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TENNIS VICTORIA AWARDS

Kooyong featured prominently at the recent Tennis Victoria Championships Dinner with several Club Members receiving awards along with the Club being recognised in another major category.

The highlight of the night was seeing long time Member and AAMI Classic Tournament Director, Colin Stubs, receive the Victorian Spirit of Tennis award for his lifetime of service to the sport.

Colin's love of tennis and work as a Tournament Director over many years at both the Australian Open and AAMI Classic have brought him a lifetime of memories and many great friends.

One such friend, former Davis Cup Captain John Fitzgerald, was on hand to present the award, along with last year's recipient Ian Barclay, to make it a truly memorable occasion.

This honour was topped off when Kooyong received the Most Outstanding Tournament award for the AAMI Classic.

Other Members whose achievements lead to awards included rising stars Destanee Aiava and Marc Polmans taking out the Female and Male Junior Athletes of the Year.

Kooyong's Codey Gunn and Connor Di Marco were also nominated in the Male Junior Athlete of the Year.

Another Member recognised for his tennis feats was Andrew Rae after another stellar year on the Seniors tour.

Andrew won the Most Outstanding 35+ Tennis Senior in a year that included another world title in the 60+ age group and many other tournament wins.

Kooyong coach Glenn Busby was also nominated in this category.

Congratulations to all our winners and nominees for being recognised at Tennis Victoria's gala event!

From left: Ian Hill, Destanee Aiava, Colin Stubs and Andrew Rae collect their awards



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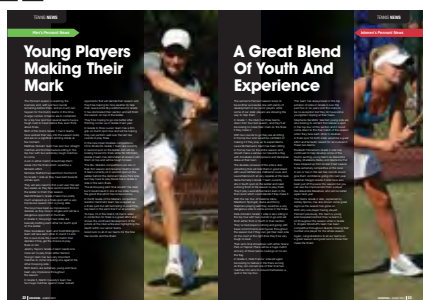
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Club recently celebrated the achievement of 14 Members reaching 50 years membership of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. In doing so they joined 234 Members who already held that special distinction.

This annual event is one of many Club events that celebrate milestones and achievements of our Club Members.

Our newest 50 year Members, who joined Kooyong in 1963, recounted their fondest memories of the Club and took the opportunity to rekindle old friendships.

A highly successful President's Lunch in July, followed by our annual intake of new Members in August, have made for a very busy time at the Club.

Member and corporate support of the President's lunches held during the year make each event a great experience for all guests and those attending enjoy the wonderful camaraderie and atmosphere each event generates.

Our speakers, including the most recent guests, Australian basketball legend Andrew Gaze and Australian long-distance runner Steve Moneghetti, always make for an entertaining afternoon.

Members have been interested in the works currently underway through the central corridor adjacent to the grass courts.

The winter recess has provided the Club with the opportunity to undertake a project to upgrade the centre path and replace fencing and gates to the grass courts. These changes will further improve the Club for Members and enhance the vista from the clubhouse.

The works will achieve this outcome and are planned to be completed well before the grass courts reopen for play.

With a Committee focus on delivering Members a first class sporting and social environment, preliminary works have commenced on renewing, refreshing and where possible expanding current facilities and assets to better serve our Members; activities that are in addition to our normal repairs and

maintenance and annual capital works budget.

There are many exciting plans that, subject to proper planning and funding, will be signed off in due course by the Committee that will further enhance the status of our great Club.

Our Club Members continue to achieve great results on the international stage in their chosen sport with John Peers and his doubles partner Jamie Murray, brother of World No 2 Andy Murray, winning the US Claycourt Doubles title by defeating the Bryan brothers in the final while Sam Eitemai and Taylor Flavell won the Canadian Junior and Scottish Junior squash titles respectively.

Club Members Marc Polmans and Destanee Aiava were recognised at the Tennis Victoria Awards by winning the Junior Male and Junior Female Athlete of the Year whilst Andrew Rae won the Most Outstanding 35+ Senior, a category that Club coach Glenn Busby was also nominated in.

Congratulations to Marc, Destanee, Andrew, Glenn, John, Sam and Taylor!

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and CSE were pleased to accept the award from Tennis Victoria for the Most Outstanding Tournament held in Victoria in 2013.

The AAMI Kooyong Classic is an established part of the Australian summer of tennis and certainly adds to the build up to the Australian Open.

As Members, we are indeed very lucky to be part of the international tennis calendar.

At the Club level, we held the Champions' Dinner in May to award the various winners across all grades of the 2013 Club Championships for Tennis, Squash, Billiards, Snooker and Bridge.

The dinner also afforded the Club an opportunity to honour Mr Barry Sneddon with the Club's Distinguished Member award in recognition of his long term contribution to the Club across many roles including the Committee and

a stint as Vice President, pennant squash, social tennis, filling the role of tournament director for many years and his efforts in instigating Kooyong's inclusion in midweek ladies and pennant tennis.

It was a great crowd for a wonderful event on the Club's social and sporting calendar.



Ian Hill
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Over winter there has been a flurry of activity around our grass courts with several programs underway that will provide substantial improvement to the courts and surrounds for the upcoming season.

When Members return to the grass in spring, they will enjoy a feature walkway to the courts, where there will be new gates, fences and awnings.

This program over winter also allowed us to upgrade services to our courts.

In addition our annual grass court maintenance has replaced baselines on the courts and other work is preparing them again for the demands of the season to come.

We are pleased with the progress of the works and look forward to their completion to provide further benefit to Members.

Around the clubhouse our member groups have been extremely active with the Young Members, Social Committee, Wine & Food Society, Crèche committee and Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary all arranging activities that members have been enjoying in great numbers.

Chris Brown
CEO

THE 2013 CHAMPIONS' DINNER



As always, the 2013 Champions' Dinner highlighted everything that is great about this wonderful Club as we celebrated the feats of our talented members.

Nearly 200 people gathered to fete our sporting stars, some new and some familiar, in late May and it was great to see so many there to celebrate together.

The night began with a special presentation to our newest Distinguished Member and it was fantastic to see Barry Sneddon receive the honour for his years of service to the Club in many capacities.

Barry's contribution to the Club through squash, tennis and serving on the Council for many years, as well as representing

Kooyong on the Tennis Victoria Council, made him a very deserving recipient and to see his family there to celebrate with him made it very special.

He was instrumental in getting the Club involved in competitive tennis from midweek ladies teams to senior and junior Pennant teams on the weekends, with the Club only entering the competitive tennis ranks from 1991.

His love of the Club was extremely evident as he reminisced about his time spent at Kooyong and the joy he now gets to see his grandson represent the Club in squash following in the footsteps of himself and his son, Jeremy.

We also enjoyed the company of then Melbourne Football



Club Director of Sports Performance and now caretaker coach, Neil Craig, as he spoke about elite sport and what it takes to become a great team in the cut throat AFL industry.

His insights from a long career involved with sport at the highest level made for very interesting listening especially for the young scholarship holders in attendance.

Our award presentations were highlighted with David Bidmeade proudly accepting his second Club Championship title and the Frank Sedgman Cup in the tennis section while Kate Antosik made it a South Australian double as she took hold of her first Open Singles title and the Evonne Goolagong Cup.



David's win over nine-time champion Jay Salter made it extra special to him and no doubt one he'll cherish knowing the quality of player he had beaten in the final.

Having already won the Open Doubles and Open Mixed doubles titles, Kate



wanted to make sure she completed the set when she went out to play her good friend Brigitte Beck and despite dropping the first set she was able to add the precious Open Singles title to her list of achievements since she has been at the Club.

Despite his brother not being in attendance as he enjoyed a well earned break overseas, Daniel Nickels accepted the trophies for the Open Doubles title on behalf of Matthew in a proud moment for both boys.

Daniel is the younger brother and both boys are extremely committed players for the Club and winning the Neale Fraser Team Cup was a great reward for their efforts over the past few years.

In the Women's Open Doubles it was great to see Kate Antosik joined by her good friend Laura 'Captain Mac' McNamara to accept the Margaret Court Team Cup as both girls continue to put a lot of work into helping run the Club's top Pennant teams.

David Bidmeade and Molly Polak also added another title to their burgeoning lists gathered over the years when they accepted the Diane Howe Memorial Trophy.

In the squash presentations it was great to see Sam Ejtemai accept his second LTAV Squash Trophy for winning the Open title and at just 16 years of age he may break all sorts of records at the Club.

Having just returned from winning the 19's National title in Canada, Sam has a bright future and we look forward to seeing him continue his rapid rise in the squash ranks.



Unfortunately Melody Francis wasn't available to accept her Open squash title, her third over the past six years but she continues to make her mark on the world squash tour.

We also celebrated the achievements of our Bridge Club members over the past twelve months with our Open Champions Leeron Branicki and Marilyn Ohlsen, the Restricted Champions Irene Hinsley and Angela McPherson and Borin Trophy winners Constance Bruce and Eva Taylor all there to receive their trophies.

It was another wonderful Club night celebrating feats that are now written into the history of Kooyong and we look forward to the next chapter being written in 2014.



THE KOOYONG *SQUASH* *INTERNATIONAL*

The second annual Kooyong Squash International was played recently in the lead up to the Victorian Open and again it was a great success.



With a round robin format for four men and four women held over three days, the event provides some of the world's best squash players with match practice and a chance to compete for prize money as they prepare for the prestigious Victorian Open.

Link Pumps sponsored the Kooyong International and thanks must go to John Link for his support of the event.

With players from Brazil, Argentina, Malaysia, New Zealand, USA and Australia converging on Kooyong, it was a great opportunity for squash fans to see some fantastic action up close here at the Club.

Australian Matt Karwalski, currently ranked 58 in the world, defended his 2012 Kooyong International title when he defeated US based Australian and hot favourite Zac Alexander, the top seed, in the final.

South Australian champion Justin Beard finished in third position while Kooyong's Sam Eitemai gained valuable experience against some of the world's best players.

Sam, still just 16 years of age, won a game off the top seed, Zac Alexander, and the crowd cheered every point he won as he battled manfully against his

more experienced rivals. At the end of his final match, Sam sat down exhausted and said, 'What an experience'.

In the ladies event, it was fantastic to see Australia's former world number 1 Rachael Grinham show why she is still ranked in the world's top 20 players with a dominant performance in all three matches to win the title here at Kooyong.

Kooyong's Melody Francis, currently ranked 50 in the world, took out second position by defeating New Zealand second seed Amanda Landers-Murphy while Brazil's Thaisa Serafini, currently ranked 56, finished in fourth position.

It was also great to see five time world champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald back on court coaching and mentoring players from Brazil and Argentina while Kooyong members were treated to some world class squash.

The event wrapped up with a cocktail party and the presentations, and we look forward to seeing everyone returning for another successful event in 2014.



Kooyong's Melody Francis finished second in the Kooyong International while the winners, Matt Karwalski and Rachael Grinham (above and left), showed great form at Kooyong leading into the Victoria Open

Kooyong's John Peers is making the most of every moment as he climbs the world doubles rankings in 2013.

MAKING A

SPLASH



Having teamed up with Jamie Murray in early February, John has made huge leaps up the rankings with some fantastic performances against the best doubles players in the world.

With a career high ranking of 47, John is now well established on the ATP Doubles circuit and can boast some fantastic results along the way.

The partnership seemed to click straight away as John and Jamie reached the semi finals in Montpellier, going down in a tight encounter with Marc Gicquel and Michael Llodra 7/6 3/6 10/6.

The pairing then made quarterfinals in Marseille and Le Gosier as they worked their way through France, America and Mexico.

Their big breakthrough came at the US Claycourt Championships in Houston in early April where they won their maiden title together defeating none other than the top seeded Bryan brothers in the final.

It was an epic final that dreams are made of as John and Jamie came back from a set down to win 1/6 7/6 12/10 in the match tiebreaker against arguably the greatest pairing in tennis history.

They celebrated with a quick swim in the pool just outside the men's locker rooms at the venue.

'To win my first ATP title beating the Bryan brothers was really special, and an experience I will never forget. They are probably the greatest doubles team ever and a team I have always looked up to,' said John.

John and Jamie continued their preparation for the French Open with quarterfinal showings in Bordeaux and Dusseldorf before losing to the Columbian pairing of Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah in the second round at Roland Garros.

The grass court season beckoned and it was a welcome sight for a boy born and bred on the grass here at Kooyong.

The pair headed to the Challenger event at Nottingham and the grass clearly agreed with them as they won their second title of the year after winning a match tiebreak in both the semi final and final to win the tournament.

The next stop was Queen's Club and another showdown with the Bryan

look on the experience of James Blake and Jurgen Melzer.

After going down two sets to one, John and Jamie fought back to win the fourth set before playing an epic fifth set that ended with Blake and Melzer finally winning 3/6 6/3 6/4 3/6 14/12.

'To play at Wimbledon is always amazing and to play with Jamie was a really enjoyable experience. We ended up losing 14-12 in the 5th in a long and extremely close match,' he said.

John continued his great form in the mixed doubles when he partnered with Ashleigh Barty to make the quarterfinals where they lost a very tight match 7/6 7/6 to the top seeds, Bruno Soares and Lisa Raymond.

'I look back now though and to know that I made the quarter finals at Wimbledon is a great feeling and huge accomplishment and one I am now even more motivated to improve on next year,' said John.

It was a fantastic grass court season and having reached a career high doubles ranking, John is sure to be looking forward to the remainder of the year to continue that upward trend.

And that run continued as John and Jamie have just recently won the title at the ATP event in Gstaad in Switzerland where they went through the tournament without dropping a set.

They defeated Pablo Andujar and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez 6/3 6/4 to win the tournament.

We wish John and Jamie well for the hardcourt season and the upcoming US Open.



brothers loomed but this time the top seeds took their opportunities in a fantastic match to win their quarterfinal 7/6 6/7 11/9.

Onwards to Eastbourne and the John and Jamie had a fantastic win over Leander Paes and Radek Stepanek 1/6 6/3 10/5 to reach the semi finals where they again lost to the top seeds, this time it was Alexander Peya and Bruno Soares who triumphed 6/4 6/4 and went onto win the final.

Their dream run nearly continued when they played a titanic match in the first round of Wimbledon as they



INTERNATIONAL TEAM FINALS

FOR STAR DUO

Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders Destanee Aiava and Marc Polmans will lead Australian teams into the finals of the World 14's Team Championships and Junior Davis Cup respectively later this year.

Both were key players for the Australian teams in the Asia/Oceania qualifying events held earlier this year in Malaysia.

Destanee was instrumental along with Seone Mendez and Jaimee Fourlis in helping the Australians win the final three rubbers to nil in the final against Japan.

They had earlier beaten China 3/0 in the quarterfinals and then India by the same margin in the semi finals.

The top four teams, Australia, Japan, India and Thailand, all qualify for the finals to be held in the Czech Republic later in August.

In the Junior Davis Cup, Australia's team of Akira Santillan, Oliver Anderson and Polmans travelled to Gimcheon in South Korea to try and qualify for the finals to be held in Mexico in late September.



In the quarterfinals, the boys were able to sweep the side from New Zealand to make the final four and guarantee themselves a spot in the finals but they were defeated by a tenacious Japanese team in the semi finals.

In the playoff for third, the Australian team was able to get the job done in the two singles rubbers to cement victory and a spot on the plane to Mexico along with the Junior Fed Cup team.

Congratulations to both Destanee and Marc on their part in the qualifying events and we look forward to seeing how they go at the finals later in the year!

ALICIA MOLIK CUP

The Alicia Molik Cup was again a resounding success when it was played at Kooyong in early April.

Supported by the Club and the Kooyong Foundation, the Alicia Molik Cup continues to draw some great teams from across Victoria for the 12/u mixed teams event.

In 2013, 10 regional teams and 6 metro teams were involved with players coming from as far as Warnambool, Swan Hill and Bairnsdale to be part of the action.

It was great to see all 64 kids enjoying their tennis on the courts here at Kooyong as the final result came down to a gripping final that had everything.

In a final that seemed to go on forever, Waverley eventually defeated the North Suburban Junior Tennis Association.

Results at the end of the regular matches were 3 sets and 26 games all so both mixed doubles pairs were sent out to play a tiebreaker each however it was again a draw with each association winning 7-5.

The teams had to play another tie break to decide the day and each association again won one tie break each however Waverley won on points 7-3 defeating NSJTA 8-6.

Congratulations to everyone involved, especially to Waverley and NSJTA for putting on a great battle in the final!



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New 50 Year Members Inducted

It's always a wonderful occasion when the Club's 50 Year Members gather to welcome a new group to this illustrious membership status.

Wonderful memories of a lifetime spent involved with the Club in various capacities is always a highlight especially for our Members who joined the Club in such a successful time for tennis in this country.

Our 14 inductees were joined by other 50 Year Members to celebrate this special milestone.

Peter Addison, Timothy Alder, Michael Alder, Frederick Bayne, Maurice Broom, Eric Brown, Helen D'Oliveyra, Marion Dundas, Barry Evans, Diana Oaten, Charles O'Loughlin, Peter Richardson, Peggy Sargeant and Susan Twitt.

Many memories were shared as Allan Stone and Cedric Mason spoke to each of the new recipients about their time at the Club.

From Peter Richardson, the current President of MCC's Tennis Section to Marion Dundas' long family connection with the Club including son Lincoln having played in a Grade 1 Pennant here at Kooyong or Eric Brown whose photos still adorn the famous walls here at the Club, this group's experiences were many and varied over the past 50 years.

It was also great to have Paul McNamee speak after

his recent trip to Wimbledon where he oversaw the successful doubles campaign of Su-Wei Hsieh as she lifted the trophy with partner Shuai Peng after defeating Australia's Casey Dellacqua and Ashleigh Barty in the final.

We congratulate all 14 on their induction and welcome them to a very distinguished group at this wonderful Club!





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Grass Court Fencing

There will be noticeable changes around the grass courts when they return to play in the next season.

In addition to our annual program to replace baselines and prepare courts for springtime recovery, there are other improvements being delivered.

The walk to the grass courts will be different as a result of construction of a new feature walkway. An exposed aggregate path will provide improved walking conditions for players heading to the courts and the colours will complement the surroundings.

Additional elements that will further enhance the walkway will include planter boxes and path lighting and refrigerated drinking fountains will be located close to each court entry.

Quality new fences and gates will be installed around all grass courts and gate entries will realign with each of the courts.

New awnings will also be installed for the comfort of players between games.

Early stage work provided opportunity for trenching to carry out repairs and some upgrading of court services including water, irrigation, power and communication for future benefit.

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Carmen comes to us with a great club background from working for many years at both Metropolitan and Huntingdale Golf Clubs.

Adam has great experience in hospitality from his years in hotels and resorts, overseas and across Australia.

Why not make yourself known to Carmen and Adam when next enjoying the Club?



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Order of Australia Honour



The Club is always looking to acknowledge the fantastic feats of it's members, and Peter Norman and Ruth Hawkins are no different after they were recently awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queens Birthday Honours for service to their communities.

Peter is closing in on 50 years as a member of Kooyong and has been a member of the Rotary Club of Oakleigh for 36 years, as well as currently being the President for the 3rd time.

He is Chairman of the East Malvern Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank and was Chairman of the steering committee that established the Bank in 2000 and they have since provided over \$2.25 million to the Community in sponsorship and grants.

Peter has also been a Board Member of Mayflower Retirement Community in Brighton since 1995 and was Chairman for 7 years and is presently Deputy Chairman.

He has been a member of the Liberal Party for 47 years, is a past candidate for State Parliament and a former Member of the Administrative Committee.

Peter is also a Life Member of the RACV and was Stonnington Citizen of the Year in 2009.



Ruth has been Patron of the Ringwood Eisteddfod since 1989, was President for several years and has organised the event for 59 years.

She is the founder of the Multiple Sclerosis Nerve Centre Choir which is a group that has been performing in many local residential and nursing homes for the past 8 years.

Ruth was also a member of the Ringwood and Foothills Soroptimist Inc. from 1973 to 2004 as she helped to

organise concerts to raise money while also being a Foundation Member of the Dorian Le Gallien Society.

She organised the Maroondah Hospital Queen Quests from 1965 to 1967, was Secretary Ringwood Henley Carnival from 1960 to 1965 and was a Committee Member from 1952 to 1965.

Ruth was a Member of the Women's Auxiliary for Disabled Service Men from 1945 to 1962 as well as being a singing teacher at Luther College, Maroondah Secondary College from 1985 to 1992 amongst many other things.

Congratulations to be both Peter and Ruth for recognition of your service to the community over many years!



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Kooyong Members now have even more reason to enjoy reciprocal benefits at Portsea Golf Club following completion of the new clubhouse.

Located on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, the Mercure Portsea Golf Club and Resort has long been regarded as one of Australia's leading golf courses. Now, with the opening in June of a new clubhouse with a fine dining restaurant, member's bistro and bar combined with spacious outdoor terrace offering panoramic views over Port Phillip Bay, the clubhouse has now become one of the most spectacular in the region.

The new Mercure Portsea Golf Club and Resort offers both premium boutique accommodation and quality

dining and function facilities to cater for corporate functions, events and weddings as well as to tourists and golfers seeking a quality getaway.

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Kooyong Members may also dine for three evenings in the club restaurant with a number of guests. Advance bookings are required.

A Play and Stay accommodation deal is available for golf stays, which comprises accommodation for one night in a standard room including a breakfast.

Bookings for all golf rounds require a minimum of 48 hours notice, and are subject to time sheet availability through the Portsea Membership Office. Restaurant and accommodation may be booked through the Mercure Portsea Golf Club Resort on 03 5981 6100.





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Young Players Making Their Mark

The Pennant season is reaching the business end, with just two rounds remaining before finals, and so much can happen for the Club's teams in this time.

A large number of teams are in contention for a top four spot but several teams have a tough road to travel before they even think about finals.

Both of the Club's Grade 1 men's teams have worked their way into the season nicely and are on a significant winning streak at the moment.

Matthew Nickels' team has won four straight matches and find themselves sitting in the top four with two extremely tough matches to come.

A win in either match should help them sneak into the finals which would be a fantastic effort.

Nicholas Stafford has lead from the front in his Grade 1 side as they have built towards a finals spot.

They will also need to find a win over the last two weeks as they face second and third on the ladder to finish their season.

Ned Whittaker's Grade 2 team has pretty much wrapped up a finals spot with a very impressive season from a young side.

The boys have been as impressive in doubles as they have in singles and will be a dangerous opponent in the finals.

In Grade 3, Kooyong's two sides are basically battling each other for fourth spot on the ladder.

Peter Ikosidekas' team and Todd Millington's team will face each other in round 14 and this is sure to be the crunch match that decides if they get the chance to play finals or not.

Jeremy Taylor's Grade 4 team needs one more win to play finals while Harrison Young's team has two very important matches to come including one against the other Kooyong side.

Both teams are extremely young and have been very impressive throughout the season.

In Grade 5, Martin Cassidy's team has two huge matches against lower ranked

opponents that will decide their season and they'll be hoping for nice weather to help their cause while Bryce Mitchelson's Grade 5 has dominated their section and will finish the season on top of the ladder.

They'll be hoping to go one better after finishing runner up in Grade 5 last year.

In Grade 9, Ross Lucas' team has a firm grip on fourth spot now and will be hoping they can perform well over the last few rounds to play finals.

In the new Open Doubles competitions, Chris Straford's Grade 1 team are currently in second spot on the ladder and will be looking forward to finals while Ric Mitchell's Grade 2 team has dominated all season, will finish on top and will be tough to beat.

The 50+ Masters competitions are also in their first season and Graeme Heath's Grade A team currently sit in second spot on the ladder behind the dominant Grace Park side but may have to play David Cox's Grade A side in the semi finals.

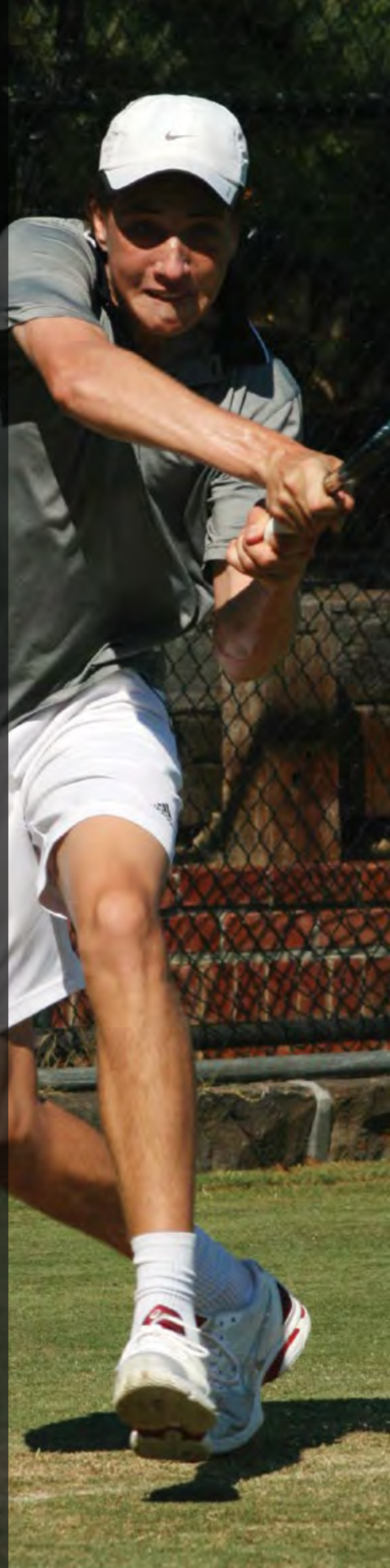
The all-Kooyong semi final wouldn't be ideal but it would result in one of our sides making the grand final which has to be a bonus.

In the B Grade of the Masters competition Gordon Hammet's team has wrapped up a finals spot but will be hoping to avoid the top team in the semi final if at all possible.

To have 15 of the Club's 18 men's sides in contention for finals is a great effort and shows the continued development of the juniors at the Club while also highlighting the depth within our senior teams.

Good luck to all of our teams for the final few rounds and the finals!

Ned Whittaker captained his Grade 2 side to the finals in 2013



A Great Blend Of Youth And Experience

The women's Pennant season looks to be another successful one with plenty of development of our junior players while some of our older players are showing the way to help them.

In Grade 1, the Club has three teams, down from four last season, and they'll all be looking to make their mark on the finals if they make it.

With two rounds to go they are all sitting in the top four and would be confident of making it if they play up to expectations.

Laura McNamara's team has been sitting in the top two for the entire season and should make a serious run towards a flag with Annabelle Andrinopoulos and Destanee Aiava at their best.

The doubles prowess of this side is also something that will hold them in good stead with Laura McNamara, Catherine Louis and Laura Rabinovich all very capable at this level.

Alana Parnaby's Grade 1 team currently sits in fourth spot on the ladder and need a strong finish to the season to play finals. They'll play Laura McNamara's team in the final round which could decide if they make it.

With the top four of Katerina Valos, Maddison Springall, Alana and Romy Stephens playing well they would be a very dangerous side to come across in the finals.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 side is also sitting in the top four with two rounds to go and will finish either third or fourth in their section.

They've had players coming and going with travel commitments and injuries throughout the season but if they can get their best side on the court at the right time they'll be very tough to beat.

Their semi final showdown with either Grace Park or Hepner Place will be a huge match and any of those teams could go on to win the flag.

In Grade 2, Kate Francis' side will again be looking to feature in the finals as long as they can convert one of their final two matches into wins to ensure themselves a spot in the top four.

This team has always been in the top echelon of sides in Grade 2 over the past five or six years and this looks to be no exception but they do have some youngsters nipping at their heels.

Stephanie Serafidis' talented young side are also looking to cement themselves a spot in the top four of this section and it could come down to the final match of the season when they face each other in doubles.

A finals spot for both sides would be a great effort and fantastic reward for all involved in these two teams.

Elizabeth Filonenko's Grade 2 side has continued to help develop some of the Club's exciting young talent as Alexandra Bailey, Madeleine Bailey and Akanksha Puli have stepped up from Grade 5 last season to be extremely competitive at this level.

A win or two in the last few rounds would give them confidence going into next year.

Siobhan Stagg's Grade 3 side have also been just off the pace this season but you can see the improvement from a player like Alexandra Meadows who will be better again next year.

The Club's Grade 4 side, captained by Ashley Spinks, has also shown some great signs as the season has gone on.

With only one player having played Pennant previously, this team is young and inexperienced but they've learnt a lot throughout the season while in Grade 5, Angela Woodruff's team has been competitive throughout despite missing their number one player for the whole season.

Again, congratulations to all our teams on a great season and good luck to those that make the finals!

Brigitte Beck was in great form throughout the Pennant season as her side made it through to the Grade 1 semi finals



ASIA PACIFIC TENNIS LEAGUE

The Asia Pacific Tennis League is set to go again in 2013 with 6 men's and women's teams ready to battle it out for a spot at the National Finals to be played at the 2014 Australian Open. After the success of the inaugural event, Tennis Australia have increased the prizemoney on offer for both the State and National finals to continue to entice the best players to be involved in the innovative team format.

The draw will be released in late August with matches being played on Sunday afternoons and Friday nights starting on the 10th of November.

Kooyong will again field a team in both the men's and women's competitions and will face some very strong competition to reach the National finals as both teams did last year.

The men's teams accepted into this year's Victorian Conference are the Dingley Dingoes, MCC Stars, Royal South Yarra Royals, Tennis World Titans, Waverley Warriors and the Kooyong Classics.

Notable additions to the teams include James Lemke at Dingley and Peter Luczak at MCC while Luke Saville will headline the young Tennis World team.

The women's teams in this year's Victorian Conference are the Delahey Reckers,

Frankston Firebirds MCC Stars, Royal South Yarra Royals, Waverley Warriors and the Kooyong Classics.

The strength in the women's competition lies with Royal South Yarra who have recruited Olivia Rogowska, Storm Sanders and Tammi Pateterson to form one of the most formidable club teams ever seen in Australia which will make for some great tennis for the spectators.

This Victorian Conference is the strongest across Australia which was clear for all to see when the Liston Seagulls won last year's National title.

Keep an eye on the Club's website for information about the dates and times of the super rounds which will see all of the teams compete at one venue.



PENNANT PROFILES



NAME: GREG POLMANS

AGE: 13 GRADE: 4 PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH AUSTRALIAN RANKING: 618

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Represented Tennis Australia in Europe Tour in June 2013 – semi finalist in Tennis Europe Grade 2 tournament in Hungary; qualified for main draw singles of all 14 and under tournaments despite being just 13 years of age
- 2012 December Showdown doubles winner of 12 and under
- 2012 Victorian 12 and under teams event number 1 singles player
- June 2013 Glen Iris 14 and under Gold tournament – singles runner up and doubles winner
- July 2013 Melbourne Park 14 and under White tournament – singles winner

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

I really admire Novak Djokovic because he plays hard and he is funny as well.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

The greatest influences on my tennis would be my coach, Tony Vermaak, and my parents, Nikki and Gavin.

GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

I watched Roger Federer play Juan Martin Del Potro at 2013 Australian Open.

WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

To be the best player of my ability and aim for a top 50 ITF Junior ranking and then top 100 senior player on the ATP rankings. And also to represent Australia at Davis Cup level.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

I really enjoy chatting to my friends and having a bit of fun.

IF YOU WEREN'T A TENNIS PLAYER WHAT WOULD YOU BE?

I think I'd be a soccer player or a basket ball player.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE TENNIS?

I go to Maribyrnong Secondary College and am a scholarship holder of the tennis program. I play computer games, swim and walk my dog (Kaden).

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND DEVELOPING YOUR TENNIS EACH WEEK?

I spend approximately 12 hours developing my game each week and then play tournaments.

SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

I don't get to see my friends as much as I would like and miss out on sleep overs with my friends.



NAME: STEPHANIE SERAFIDIS

AGE: 14 GRADE: 2 PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH AUSTRALIAN RANKING: 277

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Winning the 12 and Under School boys / girls championship
- Reaching 2 semi- finals in the Under 12's nationals
- Winning Victorian Hard court tournament last year in under 14's
- Representing Victoria in the 12 and under Team Events which our team ended up winning.

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

My most admired sportsperson would have to be Roger Federer. I really love the way he plays, it is just amazing to watch him. Roger Federer looks so effortless when he plays and always stays calm, rarely would you see his temper being revealed on court. I also like the fact that he helps charities and kids.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

My greatest influence would have to be my family. If it wasn't for them I would not have had an opportunity to discover a great sport. Also, my coach who I have been with since I first started playing tennis.

GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

The greatest sporting moment I have witnessed would have to be watching Black Caviar race. Hearing the crowd roar as the horse came around the bend like a bullet to finish the race. The atmosphere just was just amazing to be around.

WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

I have set a few goals for myself in tennis for the future to achieve. One of them would be to get to play at all four grand slams. Another would be to play tennis to the best of my ability.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

The most enjoyable aspect to pennant would have to be playing against new opponents. Also enjoying the social aspect with my team and our opponents.

IF YOU WEREN'T A TENNIS PLAYER WHAT WOULD YOU BE?

Before I started tennis I did do ballet, so I guess if wasn't a tennis player I would be a dancer. But, I do like to play an instrument so maybe a musician.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE TENNIS?

Outside tennis I play an instrument, go to school, do homework, watch movies and television and go visit family and friends and when I get a chance go shopping.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND DEVELOPING YOUR TENNIS EACH WEEK?

6-7 hours a week developing my tennis technically and physically.

SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

Sacrifices I've had to make in the past and present time would have to be not being able to go to that many birthday parties.



junior competition news



The Club has recently completed the February to June season of junior competition with great success.

It was fantastic to see 16 of the Club's 24 teams in semi finals and then 8 teams playing off in grand finals.

This included the Club fielding three teams in Section 1 on a Sunday morning and all three making the top four which is a fantastic effort by all involved.

The Club had a team in the grand final of Section 1, 2 and both teams in Section 3 to highlight the continued development of the players at the club and this success will see them playing in higher sections for the coming season.

We continue to push the players into higher sections where appropriate to make sure they are always challenged and we continue to see the benefits of this approach.

On Saturday mornings, Olivia McGrath's Section 1 team reached the semi finals while Leo Morrison's Section 2 team of Jaxon Dryen, Hugh Benyon, Leo Morrison, Oliver Lucas, Olivia Douglas and Hudson Ciavarella went on to play in and win the grand final against Carmelite 2.

On Sunday morning, Sam Liebelt, Angus Stott and Thomas McKay's Section 1 teams

all played in the semi finals but it was Sam Liebelts' team of Alex Bielinski, Jordan Swire, Sam Liebelt, Madeleine Bailey and Alexandra Bailey that went on to the grand final but they were unfortunately beaten by Dendy Park 1 in the decider.

In Section 2, Nick Pullen's team of Tom Meysztowicz, Nick Pullen, James Goller, Sam Barnett and Thomas Graham won their semi final and played a very slick Hampton side in the grand final but it was great experience for this young side as they continue to develop.

In Section 3 it was an all-Kooyong final after Jack Geason's team and Sebastian Tabain's team won their respective semi finals.

Both teams had a great season but it was Jack Geason's team of Jack Geason, Lachlan McAndrew, Charlie Geason, Stephanie Hird, Adam Kneale and Max Potter that defeated Nick Pullen's team of Henry Marcel, Will Swansson, Seb Tabain, Toby Warwick, Sam Quinn and Coco Swansson.

In Section 4, Alex Main's team made it through to the semi finals as did Adam Bartlett's Section 6 team but both were unfortunately beaten at this point.

Section 10 saw both of Kooyong's teams make the finals with both Jessica Pila's team and Harry Gell's team making the top four

but it was Harry's team of Harry Gell, Patrick Shortall, Anthony James, Carlo Ciaini and Jake Zerman that made the grand final before going down to Beaumaris Lawn Tennis Club.

Sam Balmforth's Section 11 team also made the grand final after a great season with the team of Morgan Galea, Sam Balmforth, Angus Cosgriff, Max Charles and Annabelle Jones playing Middle Brighton in the decider which they unfortunately lost.

In Section 12, Sarah Louey's team made the semi finals but they came up against the top side while in Section 13 both of Kooyong's teams also made the semi finals.

Patrick Bell and Liam Anderson's teams played against each other in the Section 13 semi final and it was Liam Anderson's team who came away with a win.

Liam's team of Aaron Scherrer, Matthew Tingate, Holly Feldman, Elizabeth Robson and Liam Anderson played Dendy Park 1 in the grand final where they unfortunately lost.

It was a fantastic effort to have so many teams representing the Club in the finals and we hope all the kids enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the junior teams last season!

We have plenty happening for the remainder of the year with the new junior season now underway and the upcoming Cedric Mason Cup to be played against Royal South Yarra.

We will also have the parent and child round robin to be played at the end of the current season so keep an eye out for these events as they come up.

If you have any questions about junior competition at the Club or the pathway for junior players please don't hesitate to call Daniel on 9822 3333.



MIDWEEK LADIES NEWS

The midweek ladies teams continue to have some success for the Club as they play in competitions in the Bayside, Waverley and MEMRLTA Associations.

The Bayside and Waverley seasons wrapped up in June and the Club had several teams finish near the top of their respective ladders.

On Tuesday mornings in the Bayside Association, Jenny Butterley's Section 1 team finished on top of the ladder but were unfortunately beaten in the grand final by St Finbars.

On Wednesday mornings, Linda Dohnt's Section 2 team showed they were too good for the opposition when they finished on top of the ladder and won the grand final against East Malvern.

The team of Amanda Balfe, Sheryl Kerwick, Jane Cash, Young Sook Eddington, Rong Kwok-Xu, Jill Kaminsky, Cushla De Muth, Linda Dohnt, Fiona Medina, Sue Ferguson, Sue Lester are now back in Section 1.

Thursday mornings were busy at the Club with Kris Tulloch's Bayside Section A team finishing in a very respectable fourth spot.

In Section 1, the Club had two sides competing and it was Sue Lester's team that finished on top of the ladder and went on to make the grand final against East Malvern and unfortunately they had to withdraw due to being unable to field a team.

Angela Godwin's team were in the same section and they finished in sixth spot on the ladder.

It was a very successful season in the Waverley and District Association for the Kooyong ladies as the teams went two from two in grand finals.

Libbie Geason's B Special 1 side finished third on the ladder but was able to fight their way into the grand final where they defeated Eley Park to win the flag.

The team of Libbie Geason, Heather Anderson, Sarah Cudlipp, Alita Davis, Gill Gleeson, Kathy Grant find themselves in the same section for the new season so another flag might be on the agenda.

In B Special 2, Jane Galbraith's team finished a great season with a win in the grand final against Glenvale.

The team of Mardi Andrew, Nancy Bassett, Jane Galbraith, Jan MacLeod, Moira Bainbridge, Andrea Evans finished on top of the ladder and now find themselves in B Special 1.

In Tuesday mornings MEMRLTA competition, the Club have four sides currently in the middle of a season.

Jody Cody's A1 side currently sit in third spot on the ladder while Rosie Kovacs side are in eighth in the same section.

In A4, Sandra Daly's team are sitting in sixth spot on the ladder while in A5 Di Synnott's team are currently eighth but they have plenty of time left in the season.

Good luck to all of our midweek teams for the remainder of the year!



B Special 2 winners were the team of Kathy Grant, Heather Anderson, Libbie Geason, Alita Davis, Gill Gleeson and Sarah Cudlipp

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Crèche News

Kathryn, along with Gill, Sue, Marie and Sian, continue to provide a caring, happy and fun environment for members' children and grandchildren in the crèche, whilst those members make the most of Kooyong's facilities.

On any weekday morning, from 9.00am, there are a maximum of 20 children in the crèche, with at most 6 babies under 18 months.

There are lots of different activities to do, both inside and out, such as painting, drawing and collage, dressing up, playing with dolls, cars and trains as well as riding bikes, playing in the sandpit and climbing and sliding on the play equipment.

About 10.15am, the children enjoy eating their morning tea together.

With their children happily settled and playing in the crèche, mums, along with some dads and grandparents, play tennis, go to the gym, do a Pilates class, or just have a coffee, chat or read the newspaper in the bistro.

Hours of Operation

- 9 am to 12.00 midday Monday to Thursday,
- 9am to 12.15pm Friday,
- Closed School Holidays.

Bookings

Booking line opens at 9am one week ahead.

i.e. you may make a booking this Monday for the following Monday

Book in person or by phone at the Pro Shop on Phone 9038 7141.



KOOYONG International Tennis Academy

NEW PROGRAM

Finding it hard to get a regular hitting partner or match play and don't necessarily want a coaching session? Are you a new member wanting to find ways of getting involved with other members?

We are introducing a new daytime hitting program, at a reduced rate of 30% off for members who would like to have regular match play or a hitting session with a coach. This reduced rate time, is between 12.30pm and 3.30pm. If you are interested please call Shane in the office on 9824 6860.

KOOYONG ADVANCED DAYTIME TENNIS PROGRAM

We have been very fortunate to have acquired the services of David Bidmeade and James Lemke, both recent touring pros, to run this program.

This is a daytime training program for players who want to develop their tennis in a professional training environment and is structured around those who are, post junior, post VCE or attending University. If however, you are still attending Secondary school, have the appropriate ability level and have a flexible timetable, this program may also be for you.

So far this year this program has had two players achieve full time scholarships to the USA and two have left to travel the futures circuit throughout Europe.

This program is run on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.30pm to 3pm. Both of these coaches are also available for individual hitting sessions.



KOOYONG TENNIS BOOTCAMPS

Boot camps are for all standards and abilities and with all drills designed to improve your footwork patterns, speed, power, agility, and endurance while using your core to improve balance. It's a dynamic, safe and social way to work out rather than churning out the km's on the treadmill or streets.

In conjunction with our morning boot camp classes on a Tuesday and Thursday from 6.30am – 7.30am we are introducing a **new night time class on a Wednesday from 8 – 9 pm**. This will give participants a chance to get home, have something to eat and get prepared.

KOOYONG HOLIDAY CLINICS

The next school holidays will see us further develop our program catering for more specialised training. We have specialist coaches for programs for the 4-6 year olds and these will run alongside our normal program for older ages.

We will also be providing a program for advanced players who are looking to train hard in the morning and work on their match play in the afternoon. When appropriate, matches will be videoed and game analysis will take place to review strategies and tactics.

KOOYONG LADIES CLINICS

We have ladies clinics on Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am, Wednesday 9.30am - 11.00am and ladies classes running every other morning. These are great environments for players of all standards. Whether you play section 1, are returning to tennis from a break, are a beginner or completion player, we group players into appropriate standards.

All clinics involve a technical, tactical and fitness base activities with a lot of rallying and game play.



4 - 7 Year Old Program

Hotshots is a fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis. The children use smaller racquets, nets and courts and use low compression balls which makes learning easy and gives the player a greater chance of success in being able to rally and start playing the game. For all available times please call the office.

KOOYONG SQUAD PROGRAM

Our extensive squad program is designed to cater for all levels, ages and abilities of players.

It begins with our Tier 1, 8-10 year old 60 minute program, to Tier 2, 8-10 year olds who are playing tournaments and competition right through to our Tier 5, 2 ½ hour advanced player program for players who are

looking to play College tennis in the USA, or looking at tennis as being a career or playing an extensive range of Tennis Australia tournaments.

All programs are designed to compliment the player's individual programs and based on drilling, point construction and match play relevant to their ability levels.

Also, if members want to have a look at some of the Club's best young talent, the Kooyong Foundation has setup a great initiative in supporting our club's best 12 -14 year old Scholarship players, who are some of the best State and Australian ranked juniors, with squad training on Monday and Friday from 5pm - 6.30pm.

CANADIAN NATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPION

Kooyong's number one pennant player Sam Ejtemai returned to Canada in April to defend his National Junior Championship.

Eligible to play in the Under 17 event, Sam decided to enter the under 19 age group to provide himself with a greater challenge.

Seeded number 5, Sam fought his way through to play the top seed in the final and, after losing the first two games, it looked all over for Sam but he produced a mighty fight

back to win the next two games to give himself the chance in the 5th and final game.

Trailing throughout the final game, Sam fought back level it at 10 all and either player needed a two point advantage to take out the Championship. Some lengthy rallies finally resulted in Sam winning the 5th game 13/11.

Congratulations Sam!



Some of Sam's previous wins include:

15 Year Old Canadian National Champion

15 Year Old Australian National Champion

17 Year Old Oceania Champion

17 Year Old Australian Team Champion (Victoria)

17 Year Old Runner Up Australian Championships

Winner McHazzell Medal Australian Junior Championships (2012)

Kooyong joint Open and Junior Champion 2012 and 2013

THE VICTORIAN OPEN

Kooyong International winner Rachel Grinham has taken her Kooyong form to the State titles defeating New Zealander Megan Craig in straight games at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

The seventh seeded Craig fought hard in the first two games before Grinham ran away with the third to claim her 32nd title on the Women's Squash Association Tour.

Kooyong's Melody Francis, the 2011 Victorian Open winner, was surprisingly beaten in the 2nd round by fellow Australian Tamika Saxby.

Former Australian Junior Team captain and Kooyong player Selena Shaikh was not disgraced when beaten by Chloe Mesic from France.

New Zealand's Campbell Grayson, who was runner up in last year's Kooyong International, retained his Victorian Open title in great style defeating Australian hope Steven Finitis from Queensland. The Kiwi was always in control even though the 3rd set was tight.

For the second year running Campbell has beaten Kooyong International winner Matt Karwalski during the rounds despite Karwalski defeating Campbell in the final of the Kooyong International last year.

Wildcard Sam Ejtemai was beaten by Justin Beard in the first round and Justin was eventually knocked out by the winner.

Five times World Champion and Kooyong Squash ambassador Sarah Fitz-Gerald, who hosted the final day, was full of praise for the efforts of Kooyong in developing the Kooyong Squash International and the promotion of the Victorian titles.

Thanks Sarah!

AUTUMN PENNANT SQUASH

KOORYONG WINS BACK A GRADE FLAG

After a few years in the wilderness, Kooyong was able to win back the prestigious A Grade flag on a night in June that had so many highlights.

Team captain Chris Harris required an Ambulance due to muscle spasms after his gruelling 5 set match while the game results meant that it was left to the number one seeds, who played last, to fight for the pennant flag.

Whoever won this match won the flag for their team and it goes without saying that the game went to a fifth and deciding set.

American Rules scoring is used at A1 level (*each rally scores a point and the winner is the first to 15 points but must have an advantage of two points*).

It also goes without saying that the fifth and deciding game went to 15-15 all.



Not wanting to make unforced errors, the rallies were close to 50 shots each and it was an amazing spectacle!

Right on the stroke of midnight the winning shot was played, 18-16 to young Sam Ejtemai.

Sam had 5 match points against him and still won.

Some would say it was Sam's experience that got him through; after all, he is 16 years old.

The final commenced at 6.30pm, so it took over 5 hours to complete.

The shot making, retrievals, fitness and intense rivalry were

all plain to see, but what shone through most was the respect each player had for his opponent, the acknowledgement of fine shots, honesty when it came to dubious "not -up" calls, and acknowledgement of the gallery who were really into the match.

The Winning team on the night was Sam Ejtemai, Brad Soutar, Will Katrivessis and the captain, Chris Harris.

The gallery was packed, even at midnight, and those who witnessed this great night were privileged to be part of a great Kooyong win.

Some other items of interest from Grand Final week included:

In A2, our number 1, Steve Jones, couldn't take his place in the Grand Final team due to an injury sustained in the semi final and A2 were beaten.

C Grade Squash and Tennis Champion Rob McKinnon hurts his back on the weekend prior to the Grand Final and can't play in the grand final. C1 were beaten.

Owen Cook, playing in the C2 Grand Final night snaps his Achilles and finishes up in the Epworth Hospital resulting in surgery to repair his Achilles. C2 were beaten.

So with seven teams in Grand Finals we win three but no sense complaining because they aren't easy to win and we took home the flag for the top grade.

In B1 we finished on top of the ladder having won B2 last season and then stepping up to B1 and now have another bluey. Young Jason Holmes lost the 1st 2 games and rallied to win the next 3.

The winning team was Grant Brooker, captain Scott Fraser, Adrian Jaguers and Jason Homes.

In D2 we were definite underdogs and after the first two rubbers we didn't think they could possibly win. The first two Kooyong players didn't win a game between them and only managed 21 points but did they win? Yes, in a canter with 7 points to spare.

Kooyong's number 1 and 2 only dropped 14 points between them in the last two rubbers. Now that's pressure and that's a win!

The winning team was Zane Haupt, Mark Deangelis, captain Jim Pappas and Di Coles.

The Spring season commences in the first week of August and we are looking to maintain the jewel in the crown and also win some other grades.



Billiards & Snooker Report

by Alistair Macindoe

2013 A Grade Snooker

The snooker team again struggled against strong competition this year, finishing in second-last position.

The team had three wins and fifteen losses during the home and away season, averaging just over six of the available 18 frames per week.

The most successful player statistically was new recruit Charlie Chafe.



Charlie Chafe wins Australian Under-21 Snooker Championship

In April Kooyong's Charlie Chafe won his second Australian Under-21 Snooker Championship, defeating 14 year old Arthur Lin 6-2 in the final.

The two players are pictured, with Charlie sporting the larger winner's trophy.

There were some substantial breaks: a 91 by Arthur, a 92 by Jayme White and the highest break for the Championship a 125 clearance by Ryan Thomerson.

Quote of the Month

“I learned to approach racing like a game of billiards. If you bash the ball too hard, you get nowhere. As you handle the cue properly, you drive with more finesse.”

- Juan Manuel Fangio, legendary Formula 1 World Champion.



May and June were very busy months:

- The trophy competition against Royal South Yarra Bridge Club was held in June and Kooyong was victorious. I happily noticed the engraving on the trophy that this is the fourth win in a row.



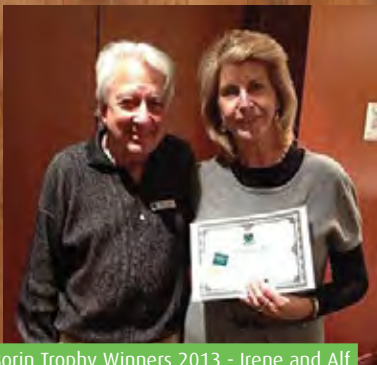
2012 Trophy Winners at Champions Dinner

- The annual Penny Purbrick Trophy for Monday players was won this year by Deb Fogarty and Fiona Trescowthick with runners-up being Shirley and Don Bowman.



Penny Purbrick Trophy Winners 2013
- Fiona and Deb

- The annual Jim Borin Trophy for Tuesday players was won this year by Irene Hinsley and Alf Branicki with runners up being Susie Hawkins and Leeron Branicki.



Borin Trophy Winners 2013 - Irene and Alf

- We visited with the RACV Bridge Club for dinner and they were with us for Monday lunch and duplicate in July.

Bridge News

The bridge year seems to get busier and busier and we have been enjoying a variety of events.

The Club participates in Teams competition with the "Sandbelt Clubs" (*Golf Clubs from Yarra Yarra, Victoria, Commonwealth and Woodlands*) and has been upholding the reputation of our Club with regular placings of first or second.

Our major event for the year is the prestigious Kooyong Congress which will be held on Sunday 17th November.

Alfred Branicki is managing to meet the demand for supervised and advanced lessons. I believe the Club can only grow stronger with our members regularly taking lessons or refreshing their knowledge.

Sadly, long time popular Member, Monica Busietta passed away in June after a very protracted illness. She continued to join us at the bridge table well into her illness which was wonderful to see. We miss her.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th September and I urge all members to attend as there will be many important decisions to make with regard to the direction of our Bridge Club.

My term as President is over and I believe there will be many vacancies on the Committee so I urge Members to begin planning and organising candidates.

As this may be my last Courtside article I would like to thank the Committee with a special mention to Jenny Biggin who has been forever our "sunshine girl" and does a wonderful job.

Aside from the Committee, we are so lucky to have two good directors in Terry Crawford, whose generous extra input is invaluable, and Alfred Branicki, who loves his Monday group.

I have always been heartened too by several Members who are not on the Committee who willingly help out and are always magically there when needed.

I also thank the ever so helpful staff of our Club for their assistance during my time as President.

Leeron Branicki
President, KLTC Bridge Club



Winter Wrap Up

It's always a pleasure to play on grass and we were fortunate that the weather served us well in April and May that we could hold both the KLTC v RSYLTC Social Tennis Cup and Mixed Doubles Round Robin on the grass courts.

RSYLTC were once again triumphant. Having been beaten for the third year our spirits have not been dampened and despite our loss, the majority opinion of KLTC Members was that it was an extremely enjoyable inter club social event. Afterwards, Members of both clubs celebrated with drinks and canapés on the balcony of the Sir Norman Brookes Room. My sincere gratitude to Chris Goulding's catering team, Rachael Whitelaw (our new Functions Manager) and support staff on the day, who made sure we all had a fantastic time.

Congratulations to **Caroline Farrell** and **John Wrigley** who were the winning doubles pair at our May Mixed Doubles Round Robin. **Mary Bernard** and **John Wrigley** took home the prize for best Female and Male individual score.

Before we head back to the courts for the **JJ Social Tennis Tournament** on **Sunday 13 October**, we look forward to sharing a drink or two with you at our **Happy Hour** in the **Winter Garden**, Hopman Bistro on **Friday 2 August**.

Our annual dinner dance on **Saturday 31 August**, **'SPEAKEASY' Roaring 20's Black Tie Gatsby Glamour** is shaping up to be a fantastic night. Please join us for a *razzle dazzle* good time!

 **Cindi Damian**
President



KLTC v RSYLTC



Mixed Doubles Round Robin



KLTC v RSYLTC



Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

The **Royal Children's**
Hospital Melbourne



Recently members of our Kooyong Auxiliary attended the Annual General Meeting of Auxiliaries of the Royal Children's Hospital and light luncheon held at the Myer Mural Hall.

I will leave a copy of the Auxiliaries Annual Report 2012/2013 in the Members' Lounge for member's perusal which details the Auxiliaries team, the Auxiliaries Executive and the new Auxiliaries Executive Committee members for 2013 as well as listing all the various Auxiliaries connected to the hospital and outlining the great assistance they provide each year.

I feel this would be of great interest to our club members.

Upcoming events:

Firstly, we have our second Card Day for the year to be held on Monday 16th September in the Kooyong Room. Invitations have been mailed out already, and extras are available at the Club, giving booking details.

Ann Marie Coghlan is the ticket secretary for this event.

Our final fundraiser for the year will be our very popular Trivia Night on Friday 4th October at 7.30pm including supper in the clubhouse.

Bookings for this fun night will be through Denise Cosgriff when the flyers come out.

I would also like to mention here that we have Entertainment Books available for sale at reception in the clubhouse with a percentage of the proceeds from these sales going towards our fundraising efforts for the hospital and are worthy of your support.

Looking forward to meeting all our members and their friends at these forthcoming events.

Marie Devereux

President



Wine & FOOD SOCIETY

Our last two functions at Kooyong created the opportunity for a gourmet journey to different countries. Both dinners were extraordinary displays of the culinary talents of Chris Goulding and his team.

Their creativity never ceases to amaze members and guests with the quality, variety and presentation of each dish on the menu.

Patrice Renaudin displayed his expertise and knowledge with wines sourced from different regions to perfectly match the cuisine.

Also, our thanks to all the Kooyong team behind the scenes as well as those serving at our functions for their exemplary service and attention to detail.

Without the efforts of everyone back and front of house working together with managers who lead by example displaying such a level of enthusiasm, commitment and dedication, the high standard of our wonderful Wine & Food Society events at Kooyong would not be possible.

Friday 24 May - Tastes of Tasmania in the Racquet Club

A menu from this dinner is featured to tantalize your taste buds – the menu and wines were exquisite!

Friday 16 July - La Dolce Vita Italian Feast in the Kooyong Room

Over 130 guests enjoyed a delicious menu with Italian flavours and textures. Dal Zotto wines were featured to compliment the menu.

Everyone enjoyed listening to stories of their Patriarch, Otto Dal Zotto as well as his son Michael, the Winemaker.

A special 'La Dolce Vita' atmosphere was created with maps of Italy as table centerpieces, background music and a continuous slideshow of scenery and famous landmarks of Italy. Guests were in no hurry to go home from this fun night!

FUTURE EVENTS:

THURSDAY 12 SEPTEMBER - Jorg Restaurant in Fitzroy North

This will be one of our two venues offsite from Kooyong for 2013.

Members and guests will enjoy a carefully crafted dining experience with modern European food in a contemporary environment of 'The White Room' private dining space with its striking feature lighting.

Established by former Head Chef of Jacques Reymond and Church St Enoteca's Sous Chef, this will be another memorable dining experience for members and guests. (Trip Advisor Rated Jorg 5.0 of 5 Star Reviews)

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER - Christmas Function in the Racquet Club

This end-of-year function is always fully booked with a waitlist. When members receive your function notice, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Numbers are restricted to one guest per Wine & Food Society member for this event.

MEMBERSHIP OF WINE & FOOD SOCIETY

New Members are most welcome - details can be found on the Kooyong Website under Members Groups, Wine & Food Society.

Please join us for great wine, food and camaraderie with fellow members, guests and friends!

Christine Johnson
President



RACQUET CLUB

Friday 24 May

TASTES OF TASMANIA

On Arrival

Cape Grim beef tartare, cornichon, capers, quail egg and Melba toast

Blue swisser crab slider, house made tartare sauce, brioche bun

NV Clover Hill 'Tasmanian Cuvee' Pipers River

Entrée

Beetroot cured Huon Valley Tasmanian ocean trout, salmon caviar, wild cress,

Pickled shaved heirloom carrots, asparagus, Coffin Bay oyster beignet, cauliflower purée

2011 Bream Creek Schonburger, Marion Bay

2009 Pipers Brook Vineyard 'Estate' Chardonnay, Pipers River

Palate Cleanser

Boysenberry jelly topped with Frank's apple cider granité

Main Course

Abbacio alla Romana:

Slow cooked Flinders Island lamb scotch fillet with tomatoes, shallot, olives,

Rosemary and truffled Pecorino cheese

2010 Home Hill Estate Pinot Noir, Huon Valley

2008 Petit 'a' by Domaine A Cabernet Sauvignon Blend, Coal River

Sides

Steamed Tasmanian green baby beans with pistachio nut pesto

Baby Kipfler potatoes cooked in duck fat with rosemary and garlic

Dessert

Slow cooked Tasmanian apple and blackberry pie

with King Island cream fraîche ice cream and vanilla crème Anglaise

2008 Pressing Matters 'R139' Botrytis Riesling, Coal River



HEALTH CLUB NEWS

SUCCESS STORY

What a great time to be part of Kooyong Health Club. The club has recently updated the cardio area with new exercise bikes that have the latest features alongside two new EZ Bars in the weights area. Speaking of updates, Murray Grant is our latest success story. Here is an insight into his transformation, with help of the talented Personal Trainer Stephen Kasinski.

How did you start personal training with Steve?

After an introductory training session with Lachie Gleeson a trainer at Kooyong I realised the benefits of regular training sessions. When Lachie left, he recommended Steve.

What were your first thoughts of Personal Training before you started?

At first I thought they were a 'bit of a luxury' but realised that this was a way that I could keep disciplined and motivated.

How did you feel in the initial stages of training?

Initially the fairly rapid progress in fitness and strength kept me motivated.

There are always times when you feel like you are not progressing as well as you would like, and have hit a plateau. What did you do to combat this with the aid of Steve?

Following on from above, this is where the trainer is really important. They help you set realistic goals, vary the program, vary the focus and of course help you get out of bed because someone is waiting for you at the gym.



If there was a weakness you had before starting training that you knew of, how did you identify it and address it with personal training?

Food and alcohol. Regular weekly 'weigh in and honesty session' with Steve goes part the way of keeping this in check.

I've noticed that you have become quite strong through your arms and chest. What has Steve done to you?

I know I'm an Essendon supporter and Steve is a weight lifter but what you see is 'supplement' free!

On a more serious note my training at Kooyong has been focussed on building strength and muscle through my late 50's and 60's. Steve has guided me on this program to ensure slow steady and to date injury free progress. Correct technique and realistic weight are obviously so important with weight training and Steve, as an actively competing weight lifter, has ensured this. Bench press has improved 25% over the last couple of years.

What else have you noticed has physically changed within the three years of Personal training?

Not having changed is probably more important. Weight and fitness have remained pretty steady over the journey. Body fat % has improved.

What motivates you to come in and train at 6 am two days a week at Kooyong Health Club?

You get to a stage where you don't want to lose what you have gained through all that work.

How has personal training with Steve changed your lifestyle?

It keeps putting the diet and vino intake back on track which can only be a good thing.

What exercise do you find the most beneficial?

It is important to cover a wide range of exercise even though at times you may have a fairly narrow goal. This prevents unbalanced narrow training sessions that soon become boring and can lead to injury. Therefore although weight training to me is very beneficial a wide and varied program with cross training is important.



Steve has told me that you also train at the Melbourne Rebels base the other two mornings of the week. Can you credit Steve and personal training for getting you to this level?

The base strength and fitness from my program at Kooyong has meant that I have been able to gain the full benefit from the Rebels training program.

You seem to have conquered Mount Everest at the rate you've gone. Is there anything else you want to achieve with personal training and by yourself?

Everest is a bit rich, maybe Mt Donna Buang. I will be quite happy if I can maintain my current levels. (Although it would be a nice bonus if I could crack that elusive 70 Kg bench press)

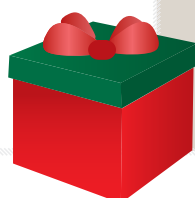
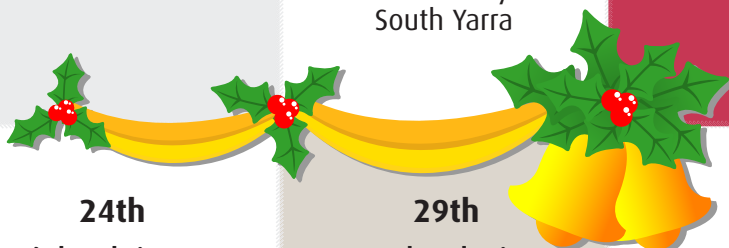
Do you have any advice for someone who is a bit lost with their training and diet, needing motivation or for those in a training plateau?

A regular and sustained program with a personal trainer whether in a 'one on one' or a group setting is definitely the way to go.

Members interested in weight loss, strength and conditioning, injury rehabilitation, general fitness, or personal training. Contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on 0419 003 762 / 9822 3333

Diary dates

AUGUST	2nd Social Committee Happy Hour in the Winter Garden	5th Emerging Stars Snooker Championship	31st Speakeasy Social Committee Annual Dinner Dance
SEPTEMBER	1st Father's Day Buffet Lunch	12th Wine & Food Society Event at Jorg Restaurant	16th Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Card Day
24th Bridge Club AGM	OCTOBER	4th Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Trivia Night	6th Cedric Mason Cup - Kooyong v RSY Junior Tennis Event
13th Social Club JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin	31st Cedric Mason Cup Junior Teams Event vs Royal South Yarra	NOVEMBER	22nd Tennis Legends' Lunch
24th Crèche Christmas Party	29th Food and Wine Society Christmas Dinner in Racquet Club		



THE KOOYONG TERRACES



STELLER IS PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THERE HAS BEEN OVERWHELMING POSITIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB COMMUNITY FOR THE KOOYONG TERRACES. IN THE LAST PUBLICATION, STELLER INDICATED THAT MINOR CHANGES WOULD BE MADE TO THE THE DESIGN OF THE EXISTING BUILDING, INCLUDING ELIMINATION OF THE BASEMENT CAR STACKER AND REPLACEMENT OF CONVENTIONAL CAR PARKING.



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