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**Frank
Sedgman**
*receives Queen's
Birthday Honours*





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50 Year Members Inducted

The Club recently celebrated the induction of its new 50 Year Members in what was a special day for the 20 inductees and their guests.



The event, held in late July, was a great way to recognise the many achievements of the inductees throughout their time at Kooyong.

The MC for the lunch was Brett Phillips who chatted with inductees about highlights and memories of their time at the Club both on and off the court.

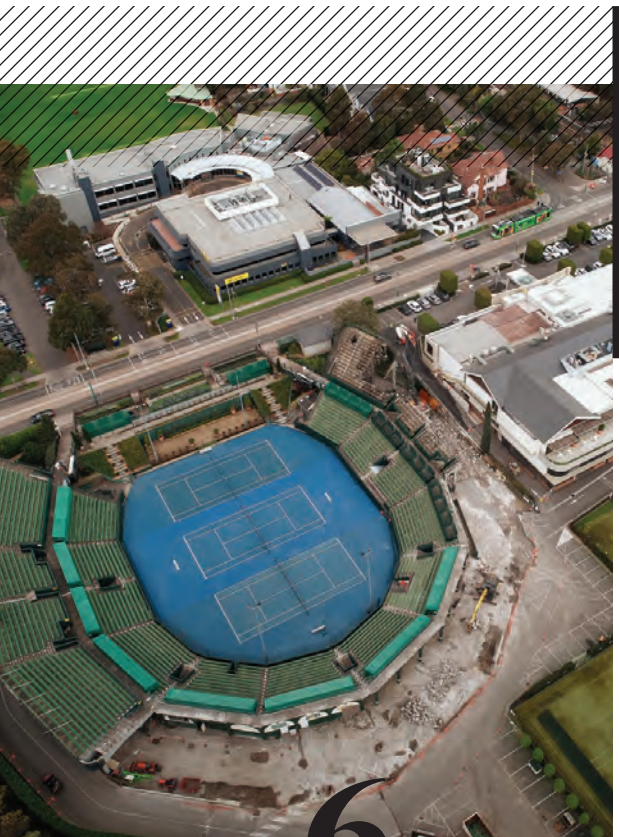
Kooyong Foundation scholarship holders Corey Clarke and Amy Stevens were also interviewed by Phillips and expressed their thanks to the Foundation for their continued support. Clarke explained that he has recently accepted a scholarship to the University of Arkansas where he will continue his education and tennis beginning in August while Stevens spoke of a recent tour of Europe where she gained experience playing several Junior ITF tournaments.

Congratulations to the new 50 Year Member inductees, and we wish them many more years of enjoyment at the Club to come! ■

▲ Our 2019 50 Year Member Inductees

50 YEAR MEMBER INDUCTEES

Michael Berry, Kenneth Bowes, John Christensen, David Diamond, Adrienne Draeger, Graeme Goudie, Richard Grogan, Brian Hawdon, Graeme Heath, John Keenan, Alan Kozica, Ian Mason, Russell Middleton, Anne Millership, Terry Pacini, Fiona Quinn, Paul Roberts, Robert Sedman, John Silver, Darryl Twitt.



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Kooyong – Beyond 2020

Following an overwhelmingly positive ballot vote, initial demolition work commences.



“the ballot showed strong support by Members with 93% voting in favour”

Peter Carew, President

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Champions' Dinner 2019

The Club's sporting highlights for the year are celebrated.

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Billiards & Snooker

Highlights from the 2018 Club Championships.

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CEO'S REPORT**Anyone visiting Kooyong would be noticing**

substantial changes taking place. The Member ballot to approve Kooyong – Beyond 2020 has led to the commencement of the exciting next stage of our Club's masterplan.

The demolition is well advanced with the removal of some upper sections of our stadium. That work has provided a snapshot of what is to come revealing the areas of the original structure which will be a feature when future work extends the clubhouse and connects the two buildings.

With the demolition work close to completion, areas surrounding the stadium are being prepared for use for the time up to commencement of the major work to follow with construction of the car park and clubhouse extensions.

Members will be updated over the months ahead of the progress of the detailed design and appointment of the builder for the work to follow.

While this work continues, elsewhere our staff are busy with their winter maintenance program to prepare our grass courts for a return to play later in the year. Following the successful trial of turf last year, the Club has committed to replace baselines where needed with the Tiff-Tuff product which worked extremely well over the last year.

Over recent months we've enjoyed a number of Member events including the opportunity to celebrate winners of all club areas of competition at our Champions' Dinner and we congratulate everyone on their successes. We also welcomed the new intake of 50-Year members who celebrated their many years of club life at our annual lunch.

Outlined in this edition are the recent achievements of many of our young Members on the world stage. It is wonderful to see our players achieving these results, which in many cases are the result of the support from the Kooyong Foundation as a result of generosity of donors.

There is much to look forward to with club life looking ahead and Members will see many opportunities to enjoy upcoming events at Kooyong which are outlined in the pages of Courtside which follow.



Chris Brown, CEO

Since the last Courtside much has happened at Kooyong. All Members were sent the Kooyong - Beyond 2020 information and ballot papers and many attended the information night to speak with our architect, Board members and CEO about the proposed work. Over the weeks leading up to the ballot, many also took the opportunity to discuss the project with Board members and our CEO to better understand the many aspects of the project.

The subsequent count of the ballot showed strong support by Members with 93% voting in favour of the work. I want to thank Members for your overwhelming support of the plan that will deliver significantly more car parking and new and improved facilities for Members to enjoy.

Since the vote closed the initial work to remove sections of the stadium has commenced. Demolition of those parts of the stadium added in the 50's and 60's has revealed the beauty of the stadium as it was in the 1930's and we will now resurface the parking areas around the stadium and take advantage of the extra space until the next stage commences.

Our building working group has been progressing detailed design of future works and has identified preferable ways to deliver the stages to follow. Having considered the scope of work, cost efficiencies and impact on Members, the Board have determined to delay the commencement of construction until early next year to progress the car park and extended clubhouse facilities as one project. We anticipate some economies will be achieved and the construction time reduced as a result and there will be less inconvenience to Members across the time of construction with work likely completed by the same date.

On the competitive tennis level, Kooyong Foundation scholarship player Cooper White represented Australia as a representative in the junior Davis Cup and was undefeated in singles, helping Australia to qualify for the World Finals in Europe in September. We also congratulate John Peers who won his 20th ATP title in Stuttgart Germany.

The Champions Dinner was a great success celebrating our best in tennis, squash, bridge, snooker & billiards. Congratulations to all winners across each grade of competition and Belinda Woolcock and Andrew Whittington on their first singles titles at Kooyong.

The 50-Year Members' lunch was a great success inducting 20 new 50 Year Members taking the number to nearly 300 the group that have cherished their membership for in excess of 50 years.

It was pleasing to see two Kooyong Members recognised in the Queens Birthday Honours for services to tennis. On behalf of our Club I would like to congratulate Frank Sedgman and Don Tregonning on their well-deserved honours.

Finally, thank you for your patience as we work through the building and construction. We will continue to provide Member updates as plans progress. The short-term disruption will be managed to minimise adverse impact and we look forward to delivering the significant benefits over the coming days.



Peter Carew, President

Website and app launch

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club website and app.



A major change is the merger of the public and *myKooyong* sites to provide Members complete access to all areas of the website and better connection to the Club.

In addition, the introduction of the app will provide direct access via mobile devices.

The new website will help improve your online member experience and includes intuitive features and an easy to use design.

You can access the new website the same as always at www.kooyong.com.au

In an effort to make your user experience as simple as possible, we have redesigned the navigation so you can easily find what you are looking for.

The Member only areas provide a wealth of information and resources for you to better access the Club and its services including:

- News
- Functions and events
- Bookings for tennis, squash and dining
- Sport and social information
- Club contact details
- Your profile and interests

Our new website has a 'responsive' design which means that you can use any device (desktop computer, laptop,

tablet, or smartphone) and be able to view and access all the same content and images. The website will recognize what device you are using and automatically resize and sort the page content to fit your viewing space.

Please contact the Club if you experience any difficulties or require assistance. ■

MEMBER LOGIN

Member only access is available via the MEMBER LOGIN located at the top right of the main site home page.

To login to the website the first time and prior to setting up the app, open the website in your browser:

- ▶ Please enter your Member number.
- ▶ Enter your birthday as the initial password. (e.g. 15th April will be 1504)
- ▶ When you login for the first time, you will be prompted to create your own password and set up a security question.



Kooyong - Beyond 2020

Following the presentation to Members of the Kooyong - Beyond 2020 and the subsequent ballot in May 2019, the Club revealed it received overwhelming support in favour of the proposed development.

“I am delighted to announce that 93% of the 1,899 votes received via the ballot supported the Club proceeding with Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Kooyong - Beyond 2020 Masterplan” President Peter Carew commented.

“On behalf of the Board, we thank you for your support of the masterplan which is designed to keep Kooyong as the foremost tennis, sporting, lifestyle and social club in Australia and one of the great clubs of the world”.

Following Members approving the ballot, the Club engaged City Circle to commence the initial demolition work to remove the eight nominated sections of the stadium on the western and southern sides.

City Circle has a strong regard for the environment and places considerable emphasis on introducing sustainable practices into demolition activities. Much of the concrete,



steel, bricks and timber removed from site has been taken to their plant to produce recycled products.

Early demolition work provided a snapshot of the benefits of opening up areas that were previously compromised by structures supporting the upper levels, and with the stands above removed, nearby grass courts are coming out of shadow and receiving direct sunlight much earlier each day.

The Club's building working group has moved ahead also with the work to complete the necessary detailed design for future works to be tendered for the appointment of a builder. That has provided the opportunity to assess options and identify preferable ways to deliver the work to follow.

The working group has determined cost savings can be achieved by commencing work from the beginning of 2020, rather than running it as two projects as had been

previously considered. It is anticipated the construction period will be reduced as a result, but work would likely still be completed by the same time. It is also considered there will be less inconvenience to Members across the time of construction.

Having taken into account the pros and cons of the options including impact on Members, the Board has decided to continue with design work to tender the car park and extended clubhouse facilities as one project for start of construction from early 2020.

Members will be regularly updated about the progress and informed of any changes that may restrict parking or road access during demolition or construction, but every endeavour will be made to minimise the adverse impact where possible during these periods. ■

CHAMPIONS' DINNER



THE NIGHT OF NIGHTS

The Club's sporting highlights for the year were celebrated at the 2019 Champions' Dinner in May.



PHOTO: PETER CASAMIENTO

CHAMPIONS' DINNER



◀ U/12 Boy's Singles Champion, Ned Getton-Watson.

Opposite

- 1 C Grade Men's Singles Champion, Steven McInnes.
- 2 U/21 Girl's Singles Champion, Eloise Swarbrick.
- 3 A Grade Men's Doubles Champions, Jack Bruce-Smith and Sam Park.
- 4 B Grade Singles Champions, Joel Fredman and Sienna Opray.
- 5 Aidan Vaughan, Thomas Pavlekovich-Smith and James O'Sullivan were part of the Best Performed Pennant Team.
- 6 B Grade Ladies Doubles Champions, Caroline Venn and Leanne Scott.
- 7 Open Men's Squash Champion, Cameron White.
- 8 D Grade Men's Singles Champion, Ed Daniell.
- 9 50+ Men's Doubles Champions, Peter Wilson and Peter Gard.
- 10 U/12 Girl's Singles Champion, Sophia Brooks-Gay.
- 11 Junior Boy's Squash Champion, Dylan Molinaro.
- 12 Penny Purbrick Trophy winner, James Tulloch.

▲ D Grade Ladies Singles Champion, Lucette Horskins.

◀ Top Open Singles Champion Andrew Whittington with MC Darren James.

Left Guest performer Claire Lyon.



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Darren James returned as MC for the event and once again did a great job of interviewing the many trophy winners.

The night was well supported by each of the tennis, squash, billiards, snooker and bridge groups, and it was great to see family and friends in attendance to support the winners.

Andrew Whittington proudly accepted his first Open Singles Club Championship trophy. Andrew expressed his appreciation towards the Club and the Kooyong Foundation for their support over his tennis journey.

Ladies Open Champion Belinda Woolcock was unable to attend on the night due to tournament commitments overseas but was represented by her mother Jane and several other family members, who proudly accepted the trophy on her behalf.

It was also a big night for Peter Gard who accepted trophies for three Club Championship events- Peter won the Men's 50+ Doubles with Peter Wilson, the 100+ Mixed Doubles with Loretta Sheales, and the B Grade Mixed Doubles with Rosemary Everett.

Cam White collected the Open Squash Club Championship trophy for the third consecutive year, while Selena Shaikh picked up the Ladies trophy for the first time.

Jeff McLachlan represented the billiards and snooker contingent as he picked up his trophy as Handicap Snooker Champion, with Open Billiards and Snooker Club Champion Steve Mifsud unable to be there on the night.

Deb Fogarty was the standout for the Bridge group as she collected both the Open Trophy and the Jim Borin Trophy, while James Tulloch took home the Penny Purbrick Trophy.

Soprano artist Claire Lyon was the guest for the evening and did an outstanding job of entertaining the crowd. Claire is best known for her role in the world tour of "The Phantom of the Opera" where she portrayed Christine Daaé. Claire performed three songs, with the crowd in awe of her incredible voice.

Tennis legend Frank Sedgman was also in attendance and delivered a special address at the conclusion of the evening, acknowledging what a wonderful club Kooyong is to be part of.

Congratulations to all our Champions, and we look forward to another successful year around the Club! ■



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Queen's Birthday Honours for Kooyong Greats

Frank Sedgman and Don Tregonning have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to tennis.

Frank Sedgman has been elevated to the rank of Officer in the General Division of the Order of Australia. Sedgman has been honoured for distinguished service to tennis as a player at the national and international level and as a role model for young sportspersons.

The recognition comes 40 years after Sedgman was first made a Member of the Order of Australia.

One of Australia's greatest ever tennis players, Sedgman is one of only five players in history to have won multiple grand slams in singles, doubles and mixed doubles alongside Margaret Court, Roy Emerson, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams.

In a five-year span from 1948-1952, Sedgman claimed 22 majors including singles titles at the Australian Open, Wimbledon and the US Open.

Sedgman also led the Australian Davis Cup team to victory in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

The Kooyong Life Member is a regular face around the Club, and is a patron of the Kooyong Foundation where he continues to give back to the game and promote the development of the next generation of Australian tennis players.

Don Tregonning, a Kooyong member for over 70 years, has also been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours List, awarded a Medal (OAM) of the Order of Australia for his services to tennis.

Tregonning had a successful playing career, competing in both the Australian Open and Wimbledon before forging a career as a professional coach. Tregonning worked in several countries across the world including tenures as the Danish national coach and Japanese national coach.

Closer to home, Tregonning was the head coach here at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for twenty years.

Tregonning was also part of the group which founded the Professional Tennis Association of Victoria, now known as Tennis Coaches Association Victoria (TCAV).

We wish to congratulate both Frank and Don on richly-deserved awards! ■



▲ Officer of the Order of Australia, Frank Sedgman.

◀ 4th July 1952: Frank Sedgman with the cup after beating Jaroslav Drobny in the Wimbledon Men's Singles Championship.

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The Melbourne Racing Club

The Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) has over 15,000 members across its three racecourses - Caulfield, Mornington and Ladbrokes Park.

Its premier track, Caulfield Racecourse is located in Melbourne's South East, approximately 13km from the CBD and hosts one of the biggest events on the racing calendar, the Caulfield Cup Carnival.

The MRC kicks off the world-famous Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival with the Stella Artois Caulfield Cup Carnival, which runs across three blockbuster days.

Holding its first race in 1876, Caulfield Racecourse and the MRC carry a strong history, seeing major developments and enhancements over the years.

The course now features multiple premium restaurants and bars within the exclusive Members' Reserve area, including The Promenade by Julian Robertshaw Restaurant and the Medallion Bar.

The Club offers a range of membership categories to suit everyone, from kids memberships to full access memberships, right up to the prestigious invite-only Chairman's Club Membership. ■

KLTC RECIPROCAL RIGHTS WITH THE MRC

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club members are encouraged to make the most of their reciprocal arrangements with the Melbourne Racing Club and experience the members' facilities on offer at Caulfield. **KLTC members can access:**

- ▶ Two (2) complimentary General Admission passes for up to three (3) selected race meetings during the season (not valid for existing MRC Members)
- ▶ One (1) complimentary Members' Reserve pass on C.F. Orr Stakes Family Day, Saturday 8 February 2020 (General Admission charges will apply)
- ▶ Special offers and benefits throughout the season
- ▶ Exclusive discounted rate of \$250 (normally \$399) for the Full MRC Membership (valid for new members only).

Terms and conditions apply, for more information or to become a member, visit mrcmembership.com.au or call 1300 46 7223.



Cooper White clinched a place in the Junior Davis Cup Finals for the Australian team



Cooper White Helps Junior Davis Cup Team Qualify for Finals

Kooyong's Cooper White has played a starring role in the 16/U Australian Junior Davis Cup team helping the Aussies win the qualifying tournament in Thailand.

The win will see the Australian team head to the United States for the Junior Davis Cup finals in September.

This is the second year White has been selected to wear the green and gold in this prestigious team event.

“Playing for Australia is obviously a great experience, but to play it with your best mates is even better.”

Australia, seeded three for the qualifying tournament, went through the group stages undefeated with wins over Indonesia, New Zealand and India.

White claimed a straight sets singles win against Indonesia on day one, and although going down in the doubles rubber with New South Wales' Shuannon Tricerri, the team prevailed two matches to one.

Day two saw the Aussies take on New Zealand, where White played a dominant role winning both his singles and doubles in straight sets. The top form continued for White against India as he claimed another comfortable singles win.

In the quarterfinal against Korea, White cruised to a 6/2 6/3 singles win to consolidate a spot in the semi-finals for the team.

Australia faced the top seeds Japan in the semi-final and managed an upset win thanks to three set singles victories to White and Queensland's Philip Sekulic.

In the final, the team took on the second seeded team from Hong Kong. Sekulic again won his singles, before White clinched the win for Australia with a 2/6 6/1 6/3 victory.

White concluded the tournament undefeated in singles, winning all six matches he played.

“Winning the qualifying was just the beginning for us as a team. Getting our rankings high enough for a seeding at the world finals is our goal at the moment.”

Congratulations to the Australian team, especially Cooper, and we wish them all the best for the finals in September! ■



Preserving the Past
Promoting the Future

Kooyong Players Represent Victoria

The Pizzey Cup was held in Adelaide in May, with eight Kooyong Foundation players selected to represent Victoria at the prestigious national schools event.

James O'Sullivan, Tom Patton, Will Patton, Max Potter, Grant Sandler, Olivia Quigley, Ruby Rothman and Eloise Swarbrick were selected as part of the sixteen person team, made up of eight boys and eight girls.

Victoria finished the week in 5th place, claiming wins over Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory.

Queensland won the championships, ending New South Wales' 10-year winning streak.

In recognition of their outstanding play throughout the event, James O'Sullivan and Eloise Swarbrick were named in the All Australian Team at the conclusion of the week- a fantastic achievement!

Congratulations to all our Victorian representatives! ■



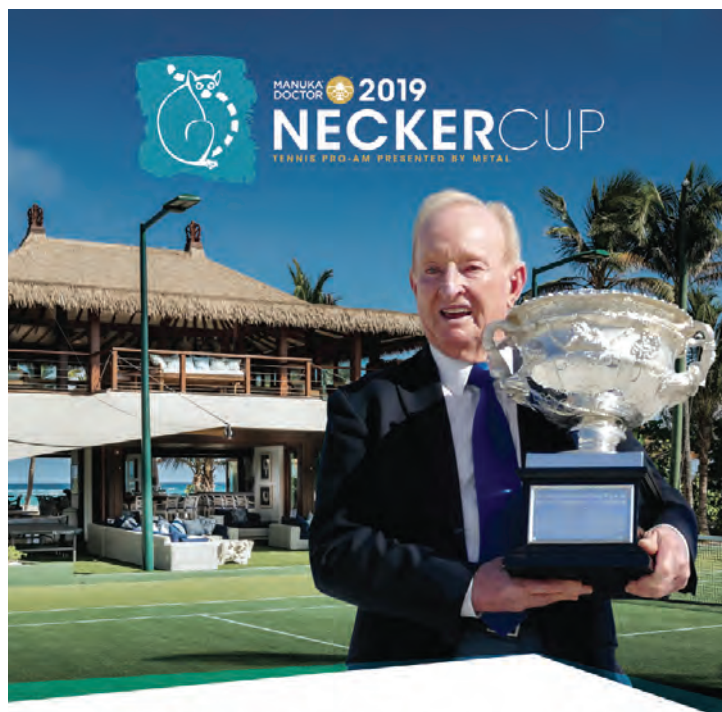
Koharu Nishikawa, Maita Munyimani, Mudiwa Munyimani and Bailey Liu have recently returned from representing Victoria in the Australian Teams Championships held in Carrara, Queensland.

Koharu was part of the 11/U girls' team which had a fantastic week to finish in 2nd place. The team went undefeated in the group stage before going down to New South Wales in the championship match. Koharu had a particularly good week, winning all her matches.

Maita was part of the 11/U boys' team. The boys enjoyed wins over Tasmania and Hong Kong to finish the week in 8th place.

Mudiwa and Bailey were named in the 13/U boys' team. The team performed well in the group stage and earned a spot in the play-offs for 3rd and 4th where they defeated Western Australia.

These four young players have bright futures and we look forward to following their progress. ■



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Peers Claims 20th ATP Doubles Title in Stuttgart

John Peers has claimed his 20th ATP doubles title by winning the Mercedes Cup in Stuttgart, Germany with Brazilian Bruno Soares.

This was only the second time Peers and Soares had paired up, and their maiden title as a team.

The pair, seeded 1 for the tournament, survived an early scare as they trailed a set and a break in their opening match. The duo eventually prevailed in a match tie-break over Germans Jan-Lennard Struff and Tim Puetz.

Peers and Soares won their second round match in straight sets to set up a semi-final encounter with Austrian fourth seeds, Oliver Marach and Jurgen Melzer. Peers and Soares were victorious in a nail-biting match, 7/6 5/7 10/6.

The top seeds continued their winning form into the final where they defeated Rohan Bopanna and Denis Shapovalov 7/5 6/3 to claim the grass court title. ■



Congratulations to John and Bruno on their win!



Preserving the Past
Promoting the Future

◀ 64 keen young tennis players from across the state enjoyed the opportunity to play at Kooyong in the Wayne Arthurs Cup.
▼ The winning NSJTA team pictured with Kooyong Foundation Talent Manager David Bidmeade.

WAYNE ARTHURS CUP

The Wayne Arthurs Cup was held in April, with 16 teams from across metropolitan and country Victoria converging on Kooyong for the 10/U event.

The Kooyong Foundation was again proud to partner with Tennis Victoria to host the event which saw some terrific tennis played over the two days.

Teams consisted of two boys and two girls, with four singles and two mixed doubles matches played each round.

North Suburban Junior Tennis Association and North Eastern Junior Tennis Association faced off in the final, with North Suburban Junior TA prevailing four rubbers to two.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the event! ■



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Finals Campaign Ahead

With finals fast approaching, it's time for Tennis Victoria Pennant players to find their best form in the hope of claiming a premiership flag.

In Grade 1, Greg Polmans' team are in third place. Josh Charlton has been a welcome addition to the side since returning from college in the USA, but could be missing again come finals time as he returns for his second year at the University of Oregon. Tom Pavlekovich-Smith has impressed in his first season in the top grade and will be crucial to the team during finals.

Also in Grade 1, Mitch Burman's team are in sixth place and will need to cause a few upsets in the remaining rounds to secure a finals berth.

In Grade 2, John Amato's team are in first place with the talented young team in prime position to bring home the flag. Hugh Callaghan has improved tremendously throughout the season, while James O'Sullivan will be hoping to claim back-to-back premierships after being part of the winning side from last season.

Max Potter's Grade 2 team are in fifth place, and some big wins in the last few rounds could see them sneak into finals.

Jack Bruce-Smith's Grade 3 team are in fifth place but are capable of beating all teams ahead of them. Should they manage to secure a finals spot, they could be a real premiership threat.

Also in Grade 3, Alexander Taylor's team will miss finals action this year and sit in seventh place.

In Grade 4, Dylan Vaughan's team are in third place but will need to finish the season strongly to hold on to this spot. Any team in this section can qualify for finals with only six points separating third from eighth, making for a very exciting final three rounds.

Peter May's Grade 6 team are in fourth spot and will be looking to finish the season with a couple of wins to give themselves a chance at improving on their semi-final appearance of last year.

In Grade 8, Rob Szwarcberg's team are in seventh place and won't make a finals appearance.

In the Masters 35+ competition, Kooyong teams are holding top spots of the Grade 1 ladder, with Stephen Gay's side in first position and Alex Krohn's in second. Dennis Mihelyi's team aren't far behind in fifth place, but face a tough run home with matches against Gay and Krohn to finish the season.

Kevin Green's Grade 2 Masters team have enjoyed a win over the top placed team but sit in sixth position and won't see finals action this season.

Good luck to all our teams for the last few rounds and finals! ■

▲ Hugh Callaghan has impressed in his first season for Kooyong



Grade 1 captain Zoe Llewellyn has had a great season and will be looking to continue her form into finals

Top Grades Lead The Way

The Club will be looking to bring home premiership flags in the coming weeks with a number of teams gearing up for finals action in Tennis Victoria's Pennant competition.

In the top grade, Zoe Llewellyn's team has had an outstanding season and sit on top of the ladder with three rounds remaining. Zoe and twin sister Rhian have been in great form, while Amy Stevens will return from Europe in time for finals and will be of great benefit to the team.

Also in Grade 1, Laura Langmead's team are sitting in fourth position and will be looking to hold on to a finals spot having missed out last year. Unfortunately, the team will be without number one player Jasmin Starr come finals as she returns to the USA for college.

Jessie Burbridge's Grade 1 team will miss finals action and sit in seventh place despite some pleasing results throughout the season.

The Club's two Grade 2 teams are both set for finals action. Natalie Baic's team are on top of the ladder and will prove hard to beat if they have a full squad available. Isabelle Gemmel, Leanne Scott and Jill Meggs have all been dominant this season but may be missing due to commitments at the World Seniors Championships in Europe.

Elise Morrison's team are in third place and are also capable of beating any team in front of them. Whitney Guan and Lu Huang, who are both undefeated in singles matches, have impressed in their first seasons for the Club and will look to carry their fine form into finals.

In Grade 3, Sienna Opray's team are improving each week and are benefiting from playing against more experienced opponents. The team are sitting in seventh place on the ladder having made the jump up in grades from last season.

Jenny Osborne's Grade 5 team are in third place and set for another finals campaign. The team are serious flag contenders, having toppled the first placed team earlier in the season.

Unfortunately, Angela Woodruff's Grade 5 team won't see finals action this year as they sit in seventh place.

All the best to our teams for the remainder of the season, and for finals! ■

If you are interested in playing Tennis Victoria Pennant, please contact Sophie Vickers on 9822 3333 or via email: svickers@kooyong.com.au



Premiership Success for Junior Teams

▲ The McCormack and Vanderzalm families took part in the Parent & Child Round Robin at the conclusion of the February-June season.

Kooyong juniors have again done the Club proud in the Autumn season of the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Saturday and Sunday competitions.

The Club had three teams across the two sections on Saturday mornings with Thomas Keller's Section 1 team finishing fourth on the ladder before going down in the semi-final.

In Section 2, Charlie Williams' team also fell in the semi-final, while Jessica Ganly's team took their games to another level in finals, coming from fourth position to win the premiership flag!

Congratulations to the team of Olivia Nania, Annabel Whiter, Julia Stern, Julia Thompson and Jessica Ganly!

On Sunday mornings, Grace Fountain's Section 1 team performed well all season to make the grand-final. After an enthralling morning, with teams level on both sets and games, it was decided that the two sides would share the winnings.

Congratulations to the team of Grace Fountain, Toby McOmish, Aaron Koh, Nick Wotherspoon, Hudson Ciavarella, Matthew Sweetnam, Holly Feldman and Sienna Opray.

In Section 4 Lachlan Main's team finished in seventh place despite some good wins throughout the season, while Lachlan Tingate's team went down in a very close semi-final to the eventual premiers.

Thomas Langford's Section 5 team just missed out on

finals, while Jack Saville's Section 6 team lost a heartbreaking semi-final to the eventual winners by just one game.

In Section 8 Felix Kan's team finished just outside the top four, and in Section 9 Richard Jones' team made the semi-final but fell to Maccabi who then went on to win the grand final.

Caroline Marcel's Section 12 team missed out on finals, while Ava Synnott's Section 14 team did well to make the semi-final where they fell to the top team.

Madeleine Lennon's Section 18 team missed out on a finals performance but had some good results throughout the season including a win over the premiership winning team from Hurlingham Park.

In Section 21 Sophie Moore's team ended up in seventh place, while Harriet Venn's team had a fantastic season to finish in top spot and claim the premiership flag with victory over Mordialloc in the grand final.

Congratulations to the team of Matthew Treagus, Charlie Portnoy, Raha Raissi, Hannah Minc, Harriet Venn, Zara Stevens and India McKinnon!

The July-December season is now underway, with the Club fielding three teams on a Saturday morning and fifteen teams on a Sunday morning.

We wish all our juniors the best of luck! ■



◀ Harriet Venn's team won the Section 21 premiership.
 ▼ Jessica Ganly's team won the Section 2 premiership in the Saturday competition.

▲ Grace Fountain's team drew with Royal Avenue in the Section 1 grand final.

Congratulations to the following trophy winners for the February-June season:

Saturday

- *Best Performed Team:* Section 2 No 1 (Charlie Williams)
- *Most Improved Player:* Annabel Whiter
- *Most Consistent Player:* Julia Thompson
- *Best First Year Player:* Jack Meinert

Sunday

- *Best Performed Team:* Section 21 (Harriet Venn)
- *Most Improved Player:* Jack Handbury
- *Most Consistent Player:* Annabel Sweetnam
- *Best First Year Player:* Matthew Treagus

CEDRIC MASON CUP

Kooyong will host the Cedric Mason Cup on Sunday October 13th.

The event is held annually and is a teenage challenge match against Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club.

RSY have claimed the trophy the past two years so Kooyong is looking to win back the cup this year and will need to have everyone involved.

Keep an eye out around the club for entry forms or contact Sophie Vickers for further details on 9822 3333 or via email: svickers@kooyong.com.au



SUMMER COMPETITION

Kooyong claimed two premierships in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's summer competitions, winning both the Men's Section 1 Rubbers and the Ladies Section 1 Rubbers.

Steve Avery's team finished the season in second place on the ladder and faced top placed Albert Park in the grand final. Kooyong had been defeated by Albert Park on two occasions throughout the season, but the team saved their best tennis for the finals and upset Albert Park 3 rubbers to 0. Team members included Steve Avery, Grant Porter, Dennis Mihelyi, Bryce Mitchelson, Andre Beck, Sadeck Omarjee, Paul O'Brien, Mark Devereux, Mark Eades and Mark Gerstel.

Jenny Osborne's team had a fantastic season, going undefeated throughout the home and away matches. The ladies continued their dominance into the grand final, where they defeated Beaumaris Lawn 3 rubbers to 0. The team consisted of Jenny Osborne, Larnie Morrison, Lauren Sanford, Linda Dohnt, Fiona Purvis, Carol Thompson, Angela Woodruff and Jill Kaminsky.

Congratulations to all those involved in the premiership wins! ■



Metro Masters

After missing the grand final last season, the Kooyong Metro Masters team returned to winning ways in the Autumn season, regaining the Section 1 title.

After a very close home and away season of the Thursday afternoon competition where the top three sides were within three points of each other, Kooyong finished in second place. Kooyong then convincingly won their two finals matches to claim the title, beating the defending premiers in the semi-final and then long-time rivals and top placed East Croydon in the grand final. The team in both finals was Dennis Maddern, Peter Gard, Dennis Mihelyi and Bryce Mitchelson. The other regulars in the team throughout the season were Chiro Mukerjea, Sadeck Omarjee and Peter Keller who all made significant contributions in getting the team to the finals.

Kooyong fielded a second team in Section 1, captained by Maurie Broom, which just missed out on a finals spot, finishing fifth.

Congratulations to all who played in the Metro Masters team for another outstanding season. ■

Midweek Ladies

Midweek ladies' competition consisted of 12 teams playing in three different associations across two days as of early July.

In the summer season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) Leanne Scott's Section 1 team finished on top of the ladder. The team comprehensively defeated Eaglemont in the semi-final. They went on to defeat Glen Waverley in the grand final, 4-32 to 0-10, sealing an astonishing fourth premiership in a row! Congratulations to the whole team: Leanne Scott, Natalie Harwood, Caroline Venn, Rosemary Everett, Maya Ferguson, Julie Fidler and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season. They are now in third place in the winter season.

Kris Tulloch's Section 1 side ended the summer season in seventh place. They are making a good fist of qualifying for the finals of the winter season, sitting fourth on the ladder.

Sally Addison's Section 2 team also concluded the summer season in seventh place. However, they were only one point behind fourth. This season, the team is eighth on the ladder.

Sandra Daly's Section 2 team finished the summer season third on the ladder. They narrowly defeated Eley Park by four games in the semi-final. The grand final against Warrandyte was even closer, with Kooyong prevailing 4-44 to 2-42 to seal consecutive premierships! Congratulations to the whole team: Sandra Daly, Trudy Rigoni, Gen Daly, Mandy Morgan, Sue Taylor, Linda Dohnt, Chris Lennie, Lauren Sanford, Jenny Osborne, Danielle Lorkin, Jackie Nikolovski and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season. This season, they are in sixth position.

Jo Rush's Section 4 team concluded the summer season on top of the ladder. Unfortunately, they lost the semi-final. The team was, however, still promoted to Section 3 for the winter season. They are still adjusting to the higher standard, sitting on the bottom of the ladder and will be looking to avoid relegation back to Section 4 over the second half of the season.

Angela Martin's Section 4 team ended the summer season strongly, winning their last three matches to avoid finishing on the bottom of the ladder. Unfortunately, they were still relegated to Section 5 for the winter season. The team are third on the ladder and will be hoping for a promotion straight back to Section 4.

On Thursday, Rosemary Everett's Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) Section A/1 team were unable to replicate their semi-final appearances of the previous two seasons. They finished the February to June season in sixth position.

Kooyong's other Section A/1 team, captained by Kris Tulloch, concluded the February to June season second on the ladder. Unfortunately, they lost a hard-fought semi-final against BLTC.



Jenny Osborne's Section 2 team enjoyed the switch to BRTA's Thursday competition, and ended the season on top of the ladder. They defeated Kooyong's other Section 2 team, captained by Christine Shearer, in a tight grand final, 3-6-51 to 1-4-45, sealing consecutive premierships after success on a Wednesday in the July to December 2018 season! Congratulations to the whole team: Jenny Osborne, Kristi Gunson, Linda Dohnt, Angela Woodruff, Sally Gorton, Carol Thompson, Jill Kaminsky, Kimberley Mustow and special thanks to all those who filled in during the season.

Finally, to the Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA), where Jacqui Morris' Section 3 team unfortunately finished the season on the bottom of the ladder. The team will be looking to improve in the next season.

Heather Anderson's WDTA Section 3 team concluded the season in second position. They lost the semi-final to Lum Reserve. The team made the most of their double chance, defeating Narre Warren North Green in the preliminary to seal a spot in the grand final. Unfortunately, the result in the decider was the same as the semi-final, with Lum Reserve prevailing. A grand final appearance was enough to earn promotion to Section 2 for next season.

We wish our midweek ladies' teams all the best! ■
If you are interested in playing Midweek Ladies' competition, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club on 9822 3333 or via email: tbaddock@kooyong.com.au



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AROUND THE CLUB

Crèche

Do you have children or grandchildren who are 5 years old or younger? Do they love to paint, dress up, read books, play with toys, and be outside on slides, trikes, and in the sand pit? Then look no further for a great morning for both you and your little ones!

All Kooyong members are welcome to use the crèche facility offered by the Club for their children or grandchildren, aged 5 years and under.

The crèche is open during school terms, from 9am-12pm Monday to Thursday, and 9am to 12:15pm on Fridays.

There is a \$75 annual family registration fee, and then attendance fees are \$12 per session per child. If you were to utilise the whole morning, this equates to just \$4 per hour per child, which is a very reasonable crèche fee.

Crèche registration forms and session bookings are handled by the Proshop, so please come in to enquire about the crèche and receive your forms to fill in, or give them a call on 03 9038 7141.

Any other enquiries, including arranging a tour of the crèche, can be done by contacting Stephen Lucas, Finance and Administration Manager, on 03 9822 3333.

It is great to know you can utilise all of Kooyong's wonderful facilities – have a tennis lesson, work out in the gym, go for a swim, or just sit and have a coffee in the bistro – all while your kids are having a great time down in the crèche only a short walk away. ■



KITA Coaching

by Glenn Busby, Director

How are you spending your time on the practice court?

In the past two Courtsides we have discussed the importance and knowledge of movement patterns and strategy. This Courtside, I want to introduce a few facts that have been known for some time and are very significant to training and coaching.

An amazing 70% of points are won in less than 4 hits, i.e. a serve and 3 shots into play of players combined, 20% are won from shot length 5-8 and 10%, 9+ shots. All these stats are the same for juniors to top level ATP/WTA.

What makes this so significant is that we spend so much time working on rallying in practice when the stats show that the serve and the return of serve are the most significant parts of a players' game. To take it even further, 30% of the 70%, 0-4 shot rallies, are won by the serve and the first hit and the return plus the first hit...these are critical and yet how much time do you spend practicing these skills? Does your practice need to be reorganised? How often do you practice serving and first hit being a forehand or return and a forehand? The percentage of points won for players hitting a forehand after either the serve or a return is significantly higher, in the vicinity of 65%, than hitting a backhand first.

This is why footwork is critical!! We have 1.2 seconds on average to get ready for an oncoming ball, not long, so the importance of your positioning before you make contact is critical. Another significant fact is that 80-85% of points are lost from unforced errors. We can force errors by changing the direction of the ball, consistently hitting one more ball in the court than our opponent, changing spin, power, varying heights but the most effective way is maintaining depth. The ball that lands closer to the baseline gives your opponent less time and space which can lead to abbreviated swings and forcing the opponent back into defensive positions and hopefully getting them to hit shorter returns, giving you control of the point.

As I write this I have been watching some of the best juniors and seniors in the USA and the French Open. It is just so obvious that the best players at all ages don't necessarily have the best strokes, but have the best movement and knowledge of where to hit the ball. Why have Federer, Nadal and Djokovic who all have significantly different techniques and game styles been able to dominate the top of tennis for so long? They are the best movers.

So, think about your training methods- are they helping you progress and dominate the court or are you training still like everyone else did 10-15 years ago, spending most of your time just rallying? Watching Ash Barty at the French Open was fantastic. She was always looking to dominate



▲ Learning to volley correctly from an early age is critical to future success.



with her forehand, positioning herself far more in the ad court. She has a great understanding of the court diagonals and by playing a significant amount of doubles has a complete all court game looking to come to the net where possible. On top of all this she is a great mover and will no doubt be working hard not to just maintain this level, but to keep improving this critical part of her game.

A last statistic to finish- at Wimbledon 2012, 34% of points were serve and volleys and of these, 65% were won. In 2018 the same percentage of points were won when players came to the net, that is 65%, BUT, only 8% of points played were from serving and volleying. There are contributing factors like the Wimbledon courts now being so good that they play a lot like hardcourts and yes, racquets and strings have improved for more power and players have got faster. However, there has been a lost art of approaching the net and confidence with volleying. The amazing thing is that success at the net, if you venture in, is far greater than standing on the baseline where almost all matches are won by winning 52-54% of the total points in a match. How good are your approaches and volleys?

Finally, another statistic I want to expose, is that the top players in the world only win 55% of points over the whole year. This shows just how close all matches are and that on any given day a couple of winning points here and there can make a significant difference to the result. How you set up your training court is so important. ■

Please call the Proshop for all your coaching needs on 9824 6860.

Kooyong holds first PSA-endorsed professional squash tournament

The club held its first officially sanctioned pro squash tournament recently in May.

The 2019 KLTC Link Open attracted leading male players from around the country as well as a number of international professionals. Kooyong players Sam Ejtemai and Darcy St John joined scholarship players, Nic Gibbs, Tyler Hawkins, Dylan Molinaro, Tate Norris and Alex Baines in the draw with Alex having the satisfaction of winning his first ever round in a pro event. In a fast paced final, Mulgrave champ Darren Chan took on former top 100 player Rhys Dowling with Darren taking home the winner's trophy in a hard fought 3/0. Thanks go to John Link and David White, two members who regularly contribute to support our squash program and whose contributions made this event possible.

In a fast paced final, Mulgrave champ Darren Chan took on former top 100 player Rhys Dowling...



◀ KLTC Link Open finalist Rhys Dowling takes on KLTC player Sam Ejtemai.

▲ KLTC Link Open runner-up Rhys Dowling with winner Darren Chan.

Kooyong Champs Winning on the World Stage

June was a massive month for squash in Australia and a trio of past winners of the KLTC Women's Squash title, flew off to the Gold Coast to take on the rest of Australia and the World.

The trip started with a brief training camp, then progressed to the Australian Doubles Championships, followed by the World Doubles Championships and finally the Australian National (singles) event. After a gruelling 3 weeks, our ladies emerged with the lion's share of medals.

Christine Nunn won the women's event in the Australian Doubles, then took gold in the women's and silver in mixed in the World Doubles. Chris was also runner-up in the women's event of the Australian Nationals. Sarah Cardwell and Selena Shaikh were runner up in the women's doubles at the Australian Doubles and Sarah finished with the bronze in mixed. Sarah also won silver in the women's at the World Doubles and finished 4th in the Australian Nationals. Selena Shaikh won bronze in the World Doubles women's after a playoff with Colombia and finished 6th in the Australian Nationals.

It's safe to say that the Kooyong champs together, were by far the most successful group across the month and we're incredibly proud of all of them. »

▼ Three Kooyong players on the podium at the World Doubles Championships.

► Christine Nunn with partner Taylor Flavell vs Selena Shaikh and Sarah Cardwell in the Australian Open Doubles.



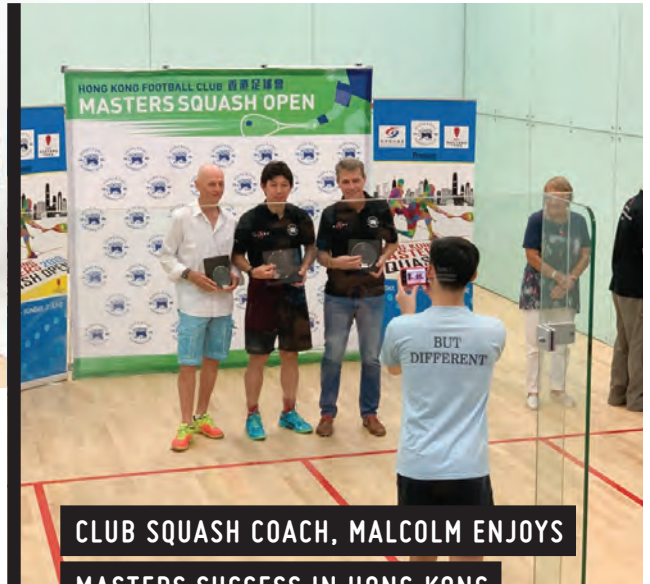
SQUASH REPORT



Australia's Best Put on a Show

Kooyong recently hosted an event that showcased world class squash and proved great fun for members. Cameron Pilley and Ryan Cuskelly, Australia's top ranked male players over the last decade, put on a fantastic evening which kicked off with an exclusive skills clinic. Eight lucky members hopped on court with the guys who put them through their paces for an hour. After that, Cameron and Ryan played 6 of our members in a row each, in 5 minute bursts. A mix of our scholarship players, top pennant players and a couple of lucky raffle winners tried their best to push the guys for 30 minutes of continuous squash which in itself is impressive. It's safe to say that after only 5 minutes each, every one of our players left the court looking far more tired than the pros did and it was great fun to watch.

Cameron and Ryan then played an entertaining exhibition match with Ryan narrowly winning after 45 minutes of some of the best squash we've seen at our club. The evening finished off with dinner in the Racquet Club which was a great opportunity for the members to chat to two players who have represented their country in Commonwealth Games and World Championships and competed at the highest level with great success. The guys were great company and very down to earth and we wish them all the best in their squash over the coming year. Special thanks must go to Rachael, Patrice, Tim and the rest of the Kooyong team who made it so easy for us to host a fantastic evening.



CLUB SQUASH COACH, MALCOLM ENJOYS MASTERS SUCCESS IN HONG KONG

As part of his preparation for the World Masters

Championships to be held in Poland in July/August 2020, Kooyong squash Malcolm McClarty is competing in a number of events on the WSF Masters Tour.

First up was the Hong Kong Masters Championships which was held in early June. Competing in the 55-59 age group which included Peter Hill from Singapore, a former world top 10 player and World Masters Champion and John Macrury a multiple World Champion from the Cayman Islands, Malcolm was seeded 2.

In his first match in the round of sixteen Malcolm played Alan Hisham Balout winning 3/0. In the quarter final match against Dragan Mijatovic he won 3/1 and in the semi-final against defending champion and Hong Kong's number 1, Hugh Dyus, he got up 3/0.

In the final, coming up against a formidable opponent in the number 1 seed, Peter Hill, Malcolm lost in 3 but was happy with his overall performance and progress made so far to his longer term goal of next year's World Champs.

Next tournament for Malcolm will be the New Zealand Masters Championships in September.

For those interested in getting onto the squash courts in the coming wetter months, Malcolm is offering two one on one lessons for the price of one for first time clients through to the end of September. Contact Malcolm on 0419 276 608 if you'd like to take him up on this great deal.



Squash Club Trip to Hong Kong

In May, a group of Kooyong members headed to Hong Kong for a week of squash and social activities. The club assisted with introductions to several clubs and our group was very grateful to enjoy the benefits of the fantastic KLTC reciprocal network.

Our first host club was the Ladies Recreation Club, which is one of Hong Kong's oldest clubs dating back to 1883. We were met with open arms and warm hearts. As we entered the building, the reception staff said, "Hi, you must be from Kooyong". From here we felt as if we were members. The kindness and hospitality was impressive. We met our contact from the squash section Charles Brantley and went on to have a great night of squash followed by a feast to feed a king and of course a few drinks to wash it down.

The next function on our calendar was a night at the Hong Kong Cricket Club. Led by Chris Evans, they again made us feel like we were at home. Some good strong squash was followed by a trip to one of their many restaurants to enjoy a smorgasbord and some quiet drinks. The club was extensive with squash courts, tennis courts, ten pin bowling alleys, indoor golf simulators, badminton courts, basketball court, resort outdoor pool and of course a cricket field. All of this was available for us to utilise over the week with our reciprocal rights temporary membership.

Our last and most impressive club was Hong Kong Football Club. Nick Stearn hosted us with immense generosity. He provided local information for us to explore Hong Kong and neighbouring Macau, along with organising a great group of squash players for us to have our final social match with.

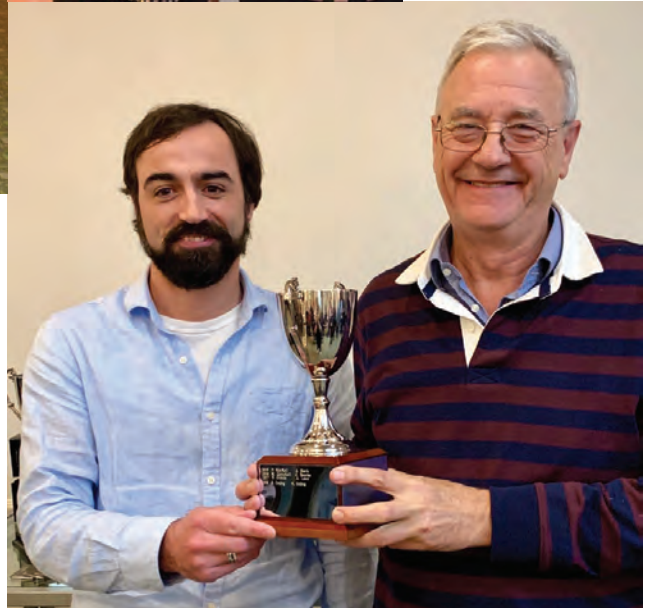
It was an amazing week that again reinforced for us all, the value of a Kooyong membership. We enjoyed the facilities and company at amazing clubs and highly recommend organising to visit them if in Hong Kong.



Many thanks to Chris Brown and the Kooyong team for assisting our group with accessing the clubs and thanks to all three Hong Kong Clubs and the people in them.
Hong Kong, we will be back. See you in 2021. ■



◀ Far left Bridge teacher Laura Ginnan with the Monday supervised group. Left Jim Borin Trophy winners, Deb Fogarty and Susan Douglas.



▲ Nick Kotros (left) and Rob Nurse.
▶ Bridge President, Maria Campbell.



Bridge Club

In April this year, Rob Nurse decided to step down as

President of the KLTC Bridge Club following a very successful five and a half years. Under his leadership the Bridge Club has grown to nearly 300 members and is now the fifth largest club in Victoria. Two of his major legacies are the Bridgewebs website which is an integral part of our weekly operations and a significant source of information for our members. Secondly, with the assistance of Rick Gaylard, Rob led a sub-committee to develop our Bridge Club Charter which governs all committee decisions and planning. The KLTC Bridge Club thanks him sincerely for his dedication and leadership since 2013.

The KLTC Bridge Club Committee elected Maria Campbell as its President.

We continue to have strong attendance at our Monday, Tuesday and Thursday regular duplicate sessions. Our Intermediate lessons with Bill Jacobs continue to provide ongoing learning for our more experienced players.

This year Laura Ginnan has run a popular supervised session which includes a ‘gentle’ duplicate and a regular tutorial. This session is open to all Kooyong members and is held on Monday mornings from 9am to 11.15am.

The Bridge Club is planning to conduct another Beginner Bridge Course to be taught by Laura Ginnan early in 2020. Please email Moira Righetti (moirarighetti@hotmail.com) for any further information.

This year the KLTC Bridge club is participating in all three Australia Wide Pairs events – the Novice, the Open and the Restricted. The club sponsors this competition and we encourage our members to register on the website.

The Novice event was held in May and the Kooyong winners were Bruce Higgs and John Finkelstein. We look forward to the Open AWP event on Monday August 26 and the Restricted AWP event on Monday October 28.

Early in May, the Club held its annual pairs championship known as the Jim Borin Trophy. Winners in 2019 were Susan Douglas and Deb Fogarty.

In June, Rob Nurse and Nicholas Kotros played in the Victor Championship Cup held at Bayview Eden in Queens Road. They had a magnificent victory winning the Frank Power Trophy Swiss Pairs event. ■

For further information regarding the Bridge Club activities please visit the KLTC Bridge Club website at www.bridgewebs.com/kltcbridge



Billiards & Snooker

by Alistair Macindoe

▲ Handicap Billiards winner Nicholas Kotros pictured with Alistair Macindoe.
 ▼ Left Open Snooker and Open Billiards winner Steve Mifsud.
 Right Handicap Snooker winner Jeff McLachlan.

The 2018 Club Championships were held over the Summer. Many thanks to Simon Fortune for organising them so well. Here are some of the highlights:

Jeff McLachlan Wins the Handicap Snooker

Jeff McLachlan (133) defeated Nicholas Kotros (128) in the final of the Handicap Snooker. Jeff won the two frame aggregate match on the final black – very exciting! The best break made in the tournament was a 63 by Steve Mifsud. Greg Baker and Peter Cook were the losing semi-finalists.

Nick Kotros Wins the Handicap Billiards

Nicholas Kotros (377) defeated Alistair Macindoe (300) to win the handicap billiards handsomely. Ian Koochew and Neil MacLachlan were the losing semi-finalists. Nick and Alistair are pictured together after the big match. Notable breaks made during the tournament were by Neil (58), David Cosgriff (55, 59 and 60), and Steve Mifsud (148, 51, 62, 63, 67, 53, 70, 70, 72, 60, and 48).

Steve Mifsud Wins the Open Snooker

As in 2017 Steve Mifsud was too good for all his opponents, and went on to win the tournament, defeating David Cosgriff 3-2 in the final. Neil MacLachlan and Don Richter were the losing semi-finalists. Break makers during the tournament were Steve (32, 69 and 31), David (40), and Neil who made no fewer than six breaks in the 20's.

Steve Mifsud Wins the Open Billiards

It was the same story in the Open Billiards. Steve Mifsud

was in a class of his own, defeating David Cosgriff in the final. Losing semi-finalists were David Pitt and Don Richter.

There were a lot of good breaks, as follows: Steve Murphy (33), Simon Fortune (36), Neil MacLachlan (57), David Cosgriff (66), David Pitt (76), Don Richter (40, 46, 54, 40, and 81), Alistair Macindoe (43, 34, 35, and 45), and the prolific Steve Mifsud (78, 73, 94, 88, 60, 56, 76, 115, and 130).

Interclub Billiards

Kooyong has two teams in grand finals to be played in July, after the deadline for this issue of Courtside. More news of these teams next time. ■





◀ Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary committee members with some of the wonderful items available in the Silent Auction.

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

by Jean Burgess, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Following on from our April report, I am delighted that our enthusiastic start to the year has continued and we are well on our way to a record fund raising year as we enter the second half.

On Wednesday, May 1st we hosted the first of our two annual Card Luncheons. The Kooyong Bridge Club supported this event by arranging a Duplicate Session in the Sir Norman Brookes Room under the direction of Terry Crawford. The two groups joined in the Kooyong Room to enjoy the delicious lunch prepared under the direction of our executive chef - Chris Goulding. I would like to thank Genevieve Barnett (ticket secretary), Lauren Sanford, Maria Campbell and Terry Crawford from the Bridge Club for their assistance in organising this event which attracted 184 players. We raised \$4,885 including \$1,745 for the raffle. Please diarise our next Card Luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, 11th September, 2019.

Our recent Christmas in July Luncheon in the Kooyong Room on July 21st proved to be a highlight in our calendar with a delicious Christmas banquet provided by Chris Goulding and his team - many thanks. Kevin Bartlett once again gave his precious time as MC providing great entertainment in conjunction with our guest speaker, AFL Hall of Fame Inductee, Robert DiPierdomenico "Dipper". These two "Great Guys" provided luncheon entertainment at our Club of the highest standard - hilarity at its very best! Thank you for giving your time to support the Royal Children's Hospital, and for the encouragement you provided in making our "Silent Auction" an amazing success. Funds raised on the day totalled \$18,000 making this year's event the best ever. This will enable us to provide the Rosella Intensive Care Unit at the Hospital with one of three required Temperature Management Systems. The Arctic Sun equipment is used to protect the brain after cardiac arrest from swelling and hyperthermia. Many thanks to Denise Cosgriff and our Committee for their continuing dedication, and the Sporting Clubs and donors of items for both the Silent Auction and raffle.

I would also like to thank our CEO, Chris Brown, President Peter Carew and the wonderful staff at Kooyong for all of your enthusiastic support. ■



▲ Robert DiPierdomenico was a popular guest at the Christmas in July luncheon.
▶ Kevin Bartlett once again did a fantastic job as MC.





◀ Far left Wine and Food Society President Leanne Parer with Lyn Wheat at the Lyceum Club.
 Left Geoff Pullen, Margaret Bristow and Terry Richards enjoyed the Italian Wine Tasting event.
 ▼ Janet Green, Patrice Renaudin and Chris Goulding attended the event at the Lyceum Club.



▲ Cellar Master Ken John with Greg Baker.

Wine & Food Society

by Leanne Parer, President Wine & Food Society

The Lyceum Club doors were opened to the Kooyong Wine and Food Society members and guests for a memorable evening in May.

Canapés and French champagne prepared the taste buds for the evening. Lyn Wheat our host started proceedings, sharing with guests a brief history of the club. Our dinner commenced with a crowd favourite, an entrée of scallops in kataifi with leek and lemon puree, next a main of pan seared lamb loin and then we finished with a dessert of pistachio and frangipane tart with a sweet raspberry ice cream. All courses were accompanied with some excellent wines, carefully selected by the Kooyong wine team. Entrées had us comparing 2018 Macedon Ranges Pinot Gris with a 2016 Chardonnay from Burgundy, France, and the lamb was paired with 2015 Narkoojee Shiraz from Gippsland and a 2015 Château Grange “les Charmes” Beaujolais from France. Executive Chef Martin Walker joined us post mains for a WFS Q&A, delighting us with his culinary insights.

Surprise guests joining us on the night – our own Food and Beverage Manager Patrice Renaudin and Executive Chef Chris Goulding. It was great to see them sit back and relax and also enjoy the social buzz of the Wine and Food Society while savouring the offerings from The Lyceum Club.

In June we introduced a new event - a guided Italian Wine Tasting. Ken John, current Cellar Master for the Viticultural Society of Victoria guided us through the various wine regions of Italy providing us with tastings,

some history, geography and a greater understanding of what makes the Italian wine special. This was married with an excellent charcuterie and cheese selection prepared by Babu Poudel and the kitchen. It was a fun night with a sprinkling of education.

August 2nd in the Kooyong Room we celebrate Tuscany. We asked Executive Chef Chris Goulding what was his favourite cuisine, and without hesitation he responded with - Tuscan. Chris has created a menu of the food for which he is most passionate. Patrice and the wine team are selecting Tuscan wines for the night. We are looking forward to what promises to be a special event. ■

Health Club

It's inspiring to see so many members training in winter, and achieving great results. This winter I bring you three new personal trainers who are the picture of health and vitality.

Chris Trajanovski

Hi, my name is Chris and I'm 23 years old with a Master Trainer certificate and almost six years experience in the gym. I have experience in training athletes and providing sport-specific programs. I also have experience training those with chronic and acute injuries, while also training seniors for specific needs. Other areas of expertise include weight-loss and body sculpting as my primary background in training is bodybuilding and powerlifting. The gym can be an intimidating place, and strength training may not be what some would expect to do to improve their physical health. However, improving strength is a quality that can translate to better motor functions and improved wellbeing. I practice what I preach as a personal trainer as it is important to have a mindset of sustaining an equilibrium of daily life and your health and mental wellbeing. While improving your mindset through the gym, you will find that training beholds benefits that go beyond the physical aspects. Training, progression and overcoming obstacles is what I live for and I hope I can enlighten a new lifestyle for you with me as your guide to success. Hope to see you in the gym soon!

Kim Szeredi

Hi, my name is Kim. I am 20 years old and am one of the personal trainers in the gym at Kooyong. With a passion for fitness and in particular within the bodybuilding sport, I am driven to help others achieve their fitness goals and unlock their mindset and strength potential. I believe strength, mobility and general fitness are key to managing stability and optimal functioning into older adulthood, which is why I will happily agree there is no age limit to start improving your health than today. I am currently undertaking my bachelors in exercise and sports science, in which I intend to enter the field of sports physiology as an extension of my current personal training qualification. In terms of my own training, my goal is to build up to and compete in powerlifting and bodybuilding competitions within the next few years. Hopefully, I will see you in the gym soon and we can work together to achieve goals you never thought possible!

Amy Kane

Hi, my name is Amy and I am a fitness enthusiast who would love to share my passion for fitness and healthy living through personal training. For eleven years I have been participating in soccer and for the last five years been



Clockwise, from top Chris Trajanovski, Kim Szeredi and Amy Kane.

playing at a semi-professional level at Alamein Football Club. I previously have taken part in many other sports such as swimming, basketball, and tennis. As a trainer, I am passionate about injury prevention, weight loss, muscle gain and helping Members get back to normal function from past injuries. Interning at a physiotherapy clinic has helped me gain additional knowledge when prescribing exercises and understanding the effects of past injuries and how to help individuals get back to everyday function. I am in my last year of studying Exercise and Sport Science, and through my knowledge, I hope to help Members be confident in themselves through a diverse range of exercises and create a positive mindset about physical activity and the benefits that it has. In the future, I hope to complete my masters in physiotherapy in order to increase my knowledge about injuries and the musculoskeletal system in order to plan out a sufficient rehab program. ■

Members interested in weight loss, strength and conditioning, injury rehabilitation, general fitness, massage, group exercise classes, & personal training please contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on 0419 003 762 / 9038 7145.



◀ Members and guests enjoyed drinks on the balcony at the Long Lunch.

▼ Kooyong's winning Koots Cup team.

Social Committee

by Jenny Silvers, Social Committee President

Long Lunch

The Greek inspired menu for the Long Lunch held on Sunday 24th March transported members and their guests to Greece. The food and Jacob Creek wines were outstanding and enjoyed by all. After pre-lunch drinks in the autumn sun on the balcony, we gathered at a long table to enjoy sharing platters of octopus, olives, Greek dips, haloumi and honey spring rolls for entrée. Lamb shoulder, moussaka and rockling was served for main course, followed by dessert of Greek doughnuts and baklava which was delicious. The Kahuna Duo provided background music for guests to enjoy. This function continues to be a highlight of the Social Committee's calendar of events.

Annual 'Koots Cup'

The annual Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club versus Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club "Koots Cup" was held on Sunday 5th



May at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club where Kooyong was the victors. The weather during the week hadn't been kind to us so the event was played on the en tout cas courts. Members from both clubs played against each other in a very well matched and highly competitive round robin format followed by canapés and drinks in the Club rooms. The Koots Cup was presented to Kooyong's winning team by Cedric Mason.

Mixed Round Robin

By Peter Tingate, Vice President

The Social Committee hosted a mixed round robin tennis event in May. Enthusiastic members and guests participated in a fun afternoon of tennis with their playing partners. Although the weather forced play to be moved from the grass to the en tout cas courts, it didn't dampen anyone's enjoyment, and a great day was had by all.

The post-match function was held in the clubhouse where drinks and refreshments were enjoyed on the Kooyong Terrace. The winning male and female players were announced with Maria Lara and Patrick Burroughs recognised as our two top players. Each received a gift certificate to redeem at the Pro Shop for their efforts. ■



HAPPY HOUR

Our Happy Hour on Friday 5th April was a very popular event with over 100 people enjoying the relaxing atmosphere in the Sir Norman Brookes Room and balmy weather on the balcony. Mike Daglish entertained the crowd with his music and many guests were dancing the night away. It was a great night to meet up with friends, make new friends and relax.

SAVE THE DATE

Members and their guests are welcome.
Saturday 17th August: Black and White Dinner Dance
Friday 13th September: Happy Hour
Sunday 20th October: JJ Tennis Round Robin
Thursday 7th November: Oaks Day After Party
Friday 6th December: Christmas Function

Young Members

As the highlight of the Young Members' calendar, the Yarrayong Ball will be taking place on August 24 hosted at Kooyong in conjunction with Royal South Yarra. With a masquerade theme, members and guests will be treated to an evening of entertainment, with exciting drinks and delicious food on offer. Get in quick to secure your tickets for what is sure to be a sell-out event. Upcoming events include a table-tennis afternoon taking place in October, and the annual 'Day on the Clay' Christmas drinks in December. Keep up to date with future events through our Facebook (KLTC Young Members) and Instagram (@kooyong_ym) pages, and make sure to get your tickets to the Yarrayong Ball so you don't miss out. ■



MEMBERSHIPS SUSPENDED

As a result of breaches of Club Rules and Regulations some Members have recently incurred suspension of their membership.

Membership checks are carried out regularly and may occur at any time and when breaches are found to have occurred, they are followed up and can result in disciplinary action being taken.

Issues that resulted in suspension related to transferring membership cards to family and bringing guests into the Member only areas of the gymnasium and swimming pool.

These and other matters are outlined in the Rules & Regulations and Members can view them in the membership section of the website at www.kooyong.com.au

We also encourage Members to seek information or clarification if unsure to avoid the need for action which could result in suspension or potentially cancellation of membership. ■

There is lots happening at the Club in the next few months, get involved and come along!

August 2019

2nd	Wine & Food Society Mid-Year Dinner
5th	New Members Night
17th	Social Committee Black & White Dinner Dance
24th	Young Members' Yarrayong Ball

September 2019

1st	Father's Day Buffet Lunch
9th	Bridge Club v MCC
11th	RCH Card Day
13th	Social Committee Happy Hour
16th	Bridge Club AGM

October 2019

13th	Cedric Mason Cup
18th	RCH Trivia Night
20th	Social Committee JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin
30th	KLTC AGM

November 2019

7th	Social Committee Oaks Day Drinks
17th	Bridge Club Congress
24th	Crèche Christmas Party Disco
24th	President's Day

*all dates subject to confirmation

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Social Committee



Oaks Day Drinks
Thursday 7th November
6.30 -10.30pm
Melbourne University students
Jazz Band,
canapes, free drink on arrival,
cash bar

Cost \$35 per head

Book through Try booking.

<https://www.trybooking.com/>

Bookings close November 4th 2019

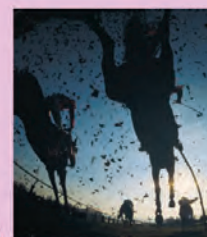
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