.4 Argentinian losing 7-6 6-7 6-4 after 3 1/2 hours. Not only had his opponent played 36 tournaments for the year, but was also very experienced in "manufacturing close calls in his favor".

All was not lost however - Bran found that in the two weeks he was there he was very much up with the world's best in his age group. He has been assisted since with private lessons and is chalking up some very good results during the summer ITF tournaments in which he still has two years before the 18-years age limit.

The U.S. Juniors Charm School...

Things KLTC Head Coach Glenn Busby would like to forget (but can't) about the Kooyong Foundation November/December Juniors tour in the U.S.:

- Fathers of the two players fighting over line-calls during play, grabbing each other's collars and threatening everything short of murder
- The loud bad language of players generally
- The 6ft.3in. Russian father who, failing to win a post-match shouting contest with his loser-son, started kicking the boy in front of 200 spectators. Only the Tournament Referee was plucky enough to calm him.

SECURITY UPGRADES



The security upgrade will see boom gates operable at various points around the Club

A range of measures has been implemented early in 2005 to upgrade security and improve member services.

As part of our security upgrade, membership swipe cards were replaced in February with a proximity card. The new cards provide a more reliable form of security and are easier to use.

Members who have not received a card or have experienced difficulties with using their new card should report this to the Club immediately.

As part of the upgrade, additional areas have also been secured including the squash courts, the door to the stairs near the Proshop and the stairs to the Sedgman Terrace.

Works have also been completed on the installation and activation of boom gates around the property. Working in conjunction with the new Moonga Road gates, member car parking should be improved with access for members only into the secured areas.

Member Liaison Officers, Cory and Ollie, have been provided with portable hand-held units, which will allow for spot checks of membership cards. This will be a common activity when they patrol the grounds.

These changes are all designed to protect the rights and privileges of members.

Members Bar Renovations

For several generations, the Members Bar at Kooyong has been a favourite watering hole.

Members and their guests have shared many shouts and several stories, even some true ones, down through the years.

Our most recent renovation means that members can continue this tradition in the surrounds of our renovated Members Bar.

Warm timber bench tops and contrasting materials, provide a dignified yet modern look.

Behind the counter, equipment has been upgraded to ensure the beer remains cold and member service improved.

The new design also accommodates excellent display facilities for cold food and additionally provides a hot food display in the food service area.

The redesign and new fit-out is sure to be the place to meet after working up a thirst on the courts.



Above: The old bar

Below: The new and modernised bar is up and running





History repeats itself ...AGAIN!!!

History decided to repeat itself when, following a day of record rainfall in Melbourne, Kooyong's courts were transformed into a giant lake.

Last December we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the great flood of 1934, which wreaked havoc on Kooyong and surrounding properties. Significant improvements in water management systems since that time have reduced the possibility that this type of flooding happening again.

But on the morning of 4th February, happen again it did.

The record rains on the 3rd and 4th February forced Gardiners Creek to rise several metres overnight and in the morning, floodwaters suddenly and unexpectedly came across the levy bank bordering courts 44 to 49.

The force and direction of waters caused damage to the electrical equipment servicing our pumps causing them to become

inoperable. From that time we were no longer in control of our destiny, and the incoming waters filled the basin of courts and proceeded to turn our property into a lake.

When the creek subsided, pumps were brought in to expedite the process of removing the water, however such was the volume that this work took almost a week to complete.

During the time with courts out of play, members turned their attention to alternative pursuits. Some engaged in a series of water sports with kayaks and rafts prominent, and suggestions were made that the Proshop sell bait for fishing from the banks.

With the waters removed, our grounds staff turned their attention immediately to the task of the clean up of the damaged courts. Despite the damage, they achieved a miraculous recovery and in only two weeks several of the grass and en tout cas courts were again available for member use. One

week later the balance of courts were returned to play.

This was a credit to all involved for getting the courts back in action and in such great condition, in such a short space of time.

The flood in 1934 threatened to disrupt the Australian Championships but luckily the tournament went ahead and Jack Crawford went on to defeat Fred Perry in the final. This years flood threatened the Club Championships but eventually this important event on the Kooyong calendar also went ahead.

The pictures below will give those who didn't see the Club at the time an idea of the amount of water to actually cover the courts, including the John P Young Pavilion being almost 2 metres under water.

Hopefully we don't see a repeat of this historically significant occurrence amazing as it was.



FEDERER joins elite



Classic 05
Kooyong



to win Classic title at Kooyong

World number one Roger Federer has joined greats of the game Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras as a winner of the Kooyong Classic in an impressive display against the world number two, Andy Roddick, in the final.

The serving was heavy and the ground strokes were exquisite as both players tuned their games for the Australian Open with Federer eventually taking the final 6/4 7/5 after providing the huge crowd with a highly entertaining match.



Both players were upbeat and excited about their chances at the Australian Open after fine-tuning their games on the rebound ace here at Kooyong with Federer confident but wary of the players he may face throughout the tournament.

'There is enough good players around there, pressure is there, the heat is there, the five setters are there, so there are many things you have to overcome to win a Grand Slam,' Federer said.

Roddick was also confident he had made the best of his warm up to the first Grand Slam of the year and was itching to get started at Melbourne Park.

'I thought Roger and I hit the ball pretty well today. I felt like I was playing well against

Andre the other day before he had to stop and I played a good match against Ljubicic so I feel prepared, I'm ready, I'm excited and I'm anxious for the tournament to start,' Roddick said.

Crowd favourite Andre Agassi was an exciting inclusion on the final day for the play-off for 3rd and 4th after his injury scare against Roddick two days earlier and his match against Tim Henman was tentative at first but he came back in to the match in the final two sets despite going down 6/3 6/7 7/5 to Henman.

After the match Andre Agassi was inducted as a member of The Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for his loyalty to the Kooyong Classic over the last eight years and his wonderful service to the game of tennis not only in Australia but across the world.

Andre spoke of his affection for Kooyong and his regret at having not played the Australian Open when it was held here at the Club.

The tournament went to plan on the first day with all the big guns moving through to the semi finals as Andre Agassi defeated Nicolas Massu 6/1 7/6, Roger Federer after a shaky start defeated, the 2004 French Open Champion, Gaston Gaudio 5/7 6/1 6/4, Tim Henman defeated defending Kooyong Classic Champion, David Nalbandian, 6/1 7/5 and Andy Roddick started impressively defeating Ivan Ljubicic 6/1 6/4.

Roddick was glowing in his praise of the tournaments value in the lead up to a Grand Slam saying, 'We live and die out there every week so you get a week like this and really just try to focus on doing the right things.'

Day two started with David Nalbandian playing out a marathon first set against Gaston Gaudio before putting his foot down to take the match in straight sets 6/3 6/1.

The much anticipated semi final between Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick turned to disappointment for both players as Andre suffered an injury scare during the first set and was unable to continue.

Fears were held for the champion's prospects of playing at the Australian Open if the injury proved to be significant but luckily those fears were allayed on Saturday when he took his spot in the 3rd and 4th playoff at Kooyong.

An MRI cleared Andre of muscle damage but it was still of concern going into the first Grand Slam of the year.

In the final match on day two, Nicolas Massu accounted for the big serving Croatian, Ivan Ljubicic, 6/4 6/4.

The third day saw the much anticipated showdown between Roger Federer and the one player who has caused him some trouble in the past, Tim Henman, but despite this Federer was still able to assert his authority on the match with a 6/4 6/2 win.

This setup an exciting final day for everyone involved with the number one and two players in the world to face off in the final.

In the remaining matches on day three David Nalbandian won his contest with Nicolas Massu after the Chilean was forced to retire with soreness in his right foot after winning the first set, leaving the score at 4/6 1/2, and Ivan Ljubicic rounded out his preparation for the Australian Open with a tight straight sets win over Gaston Gaudio 6/4 6/4.

The much anticipated final day was fantastic for the huge crowd that came to see many of the stars of the sport play at the former home of the Australian Open.

Roger Federer summed up the tournament's worth best when he said, 'I really got the feeling during today's match that this is actually a good place to come back to, also next year and also in the future so I would definitely consider this tournament very strongly. I hope Colin Stubs invites me back.'

We all hope Roger comes back too!!!

Kooyong News



Kooyong swimmers take on Port Phillip Bay

15 or so Kooyong members have been hard at it in the pool training for the many swim challenges in Port Phillip Bay that are organized by local lifesaving clubs. The Portsea Classic, Pier to Pub and the famous Pier to Perignon attracted a number of Kooyong members this year.

The Pier to Perignon is a 5 kilometre open water swim from Sorrento Pier to Portsea Pier with the winners given a bottle of Dom Perignon. Competitors are treated to beer, soft drink and food supplied by local businesses. This year there were 9 Kooyong "regulars" who competed. Completing the course in under 50 minutes were Peter Carew, Joe Dicks and Justin McNamara who all finished within seconds of each other just 10 minutes behind the winner. Other Kooyong members who competed were Jeremy King, Timothy Courtenay, Eleanor Mackie, David Cooper, Sarah Tallent and Murray Grant.

The squad trains all year long with their coach John Sugden on a Wednesday morning from 6 30am to 7 30 am and swim between 2 and 3 kilometres each session.

Pictured above are: John Sugden (coach), Chris Kimber, Andrew Newbold, David Cooper, Timothy Courtenay, Eleanor Mackie, Sarah Tallent, Tim Wood, Murray Grant, Richard Leggo, Justin McNamara, Peter Carew, Joe Dicks, Jeremy King

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Archives and Research Centre



This picture of Margaret Smith (Court) ten pin bowling was kindly donated to the Club recently by Frank Sedgman.

Members will be relieved to know that the February flood failed to reach our archives room located under the stadium. Before Christmas we received from Frank and Jean Sedgman three superb scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and photos recording our successful defence of the Davis Cup in Sydney in 1951.

Kooyong features prominently as it hosted the Inter-Zone Final in which the USA defeated Sweden. Other interesting items donated by the Sedgmans include Davis Cup programs and a photo of a very young Margaret Smith (Court) ten pin bowling!

Some members might have noticed a stamp issued by Australia Post in January featuring an elegant male tennis player in long pants playing a low forehand.

The stamp was part of a special edition commemorating the centenary of the Australian Open and the image came from a 1929 magazine in our archives. An accompanying booklet also contained photos from our archives of Kooyong in the 1930s and the Albert Ground.

The Club is indebted to Pam Stockley, the daughter of Nancye Bolton, for lending us items from her collection.

There are fourteen trophies on display including the trophy she won in 1938 as runner-up to Alice Marble in the final of the Womens Singles Championship of the USA.

This was the first occasion an Australian woman reached the singles final of a Grand Slam event apart from our own title.

We are grateful for donations from Moira Fulton of two racquets, an Alexander Silver Hot Shot and a Slazenger Challenge (with tennis case), and from Myrna Grettori, of a 1948 LTAV Handbook.

Norman Marshall,
Club archivist

2005 Club Championships

Despite it being one of the longest Club Championships on record due to the floods and inclement weather on subsequent weekends, the event itself has again provided evidence of the many talented juniors coming through the system here at the Club.

The Open Men's Singles event was testament to this, featuring the youngest winner for many years, as Alasdair Graetz surprised several of his more fancied and experienced opponents by winning the tournament in impressive fashion.

Alasdair defeated Paul Kleverlaan in his semi final 6/4 7/5 and looked to be in great touch going into the final while our State Grade number two, Leigh Holland, took the tough road to the final with two marathon three set matches against Yan Levinski and Jason Lee.

In the final it proved to be the fresh legs and solid play from both the baseline and net which enabled Alasdair to defeat the experienced and talented Leigh Holland in a top class display 6/4 6/2.

The past few months have seen big steps taken by this talented youngster and we hope to see this form continue as the pennant season gets underway in early May.

In the Women's Open Singles it was business as usual for the number one seed, Bianca Acquistapace, as she went about her job of defending the title she won last year.

Despite a slight speed bump in the semi final when she dropped a set to Jurate Hardy, it was always a sure bet that Bianca had her mind set on winning the title for a second consecutive time.

On the other side of the draw Karen Kleverlaan made her return to top level tennis known as she moved through the event in impressive fashion defeating Catherine Louis in the semi final 6/2 7/5.

In the final it was all one-way traffic as Bianca jumped out to a quick lead and was never

troubled after taking the front running, pulling off some fantastic passing shots to win the title 6/1 6/1.

In the Men's Open Doubles it was a second consecutive title to our State Grade number one, Lee Pearson, as he teamed with Stephen Gay to take out the event after defeating Paul Kleverlaan and Glenn Busby in the final 6/4 6/4.

In the Women's Open Doubles the number one seeds didn't have it their own way as the duo of Emily Arnott and Jessica Collins skipped out to an early lead and were never headed in either set to take the match 6/3 7/5.

The win was great news for the pair who played fantastic tennis in the final to win their first Open Doubles title at Kooyong.

In the Open Mixed Doubles it was some familiar faces contesting the final and a close match was assured as light faded on the final day of the event.

Glenn Busby teamed with Bianca Acquistapace to defeat Paul and Karen Kleverlaan 6/4 7/6 as darkness set in to end of one of the longest tournaments on record.

Congratulations to all members who participated in the 2005 Club Championships and the winners of all events can be seen on the opposite page.

Hopefully we won't suffer the dreaded rain in 2006.

From top: Bianca Acquistapace, Jason Lee, Emily Arnott, Jessica Collins and Alasdair Graetz



Club Championships Winners List 2005

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Alasdair Graetz (6/4 6/2)

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

Lee Pearson/Stephen Gay (6/4 6/4)

LADIES' OPEN SINGLES

Bianca Acquistapace (6/1 6/1)

LADIES' OPEN DOUBLES

Emily Arnott/Jessica Collins (6/3 7/5)

MEN'S 50 & OVER SINGLES

Alan Coleman (6/4 7/6)

MEN'S 50 & OVER DOUBLES

Graeme Heath/Hayden Rees (6/1 7/5)

MEN'S 60 & OVER DOUBLES

TBC

MEN'S A GRADE SINGLES

Jason Lee (6/3 6/4)

MEN'S B GRADE SINGLES

Kevin Green (6/2 6/4)

MEN'S B GRADE DOUBLES

TBC

LADIES' B GRADE SINGLES

Karina Prajoga (2/6 6/1 6/0)

LADIES' B GRADE DOUBLES

Caroline Hassan/Bridget Laird (6/3 6/2)

MEN'S C GRADE SINGLES

Andrew Gibb (6/4 6/0)

MEN'S C GRADE DOUBLES

*John Ackroyd/Michael Groves-Taylor
(3/6 7/5 6/2)*

LADIES' C GRADE SINGLES

Sue Ferguson (6/4 6/1)

LADIES' C GRADE DOUBLES

TBC

MEN'S D GRADE SINGLES

Simon Abrahams (6/2 6/1)

MEN'S D GRADE DOUBLES

TBC

LADIES' D GRADE DOUBLES

Stephanie Nelson/Karen Saunders (6/4 6/0)

MEN'S SOCIAL DOUBLES

Ian Godwin/Anton Whitehead (5/7 6/3 6/1)

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

*Glenn Busby/ Bianca Acquistapace
(6/4 7/6)*

B GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Adam Steinhardt/Caroline Hassan (6/3 6/2)

C GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Geoff Dance/Anne Kaiser (6/4 6/4)

D GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Chris Barlow/Jenny Barlow (6/3 6/3)

JUNIOR BOY'S SINGLES U/21

Kai Ulrik (6/1 6/0)

JUNIOR GIRL'S SINGLES U/21

Emily Arnott (6/3 6/0)

U/14 BOYS SINGLES

Zebe Haupt (7/5 6/0)

U/14 GIRLS SINGLES

Olivia Green (6/1 6/0)

U/14 BOYS DOUBLES

Henry Dick/Charlie Maginness (6/2 7/5)

U/16 BOYS SINGLES

TBC

U/16 GIRLS SINGLES

Sabrina Hoare (6/1 6/0)

U/16 BOYS DOUBLES

Alistair Price/Michael Dance (W/O)

U/16 GIRLS DOUBLES

Sabrina Hoare/Olivia Green (6/4 6/3)

ONE STEP CLOSER FOR ANNABEL'S GIRLS

Having come within points of State Grade glory in last season's final against Essendon, Kooyong's State Grade Women's team will be hoping to take that final step towards the ultimate win.

After entering the competition several seasons ago and finishing near the bottom of the ladder, Kooyong has made several small changes to personnel each season in search of the right mix to bring the first State Grade women's pennant back to the Club.

This year the team will have a familiar look to last season with the permanent addition of Meryl Johnston who played so well throughout last season in Grade 1 and was also inspirational in helping Kooyong nearly snatching the title when she stepped up to fill the breach for the State Grade finals.

The side again includes traveling players Olivia Lukaszewicz and Bianca Acquistapace who will play when available but will spend most of the year chasing points across the world in their battle up the WTA rankings.

Both girls will be welcome additions to the team when they are in Melbourne and will bolster an already strong line up at various times throughout the season.

Annabel Ellwood leads the team again this year and will be relied upon to play at number one for most of the season unless the two travelling players are in town which will release pressure if only for a match here and there.

Her experience will be instrumental in this young side continuing their form from the end of last season and taking the next step in their development.

The 2004 Player of the Year, Danielle Kypreos, will make the move up the line this year when she attempts to hold down

the number two position after her stellar season last year.

Still just 19 years of age, Danielle will be keen to continue this form into the 2005 season and will be attempting to push some of the best players in the competition to the limit.

Serve and volley specialist Meryl Johnston will slot in at number three for most of 2005 and, after a confidence boosting year in 2004, is sure to be a handful for any player in this competition.

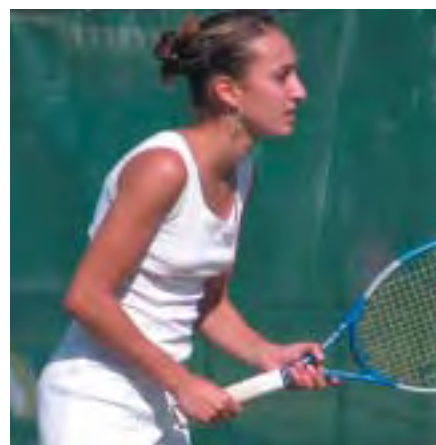
Catherine Louis will fill the number four position this year after a solid season for Kooyong last year where she was forced to play at numbers two and three for most of the year as players traveled overseas or were unavailable.

Catherine and Danielle were the rocks of the Kooyong team last season and their availability may make or break the fortunes of this team in 2005.

Two of the top four teams from last season are not playing in the competition this year so there will be plenty of interest in which teams will step up in 2005.

Expect Dendy Park and Eaglemont to be thereabouts and look out for a few surprises.

Editor's Prediction: If the core group of Ellwood, Kypreos, Johnston and Louis play the majority of matches, and with Lukaszewicz and Acquistapace chiming in for several matches, then Kooyong has plenty to look forward to this season. Expect a top two finish if this happens.



From Top: Annabel Ellwood, Catherine Louis and Bianca Acquistapace

Men hoping to make up for *missed opportunities*

After three consecutive years in the Victorian Tennis Series State Grade grand final and only one pennant win, Kooyong's Men's team will be hoping to make up for those missed opportunities this season.

With the core team returning for another shot at the title this season and the possible return of Scott Doerner and Daniel Byrnes from College at the mid point of the season, Kooyong again looks to be a contender for the State Grade pennant.

With 2004 Player of the Year, Lee Pearson, again suiting up at number one and the rock solid Leigh Holland at number two we should again prove to be a tough team to beat.

Lee Pearson's unprecedented season in one of the toughest fields for several years has him a marked man for this season and most number one's across the competition will be hoping to knock the yardstick off his perch.

Pearson, though, seems to be in his best form for several years and he is injury free which makes a huge difference at this level and he now also holds a mental edge over several of his peers going into this season.

Leigh Holland will also be a key to Kooyong's fortunes as he battles against some of the most talented youngsters coming through this competition who are all hoping to play at number one in seasons to come.

Holland's experience holds him in good stead and he is always keen to test himself against the best this competition has to offer and Kooyong will rely on his solid form again this year.

The experienced Matthew Coghlan will again lead the team towards the State Grade title and we may see a few fresh and young faces make their debut for Kooyong in the early part of the year before Doerner and Byrnes return from College duties.

One player who won't be making his debut but who will play a big role in the early part of the season is Nathan Byrnes, younger

brother of Daniel, who will fit nicely into this experienced line up and can make an immediate impact of his own.

Nathan won some tough matches when he filled in for the State Grade team last season and he now has another tough Summer of Satellite tournaments under his belt and will be keen to beat some of his more fancied opponents at this level.

Patrick Nicholls is one player who is on the rise at the national junior level and he may find himself with a role to play if he debuts early in the season for Kooyong.

With various national titles already under his belt at just fifteen years of age, Nicholls is seen as a possible star of the future and will be hoping this exposure to former and current touring players will help his development continue.

This season will be an interesting one with North Ringwood one to watch and the form of the experienced teams at MCC and RSY something to keep an eye on but Veneto has to be the favourites if their team stays together.

Expect the unexpected in this competition and Grace Park could be it if several of their younger players live up to expectation and Mark Van Elden returns home at the end of the US College season.

Editor's Prediction: Kooyong has assembled an impressive line up again this year and would be disappointed not to make the final. The team is filled with players who can win a match off their own racquet but the competition is sure to step up again. Top two would be a minimum expectation depending on player availability.



From top: Lee Pearson, Leigh Holland and Nathan Byrnes

Byrnes and Doerner dominate COLLEGE SCENE

Kooyong's State Grade stars, Daniel Byrnes and Scott Doerner, are currently enjoying highly successful seasons for their respective University teams in America.

Daniel Byrnes, having just returned to competitive tennis after elbow surgery, is currently on a seven match winning streak in singles and seems to be returning to his best form.

Scott Doerner is also in top form having taken on the number two spot in singles for Pepperdine University this season and was recently rewarded for his efforts with Player of the Month honours for the WCC Conference.

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This is quite an accomplishment for our team, especially considering we have yet to play a home match
”

Scott's rapid improvement has led the Pepperdine Waves to 14th in the national rankings and even his coach has been astonished by his rapid improvement since last season.

When Scott was back in Australia over the Christmas period he showed his rapid improvement by defeating four time

Kooyong Club Champion, Jay Salter, in the final of a tournament in Mansfield and he has continued this solid form into the College season where he has been nearly unstoppable.

Likewise, Daniel Byrnes and the Oklahoma State Cowboys have risen through the national rankings to be sitting in 10th position at this stage of the season, which is also a record high ranking for the Cowboys.

Cowboys head coach James Wadley said, "This is quite an accomplishment for our team, especially considering we have yet to play a home match".

It is believed to be the first time an Oklahoma Division I Men's tennis team has been ranked in the top ten and it is also led by another top Victorian player, Mark Van Elden, who plays at the number one position.

The Cowboys have beaten several powerhouse teams in the past few matches and came within two match points of defeating the second-ranked UCLA in the first round.

Both boys will be hoping to help their respective teams continue the climb up the national rankings and will be hoping to play a big part in the NCAA tournament later in the year.

Byrnes and Doerner will also play a big role in Kooyong's State Grade tilt this season and with their continued improvement in the College system we might just take that next step and bring home our second State Grade title after winning the pennant in 2002.

Oklahoma State's 2005 tennis team featuring Kooyong's Daniel Byrnes (back, far right)



KOORYONG'S *Pennant Profiles*



Danielle Kypros

AGE: 19

GRADE: State Grade

PLAY: Left Handed

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

2004 State Grade Player of the Year and a WTA ranking of #1030



Leigh Holland

AGE: 31

GRADE: State Grade

PLAY: Right Handed

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

Australian Junior Singles Champion & world ranked player

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Martina Hingis because she achieved so much at such a young age and for her brilliant shot making and smart play on the tennis court.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

My family and friends have been a great influence due to their never ending support.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Maria Sharapova defeating Serena Williams in the Wimbledon final.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

Because it is such a prestigious Club that has a wonderful atmosphere and fantastic facilities.

What qualities do you admire in people?

Honesty and loyalty.

If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?

I have no idea! I love playing tennis and there is nothing that I'd rather do.

What do you do outside tennis?

Most of my time is spent training or travelling to tournaments so when I'm not on court I like to go shopping, go out with friends or relax in front of the tv.

How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?

After finishing Year 12 last year I have been playing tennis full time, so about 5 hours a day, 5 to 6 days a week.

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

Last season we did well to make the final so hopefully this season we can go one better and win the pennant.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Probably late nights out!

Most admired sportsperson/why?

No one in particular, I admire all athletes that give their best and play to their highest ability.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

My parents because they ran me to all the tournaments when I was a junior.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

When Pat Cash was in his glory days beating Edberg in a Davis Cup match at Kooyong, and I was sitting right behind Centre Court that day.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

The facilities are great and it is not too far from home and the players on the team are a good bunch of guys.

What qualities do you admire in people?

Someone that doesn't take themselves too seriously.

If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?

I have had a tennis racquet in my hand since I was 5 years old so I don't really know.

What do you do outside tennis?

When I'm not working I try to relax and stay away from tennis and maybe go down to the beach or visit my parents farm.

How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?

Not enough these days because of coaching commitments but I still work out 3-4 times per week and try and get a couple of hits in when I get the chance.

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

First, of course.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Stay fit, eat well and you can't have too many late nights.

Kooyong Members making it big ON TOUR

Kooyong members Alicia Molik and Wayne Arthurs have been the talk of the international circuit over the past few months as both have risen through the international rankings with some impressive performances.

The steady improvement by Alicia over the past twelve months has been testament to her hard work and determination to compete with and beat the best players on the women's circuit and this is now paying huge dividends.

After finishing 2004 with two tournament wins in Zurich and Luxembourg, Alicia has continued her solid form in 2005 by winning in Sydney before losing a close quarter final to Lindsay Davenport at the Australian Open and making the final in Doha recently against Maria Sharapova.

Now ranked 8th in the world, Alicia has put herself on a level footing with the best female players on the tour and knows she can beat anyone when her game is on song.

Alicia will now be looking forward to getting her big serve going in time for Wimbledon where her game will be well and truly suited to the slick grass courts and if her form continues the title is definitely not out of the question.

Wayne Arthurs, at the age of 34, has become the oldest first time tour winner after defeating Mario Ancic at the International Series event in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Currently ranked 73 in the world, Wayne's win propelled him up the rankings and he will now have easier access to tournaments without having to go through qualifying.

After defeating Taylor Dent in the first round at Scottsdale in a tightly contested affair, Wayne managed to win three of the four crucial tie breakers he played on his way to the final.

In the final Wayne was able to get the important break in both sets against the number 16 player in the world and won his first ever singles title in straight sets 6/3 7/5.

Wayne also came up with an important win in the first round of the Davis Cup against Austria after he defeated Jurgen Melzer 7/6 6/2 6/4 to give the home side a near unassailable 2-1 lead on the first day.

On the second day, teaming with Todd Woodbridge, Wayne was able to help Australia into the second round of the Davis Cup after a tough five set win in the doubles 4/6 6/3 2/6 6/4 7/5.

We wish both Alicia and Wayne the best of luck as they approach the clay and grass court seasons.



Alicia Molik



Wayne Arthurs

John Edwin Harper 1914 - 2005



John (Jock) Harper, one of Australia's tennis champions from the 1940's and 50's, whose partners and opponents included the great Jack Crawford, Harry Hopman, Adrian Quist, John Bromwich and Gottfried von Cramm, died in mid January at 90 years of age.

After picking up a racquet at the age of 10, Jock was often seen 'nicking off' to the courts while attending Collingwood Tech and also when working for Myer.

Jock became involved in club tennis and then after winning the Presbyterian Young Men's Fellowship singles championship, at just 16 years of age, went on to win many singles and doubles titles in Victoria and interstate.

He also won the 1940 Australian Hardcourt doubles championship with Jack Crawford as his partner.

Jock's long association with Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club started in 1933 when he became a member, which he remained until his passing.

In 1946 he went to Europe and played on the international circuit for five years and he won many singles and doubles titles during this time.

One of his many highlights included winning both the singles and doubles titles at the British Hardcourt championships.

Jock played at Wimbledon every year between 1946 and 1950 and one of his greatest memories was recorded in a photo of him on centre court in the semi final of the 1947 men's doubles while playing with Crawford and with Queen Mary sitting in the Royal Box.

One of his many contacts through his tennis days included King Gustav of Sweden and he enjoyed many friendships through his enjoyment of the sport across the world.

Jock Harper will be remembered by many at Kooyong not only for his contribution to both the game of tennis and the Club over many years but his brother, Bob, also chaired Kooyong's Grounds' Committee for a number of years.

The Club would like to pass on our condolences to Jock's family.

KYUSHU TENNIS CLUB members visit Kooyong

On Tuesday January 25th, our Club was privileged to receive several members from our sister club in Japan, namely the Kyushu Lawn Tennis Club in Saga, a city on the southern island of Kyushu.

The group was led by Dr Shu Ogata, who is a son of the founder of the Kyushu Tennis Club, the well known Dr Masanori Ogata.

Dr Shu brought along his own son, Muneaki by name, plus a married couple Dr Ryo and Dr Yoko Fukami with two of their three daughters, Chihiro and Mo-e.

In addition, another married couple, also members of the Kyushu Club but currently living in Melbourne on a years study leave, Dr Kei Fukami, a nephew of Dr Ryo with his wife Ako and their young son, Shu, completed the group of nine Japanese visitors.

The afternoon was particularly hot, reaching 35 degrees, and there were only a few others braving the conditions.

In comparison with the grass courts of Kyushu, the courts at Kooyong are harder and hence the balls bounce higher, enhanced by their dryness on the day.

During the afternoon the group was joined by Terry Fraser, KLTC President from 1990-2000 and known by Dr Shu Ogata.

Later on another Kooyong member, Mr Doug Derham, came over to play.

Both Doug and I were partnered by two Kyushu Club members in some enjoyable international games of doubles.

The visit was completed by a return to the Clubhouse where we were hosted by the Club's CEO, Mr Chris Brown.

This year is an important one for the Kyushu Club as it represents its 30th anniversary. Ten years ago at the 20th anniversary celebrations in Japan, former President Mr Joe Devereux conveyed congratulations from Kooyong.

Jim Richardson, Kooyong Member



junior tennis round-up

The current season of junior competition sees the Club fielding 25 teams across both Saturday and Sunday in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association.

Most of our teams are performing well at the half way mark of the season with most in finals contention and several sitting on top of their respective ladders.

On Sunday David Wilson's Section 1 team are sitting just outside the top four while Morgan Cottee's team is firmly entrenched in third spot in Section 2 and will be hoping to move past Grace Park and Hurlingham Park as the season progresses.

Alex Musgrove's Section 3 team are currently in sixth spot on the ladder but are only six points shy of the top four and Damian Terbiler's Section 5 team are in fifth place and knocking on the door of the top four.

In Section 6 Tom Eldredge's team is just three points shy of the top four and sitting in sixth place while Oliver O'Callaghan's Section 7 team are safely in third spot on the ladder.

Sophie Eason's Section 8 team started the season slowly but are now in fifth position on the ladder and only two points behind fourth spot.

In Section 9 Kooyong is fielding two teams and both are in the top four with Adam Harris' team on top of the ladder and Richard Mason's team in fourth spot.

In Section 12 Ben Clark's team is in fifth spot and only six points outside the top four while in Section 13 both of Kooyong's teams occupy the top two spots on the ladder with Will Boyd's team and Will Sommer's team both looking good at this stage of the season.

In Section 17 Andrew Moore's team of youngsters, most in their first season at the Club, find themselves in fourth place on the ladder, which is a great effort.

The Saturday ladders were unavailable at this stage of the season but most of our seven teams have been recording some solid results.

Kooyong has one team in Section 1, two teams in Section 2, two teams in Section 3 and one team in Section 4 on Saturdays.

Kooyong's teams have continued to develop over the past few seasons and there are now many youngsters pushing through the junior ranks and starting to make their mark in senior tennis at the Club.

We hope this development continues as our junior program continues to go from strength to strength.

Good luck to all our teams for the finals in June.



the KOOYONG PRO SHOP

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MIDWEEK LADIES COMPETITION

In Tuesday's MEMRLTA competition Fleur Cameron's team of Trish Strahan, Sarah Walter, Diane John, Margaret Smith, Barbara Coleman & Jan Cathcart has been on a roll in the last couple of seasons. Her team won the grand final in A8 section in the March to August 2004 season.

Their reward was being upgraded to A7 for the next season August 2004 to March 2005 and reaching a semi final again - only to have to give a walk-over due to injury to one of her four available players. The only compensating factor from having to hand-over a grand-final berth to an opposing team is that the team was upgraded again to A6 for the current season.

Other successful teams in the March to August 2004 season, was Cathy Klemen's team, winning the grand final of the B6 section and Kirsty Gregory's A6 team just missing out on a flag in her section's grand final. They were rewarded, however, by being upgraded to A5.

Six teams competed in the last season - August 2004 to March 2005, but we had no flag winners.

Six teams have again entered the current season from March to August 2005.

In the Bayside Competition, from July to December 2004, we fielded teams on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

Andrea Evans' team of Nancy Bassett, Lynette Williams, Sue Ferguson, Jan Macleod, Wendy Johnson and Susie Anderson, were successful from the Thursday teams in section 6 to take out a premiership. Congratulations!

Well done to everyone who competed in all of our teams.

In the current season, February to June, two teams have entered for Wednesdays and seven for Thursdays, so we feel that ladies midweek competition tennis is in a healthy state at the Club.

Kooyong International Tennis Academy

It has been really rewarding to see so many of our members achieving great results on the tennis courts from our juniors to ladies to full time players. This year we are looking for big things from Bianca Acquistapace now ranked 680 WTA and Danielle Kypreos ranked 1000 WTA who will begin their overseas travel and keep gaining valuable experience. We have had Andrew Whittington as seen in the Foundation report do exceptionally well in America and achieve some really fantastic results with a great support from the foundation and like-wise Branimir Bozic who will be doing as much overseas travel to gain invaluable experience. Congratulations to both Bianca and Alasdair Graetz who won the Club Championships a great effort from both of you.

Kooyong at the moment has a wealth of talent with even some great 8 year olds coming through with amazing potential and with all these players it is going to be up to their hearts and their mind how far they want to go. Talent alone will not do it, talent, hard work and the will to keep wanting to improve and stay focused during the hard times is what is needed. A great opportunity awaits any of these players who decide that they want a career in tennis.

At another level our ladies program on a Monday morning is going really well with over 30 ladies participating in our 2hour program. It is great to see them working as hard as they do and show the improvement that has taken place. We have also begun a Wednesday ladies program for anyone who can't make Mondays.

Any of the coaches can be booked, not just for lessons, but also in our program 'Come play with a coach' which may be 3 people wanting to improve their doubles skills, people who have been playing together for years and would like to have a new face or someone to make them work a little harder on their game. Maybe you just want to play with someone who is going to hit a lot of balls back to you and make you work a little harder? Maybe you haven't played for a while and just want a refresher?

Our aim is to meet the needs of all members so please call Glenn Busby or Wayne Broom in the office. No matter what age or ability we can assist your game. Term 2 will again see the introduction of a new supervised competition on a Friday from 4:00 - 6:00pm. This will be for juniors who have either not yet started competition, just started, or don't get the chance to play on the weekend. This will be for all members whether being coached or not, the requirement is that you are up to serving the ball into the court and beginning to rally. We will cater for different levels of abilities and standards. If you are interested we will be taking expressions of interest from July onwards and will keep you informed.

Lastly, coaches can also be booked for party programs that can be conducted on the Centre Court on weekends. Give us a call and we can see how we can assist you.

If there is anything else we can assist you with please contact the Kooyong International Tennis Academy office via our reception on 98246860. Copies of all our programs will be found on the Kooyong web site during this coming term.

Remember, "You are today where your thoughts and attitude have brought you. You will be tomorrow where your thoughts and attitude take you".



Head Coach: Glenn Busby

Club Round-Up



The Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



The Auxiliary commenced 2005 with our first committee meeting at the home of our past President, Carmel Quinn, in Toorak.

Carmel enjoyed a very successful term as our President and I wish to thank her, on behalf of the committee, for her great leadership over the past two years. Well done Carmel.

To open the meeting I was very pleased to extend a warm welcome to a new member on our committee, Pam Hoyle, and I hope she will enjoy working with us.

The tennis day on the grass courts was our first function for the year, and although our numbers were slightly down on last year, with good weather, a great lunch, excellent raffle prizes and the great organising skills of Edna and her helpers we enjoyed hosting another successful day.

Other functions to follow in the first half of the year are:

FIRST CARD DAY
- 18th April

WIMBLEDON DINNER
- 2nd July (Ladies Final Day)

SECOND CARD DAY
- 22nd August

SPRING LUNCHEON
- 26th September

So please make a note of these dates in your diary so to help us raise funds to assist the great work the Royal Children's Hospital does for our sick children here in Victoria.

Marie Devereux, President

SQUASH report

The 2004 spring season was our best for many years with 5 premierships and the A1 team winning back to back pennants, the 1st time in 49 years.

We have entered 18 teams for autumn pennant a record for our club, including our first ever Ladies' State Grade team.

We have been fortunate to have Sara Cardwell and Kirstie Pickerd, both up and coming juniors, join Annabel Ellwood, Larnie Morrison, Irene Taylor, & Di Coles to enable this grading.

In the current autumn competition we have entered a record 18 teams and with the season half completed 12 teams should play in finals.

New Kooyong players Peter Goodin (ex State 1) Robert Templeton (top ranked U/15 junior), and Sara Fitz-Gerald (World Open Champion) are outstanding recruits for our club thanks to our Professional Mark Ikin.

The junior coaching clinic run by Mark on Saturday mornings is interested in challenging our senior players to a match, anyone interested it's on at 10 AM each Saturday.

Two examples of the fighting spirit our Kooyong players have: Jay Salter in a recent match against Mulgrave playing last and having to win for Kooyong to win the match was down 2 love and 6/8 but won the 3rd 10-8. Jay could only afford to now concede

5 points, he won the 4th 9 love, was 3 all in the fifth but dug deep to win 9/3 allowing Kooyong to win the night by 2 points!

Ben Armstrong elevated to A1 from A3 and playing former Australian Champion Warren Miller got struck with the racket breaking his left arm but with his arm in plaster Ben played the next night at Bentleigh losing 9/7 in the fifth.

Kooyong's A1 squash team went back to back after winning another pennant last season



Creche News

Have you heard what's going on at KLTC Creche??

The Kooyong Creche continues to support members with pre school children enabling them to enjoy the facilities of the Club. The Creche, located under the stadium, is staffed by the wonderful Steffi, Wendy and Giovanna. Sessions are Monday to Friday 9.15a.m. to 12 noon and are regularly fully booked. Creche closes during school and public holidays.

The Creche is managed by the Club and supported by a Committee which primarily undertakes social and fundraising activities. Revenue raised is used to purchase additional handcraft supplies, equipment and toys, enabling the children to be stimulated and active in play.

Social functions and fundraising on the 2005 calendar include:

Easter Chocolate drive

Creche Mothers' Lunch early May
- date to be announced

* **Night at the Movies preceded with drinks at the cinema** - date to be announced

* **Ladies Tennis Nights with champagne and dinner** - date to be announced

* **Children's Christmas Party in the Kooyong Room early December 2005**

** These functions are open to all members and their guests.*

Extended Creche hours are now being offered, creating a great opportunity to lunch with friends or utilise facilities in the early afternoon when it is less busy. For these dates and all other Creche related information, please contact Heather in the Pro Shop.

Creche parents are encouraged and very welcome to join the Creche Committee as office bearers or general members. A vacancy currently exists. Interest can be expressed to Heather, Pro Shop.

On behalf of the Creche Committee, I would like to thank Steffi, Wendy and Giovanna together with Steve, Gary and Heather on their outstanding efforts to resurrect the Creche after the floods in February. The Creche was out of action for such a short period as a result of their hard work.

Caroline Redman, Vice President

BRIDGE BITS

Our Bridge Club is facing a very busy and interesting 2005. The full Schedule is posted on our website and on the Club Noticeboard with a major event every month.

In March we held our first Visitors Night for this year with 80 players and a superb supper afterwards. In April we play Eastern Golf Club then in May it will be the Teams match against Royal South Yarra Tennis Club.

On 17th April we are staging our very first Congress in the format of Swiss Pairs, which will run all Sunday with a gourmet sit-down luncheon. Andrew Mill will direct and we have placed a limit of 100 players. It is a Red Point Event.

Please see Flyer on the Noticeboard.

Good news for our members: the table fees have been reduced to \$5.00.

After Easter we hope to have fortnightly daytime social bridge on Wednesdays so please enquire if you are interested.



The standards at our Club are rising with the promotion to *National Master of Penny Purbrick and to Life Master of Leeron Branicki.

Our excellent Director is Cathie Lachman.

Come and join us, it is fun, we play at all levels and we warmly welcome new members.

Leeron Branicki, Convenor

26-40ish members social group

Dear Members,

The 26-40ish Group has kicked off the year with the bar nights the last Friday of every month.

We have had a great response and we hope to continue throughout the year.

The bar nights commence at 6pm, with two happy hours and a number of food platters on offer throughout the evening.

The 26-40ish Members hosted a social Tennis Round Robin & BBQ on **Sunday, 20th March 2005**. The round robin started at 10am followed by drinks and a BBQ on the balcony overlooking the grass courts. All standards were catered for and many members invited friends to enjoy the famous Kooyong grass courts.

Thanks to all the members and guests who joined us for the **Social Round Robin**. A great day was had by all, with great weather, lots of tennis and many laughs. As the response to this day was very positive, with over 60 people taking part, we look forward to hosting another Social Day later this year!!!

As per last year we are going to host another annual event, this time 'The Wimbledon Ball'. The sit down dinner will be held on Saturday 25th June in the Kooyong Room, with proceeds going to charity.

For those that came to the Olympic Party in 2004, we have again secured the fantastic DJ- so bring along your dancing shoes! Please check the notice board for further details.

We look forward to seeing you at our future events in 2005!

For further information please refer to the website and notice boards around Kooyong.

Kindest regards,

Charlotte Moffatt, President

Club Round-Up

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER NEWS

DOUBLE DUTCH

Kooyong's Steve Mifsud fell just short in his quest to add a second IBSF World Snooker Championship to his trophy cabinet when he finished runner-up to 18-year-old Northern Ireland wunderkind Mark Allen at the IBSF championships in Velthoven, Holland, late last year.

Steve really hit his straps in the knockout section of the tournament, sweeping through his section of the tournament by beating Iceland's Brynjar Valdimarsson 5-3, Pankaj Advani of India 6-3, and Habib Subah (Bahrain) 6-4 to reach the final.

A 135 clearance in the first frame of the final, followed by a 124 in the ninth frame, showed the elite standard of Steve's play, but unfortunately this was not enough to withstand the onslaught launched by Allen, who ran

away with the match 11-6 to claim the most significant title of his short career.

In the IBSF World Women's Snooker Championship held at the same time and venue, Kooyong's Tammy Cantoni recorded her best ever result on the world scene by reaching the quarter-final before losing to eventual runner-up Wendy Jans (Belgium) 4-0.

Tammy, who is the reigning Australian Champion in Snooker, 8-ball, and 9-ball, reached the quarters by defeating Norway's Anita Rizzuti 3-0.

Steve is now living in Cambridge, attempting to establish himself on the lucrative UK tour, while Tammy is back in Melbourne combining a hectic schedule of work, singing, dancing, and snooker.

Kooyong congratulates Steve and Tammy on their excellent performances and wishes them all the best for their future careers.



wine & food society

As usual the early part of the year is taken up with activities arranged by the Federation of Wine and Food Societies of Australia and the Melbourne Wine and Food Festival, which always produces an excellent range of activities.

This year the Federation's Victor Gibson weekend was held in Victoria with the feature dinner at All Saints Winery.

As our Society is affiliated with the Federation, our members were entitled to attend the dinner and related activities.

The dinner our Society held at Bacash Restaurant in South Yarra was acclaimed an outstanding success, which in some ways was surprising.

Who would consider featuring an eye fillet main course at a restaurant renowned for its seafood? I did just that. My reason?

At our Winemaker's dinner we had served an excellent fish main course but I feared to repeat the exercise would cause severe withdrawal symptoms in our many red wine lovers.

So after much consultation with the chef, the menu was developed which showed the restaurant's signature entrée of Tartare of Yellow Fin Tuna.

This was followed by a grainfed eye fillet and an unbelievably light Bombe Alaska with a passionfruit coulis to die for.

The eye fillet was acclaimed for its pink perfection, which probably goes to show that a good chef can handle any ingredient - just look at the Iron Chef!

Our next function will be a vineyard tour of the Mornington Peninsula on Sunday April 10th and we will lunch at the well regarded Montalto Vineyard restaurant and following this, on May 18th, we will be holding a dinner in Melbourne.

Members will receive notice of booking arrangements for these functions and we are happy to, at anytime, to receive suggestions of possible venues for the future.

We look forward to seeing you on the vineyard tour.

Pamela Middleton, Bacchus

menu

ON ARRIVAL

*2000 Red Hill Estate Blanc do Noir
Mornington Peninsula, Victoria*

ENTRÉE

Tartare of Yellow Fin Tuna
Raw Yellow Fin Tuna diced fine and dressed with preserved lemon and anchovy, served with fig and olive tapenade

*2003 Nillahcootie Estate Chardonnay
Central Victorian High Country*

*2004 Clonakilla Semillon Sauvignon Blanc
Canberra District*

MAIN

Grainfed Eye Fillet
Grilled Eye Fillet served medium rare on Mediterranean vegetables with a red wine veal jus

*2002 Shadowfax Shiraz
McLaren Vale, South Australia*

*2002 Arlewood Cabernet Merlot
Margaret River, Western Australia*

DESSERT

Passionfruit Bombe Alaska
Layers of passionfruit ice cream and sponge smothered with Italian meringue, baked and served with passionfruit coulis

*2004 Wellington Iced Riesling
Southern Tasmania*



Top: Peter Nolan, Diedre Nolan and Joe Devereux Bottom: Ewen Cameron, Pamela Middleton and Graham Menzies

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club - Health Club News

On behalf of the Peak Physique team I wish to welcome back all members for another exciting and challenging year. In 2005, we aim to continue bringing members a wide range of healthy living programs of the highest quality, suitable for all ages, fitness levels and goals.

AEROBICS

More and more members are discovering the many benefits of our diverse and innovative aerobics classes. According to Siobhan Anderson, a regular at Juliette Lewis' Monday Fit-ball based class for two years, this class ideally complements her regime of tennis and running, giving her core stability and improved posture. 'After every class you walk out feeling taller and stronger,' says Siobhan.

Juliette's class follows rigorous physiotherapeutic guidelines, and some of her regulars are physiotherapists. Siobhan also occasionally attends the Friday class, which "has a very different orientation, greater emphasis on movement, coordination and dance."

AQUA AEROBICS

Aqua aerobics at KLTC has been tremendously popular over the last three years. Angela Morgan is one member who has enjoyed Lesley's classes from the very beginning. Angela's involvement in aqua aerobics has also led onto other fitness interests, including regular gym use.

Angela does aqua aerobics 'because it improves circulation, builds up bone density, is very low-impact and allows you to work at your own level'. She says she has enjoyed the opportunity to be part of Lesley's class, not only because of the exercise, but also because of the great friends she has made and because it has allowed her to return to playing tennis.

Unfortunately, due to illness, Lesley is on leave. On behalf of her devoted students, and everyone at KLTC, Angela wishes Lesley

a speedy recovery. In Lesley's absence, two new instructors will take the reins, continuing the Wednesday class and offering an additional Friday 9:30 class, in response to popular demand.

PILATES & POWERBAR

Pilates has become an essential part of life for many members, including Jan Hart, who has attended Margaret's class weekly for eighteen months. Jan began Pilates to address a serious back problem, and 'it has made a world of difference'. By giving her greater flexibility, core strength and postural correction, Pilates has significantly improved Jan's quality of life.

The changes are most noticeable in performing everyday tasks, previously the cause of much difficulty and discomfort. Jan also participates in the PowerBar class because it 'preserves strength and bone density, which is crucial for anyone getting older'.

YOGA UNDER WATER

We recently spoke to Andrew Dalziel, long time yoga enthusiast at Kooyong Tennis Club, about yoga.

'Wednesday is my night for yoga, an hour of physical stretching and mental relaxation. It has become a regular part of my week and an hour that I put aside purely for my personal growth. Over the 4 years that I have been attending classes, I have noticed an increase in my energy levels and flexibility, more focussed concentration and a greater sense of ease.'

'On the 9th of February, it seemed that the heavens had a change of plan for myself and fellow yoga students. The room, which is normally a calm haven for mind and body became a wading pool but in true yoga spirit we maintained calm and flexibility and moved to the Kooyong Room. In the last month, our old yoga room has been transformed - repainted, recarpeted and even the walls have been mirrored! Thank heaven for the rain!'

MASSAGE

Good news from our masseur Eva Yianni: Part payments for massage are now rebateable from a range of Private Health Insurance Funds for those members with extras included on their policy. For bookings and enquiries please call the Pro-Shop.

GYMNASIUM

It was wonderful to see many new faces joining the regular gym users in 2004, and we hope to see many more this year. Some members have inquired whether there are additional costs for gym usage. The use of gym facilities is absolutely free.

The only suggested requirement is that prior to using the gym members get a health appraisal and program demonstration, which ensure safe and productive workouts. We also encourage members to have ongoing re-appraisals approximately every three months to assess progress and make any necessary program adjustments.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Because no two people are identical, no two exercise programs should be identical. Our trainers recognize the different body types, sporting and medical backgrounds, and aims of every individual, and tailor the program to their specific needs.

The individuality and flexibility of personal training ensure that every workout delivers maximum benefit. Personal training also adds accountability, a strong motivational force. As Peter Nisbet, who has consistently used a trainer for two years says, "personal training gives me a much better quality of workout, it keeps me motivated to keep up my training."

There is a common misconception that only people needing to lose weight use personal trainers. However, weight loss is only one of many goals that personal trainers help clients achieve. Others include postural correction, injury rehabilitation, and stress management.

Above all, personal training is about the transference of knowledge, motivation and positive energy from trainer to client, which helps clients to excel in all areas of life. All personal training and other Health Club enquiries should be made to Michael Kull (Health Facility Manager) on 0419 003 762.

Diary Dates

April 2005

Wine & Food Society Vineyard Tour	10th
Royal Children's Hospital Card Day	18th
President's Lunch featuring Neale Danaher <i>\$65 per person or \$600 for a table of ten</i>	20th

May 2005

Mother's Day Lunch <i>\$45 per adult \$20 per child 15 years and under</i>	8th
The Champions' Dinner <i>Featuring Olympic gold medallist Louise Dobson</i>	20th

June 2005

Social Committee Wine & Food Tasting evening <i>See noticeboards for details to follow</i>	3rd
RCH Winter Luncheon	20th
26-40ish Social Group Wimbledon Ball	25th

July 2005

RCH Wimbledon Dinner	2nd
50 Year Members' Cocktail Party	18th
President's Luncheon featuring Mr. Justice John Winneke <i>\$65 per person or \$600 for a table of ten</i>	20th

Bayside Summer Competition

The Club entered six teams in three different sections of the competition - one mixed doubles, two ladies rubbers doubles and three men's rubbers doubles.

Bill Dubsky's Men's Rubbers team of Michael Bolger, Tony Graham, Greg Seers, Grant Harvey, James Or and Steve Allan, were the only ones to bring home a grand final trophy in section 4.

The team also won the Jack Butterworth Memorial Trophy for the highest aggregate points across all sections of the Bayside Competition for the season.

The team went through the season without losing a rubber or match and is the first Kooyong men's team to win the trophy since it was first presented 51 years ago.

The trophy is now on show at the Club where it will be on display for the next six months.

Congratulations to all involved!

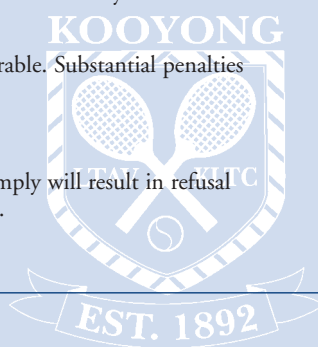
From left: Bill Dubsky (capt), Grant Harvey, Tony Graham and Michael Bolger



Rules Reminder

Due to recent problems we remind members of club rules;

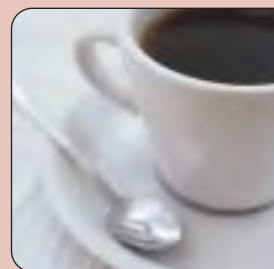
- Membership cards should be carried at all times as your member identification.
- Access to secured areas including the gymnasium, pool and recently secured car parks is by membership card only.
- Under no circumstances are membership cards transferable. Substantial penalties apply for breaches of this rule.
- The club's dress code applies at all times at Kooyong.
- Men are required to wear collared shirts. Failure to comply will result in refusal of service in the clubhouse or removal from the courts.



Don't forget to book early for

Mother's Day

*Spoil mum with a scrumptious
buffet lunch in the Kooyong Room*



- * Sunday 8th May, 12 midday - 3pm
- * \$45 per adult, \$20 per child 15 years and under
- * Gourmet Buffet
- * Drinks at Bar Prices
- * Complimentary champagne on arrival for all mothers

Booking forms are available at reception

KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB

...the perfect place for your next function

Kooyong's function facilities will provide you with the ideal setting for your 2005 function.

Contact one of our friendly function co-ordinators who will ensure your next event is a memorable one.

