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John Peers' End of Season Burst Nets ATP Tour Finals Title

Kooyong Foundation Scholarship star John Peers has had another huge year which has again finished with a trip to the ATP Tour Finals and then the title after an unbelievable run of victories.

Having won tournaments in Brisbane, Munich and Hamburg with Henri Kontinen, the pair needed some strong results to finish the year well and they couldn't have done much better with a finals appearance at the Masters 1000 tournament in Shanghai being closely followed by a run to the title at the Masters in Paris to secure their spot at the year ending event.

With Davis Cup duties including his debut at home at Kooyong and then in a win in Sydney against Slovakia along with a trip to the Rio Olympics, Peers has racked up the frequent flyers points.

"The Olympics was an amazing experience. Being part of the whole Australian team was something very special. The whole team environment created across every sport was amazing," said Peers.

After losing an epic match tiebreaker in the first round of the ATP 500 event in Japan to Robert Lindstedt and Alexander Peya, Peers and Kontinen then started what has been an exceptional run of form that they have been working towards all year.

"The last few weeks has been a good result from the build up of Henri and I working hard as a team all year. We have continued to get not only better as individual tennis players but also as a team and that unity has enabled us to become more consistent" he said.

Every pair they played in the Masters event was near the top of the doubles game including their first round opponents Treat Huey and Max Mirnyi who were also fighting for a spot at the World Tour Finals.

The 6/2 6/2 win saw them move through to take on another World Tour finalist in Rajeev Ram and Raven Klaasen and they again won in straight sets to setup a tantalising match with the Bryan brothers and again they came out on top 6/4 6/2.

The semi final match against Marcelo Melo and Vasek Pospisil saw Peers and Kontinen continue their dominant form with a 6/4 6/4 victory to move through to a showdown with the top seeds Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut.

It was a final worthy of a Masters event with the Peers and Kontinen combination taking the early lead when they



won the first set 6/4 but the French pair fought back to level the match winning the second set 6/3.

The match tiebreaker saw Peers and Kontinen come out on top to secure their first ever Masters title and head into the World Tour Finals with plenty of momentum.

"The recent success has been due to the work we have done together across the whole year. We have been able to use this confidence we have together to ensure we back up match to match with a high level," said Peers.

"The World Tour Finals is an amazing event which to be able to be back for a second year in a row is something I aimed to do. After my experience last year it gave me motivation to make it again. It's a great way to finish off the year," he said.

The ATP Tour Finals saw the pair seeded fifth and they won all three of their group matches including a fantastic match tiebreaker win over the top seeds Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut.

In the semi final, Peers and Kontinen faced the famed Bryan brothers and again they were able to get the better of the American pair on the big stage 7/6 6/4.

The final against Klaasen and Ram, who defeated Jamie Murray and Bruno Soares in their semi final, was a seesawing affair but after losing the first set, Peers and Kontinen were able to regroup and win the second set before making the most of their opportunities to win the match tiebreak and the title 2/6 6/1 10/8.

Congratulations to John and Henri on the biggest wins of their careers! ■



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2017 Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic

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“I have been proud to receive over the year so many compliments about ‘Kooyong’...”

Peter Carew, President

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CEO'S REPORT

We close out 2016 looking back on a bumper year of tennis, and looking forward to more to come in 2017.

January saw the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic entertain the crowds, and the reformatted draw and changes around the Kooyong Common proved extremely popular. Then, over the weeks that followed, we watched great performances by many Kooyong members during the Australian Open.

Move forward to February, and our attention turned to club championships, and with the numbers involved, and high standard of tennis, it was clear that tennis is strong and thriving at Kooyong.

Just a few weeks later, a further treat for tennis fans with the return of Davis Cup on grass, and while the result eventually went against the home team, the atmosphere across the time leading up to, and during the event, was simply sensational.

Our club groups have enjoyed great times during the year and the squash section highlighted the excellent standard of member competition during their own club championships, followed by the return mid-year of the Kooyong International.

Thanks again to all other groups including the Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary, Social Committee, Crèche Committee, Young Members, Bridge group, Billiards & Snooker and Wine & Food Society for the variety of outstanding events that were organised. The work of the volunteers in each of these add to the experiences and opportunities for members to enjoy the Club.

We now look forward to 2017 with anticipation of another great year at the Club. The Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic returns in January, and news has just broken of the return of Davis Cup in February, so we look forward to a bumper month of tennis at Kooyong. Information of member ticketing opportunities are available on the website.

I thank members for the great support and encouragement provided during the year wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas, and a wonderful new year.



Chris Brown, CEO

At the end of another great year at Kooyong it is worth noting a few highlights and matters regarding our Club.

There were many sporting achievements of Kooyong Members including:

- **Andrew Whittington** – Has had a huge year that has seen his ranking soared to a career high of 171.
- **John Peers** – John Peers and his partner Henri Kontinen continued their brilliant form to end the season in style at the ATP Tour Finals in London. The pair won the title after going through their group undefeated and defeating the Bryan brothers in the semi final.
- **Marc Polmans** – Has been rising through the rankings in his first full season on tour and has reached a career high of 213.
- **Kooyong's men's team** was crowned Asia Pacific Tennis League South Conference Champions.
- Kooyong won the **ladies Grade 1 Pennant title** in 2015 and 2016.
- **Glenn Busby** won the Men's 60's World Singles title.
- **Christine Nunn** and **Sarah Cardwell** reached rankings of 44 and 51 in the world respectively and both took part in the recent Kooyong International.
- **Cedric Mason** won the Spirit of Tennis award from Tennis Victoria for the years of service to tennis. Cedric has been Mr Kooyong for a long time now and it's great he has been recognised for his contributions outside the Club to all things tennis in Victoria and his support of Davis Cup, the International Club, Kooyong and Royal South Yarra Tennis Club.

The Kooyong Foundation

It has been a great pleasure working with Peter Quinn, President of the Kooyong Foundation, and the Board members who do so much for aspiring tennis players, and the history of the Club that we are preserving for future generations. The list of successful athletes above reflects the success of the Foundation.

Kooyong Clubs

Members of Kooyong have a huge choice of activities that are provided by the volunteers in the Club who make the commitment to make Kooyong a better place every day. The Bridge Club has grown and grown under the direction of Rob Nurse and his committee and I am reliably told that it is one of the best environments to play Bridge at in Melbourne.

I have had the pleasure of attending a number of functions put together by Christine Johnston and her Committee of the Wine & Food Society, and for me, the Geoffrey Blainey dinner was a standout. Thank you for your efforts that bring so much joy to so many people. The Social Committee, led by Cindi Damian, have provided some fantastic events this year including Friday night soirées, tennis days and the like, but I particularly enjoyed the Las Vegas dinner dance with our own showgirls. These are events that you should all put in your diary for 2017 as “do not miss”.

Thanks to Lucy Hamill for her work with the Young Members and the new President Dean Taylor who now heads up the Young Members and maintains our great relationship with the younger members of Royal South Yarra.

We have a very active Squash Club run by Colin Cruickshank and the Kooyong International event is a highlight on the squash calendar. Congratulations to Sam Ejtemai and Sarah Cardwell for winning the men's and women's singles titles again this year.

The Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary continues its fine tradition of fund raising. Maree Devereux and her team run the tennis day in March, Christmas in July and the trivia night. These are all events which are well supported by members and really enjoyable days. The RCH Auxiliary raised \$22,000 much needed funds for the Hospital and on behalf of the members I thank them for their great work and generosity which reflects so well on the Club.

Whilst the billiard club may be small in number, they are active and growing and I would like to thank David Pitt for his contribution this year. Finally thank you to Rachael Ralph and the Members that make up the Kooyong Crèche Committee because you give other Members the opportunity to enjoy the facilities knowing that their children are well cared for.

I am well aware when you thank people for their contribution there is a risk that you leave someone out. So I would like to thank all the people that have contributed to Kooyong in 2016 and hope that you have as much satisfaction out of contributing to Kooyong as I have.

The Board

The Board has continued to review and where necessary reset the direction of the future of the Club to ensure that we continue to pursue excellence in all areas particularly member facilities. We have continued to reduce the debt of the Club and commit sufficient funds to maintain and improve facilities around the Club.

Congratulations to Cam Dickinson and Rowena Cole who were elected to the Board in the recent elections.

At the AGM, I announced that with the recent resignations of Margot McCluskey, Fiona Law, Richard Kennett and Duncan McCulloch, we have affected the transition to seven members. I would like to thank the retiring members of the Board for their contributions to the Club as Board members and as members of various committees. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all and you will be missed.

As part of our continuing programme of good governance, we have been working with Club groups to freshen up their Charters to ensure that they comply with the legislation, are aligned with the Rules that were reviewed in 2015, and generally to ensure that all the clubs have similar ways of operating, reporting and accounting.

Another matter I would like to update you about is the masterplan. Members are aware of some of the challenges facing the Club including restrictive boundaries to the north and south, potential for future developments of the neighboring railway line, requirements for additional car parking on site and a need for continued growth and improvement of services and facilities to enjoy. Work with our architect Bruce Henderson has focused on ways the site may be developed to deal with these and other challenges that will present to the Club in the future.

That has required the Board to look at a range of alternatives and deal with the challenges some solutions present including consideration of matters related to overlays for heritage and land subject to inundation. There has been considerable discussion with the City of Stonnington regarding those matters and others to determine ways to develop the masterplan to achieve optimum use of the property for Members to enjoy. I hope those issues will progress quickly from here so we are able to provide detailed information about the masterplan for Members to consider in the near future.

Thanks Chris Brown for your substantial assistance to me and the Board over the last 12 months. You set the standards that create the environment that we proudly call “Kooyong”. Your team, especially Stephen Lucas and Jodie Johnston, from reception to functions, Patrice and the bar staff, Chris Goulding and his food team, the waiters, from Nick Rennison and his groundsmen to the tennis department (Cedric, Dan, John and Tim), all make the experience of being at Kooyong so enjoyable and memorable and I have been proud to receive over the year so many compliments about “Kooyong” and the people who work here.

Last, but not least, thanks to the IT team for the introduction of myKooyong, the new website and content, the webcam and of course the simplified version of renewing membership online. These are all great innovations over the last 12 months to the benefit of the members. We look forward to further benefits and enhancements in 2017.

Christmas is upon us and that brings with it the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic which will be bigger and better than last year. I am delighted to have Peter Johnston on board as the Tournament Director and Pat Cash as the ambassador. I am also delighted that we will have women playing this year and I would like you all to support your club and bring your friends and relatives to the event and enjoy being up close with the action in the best tennis club in the world.

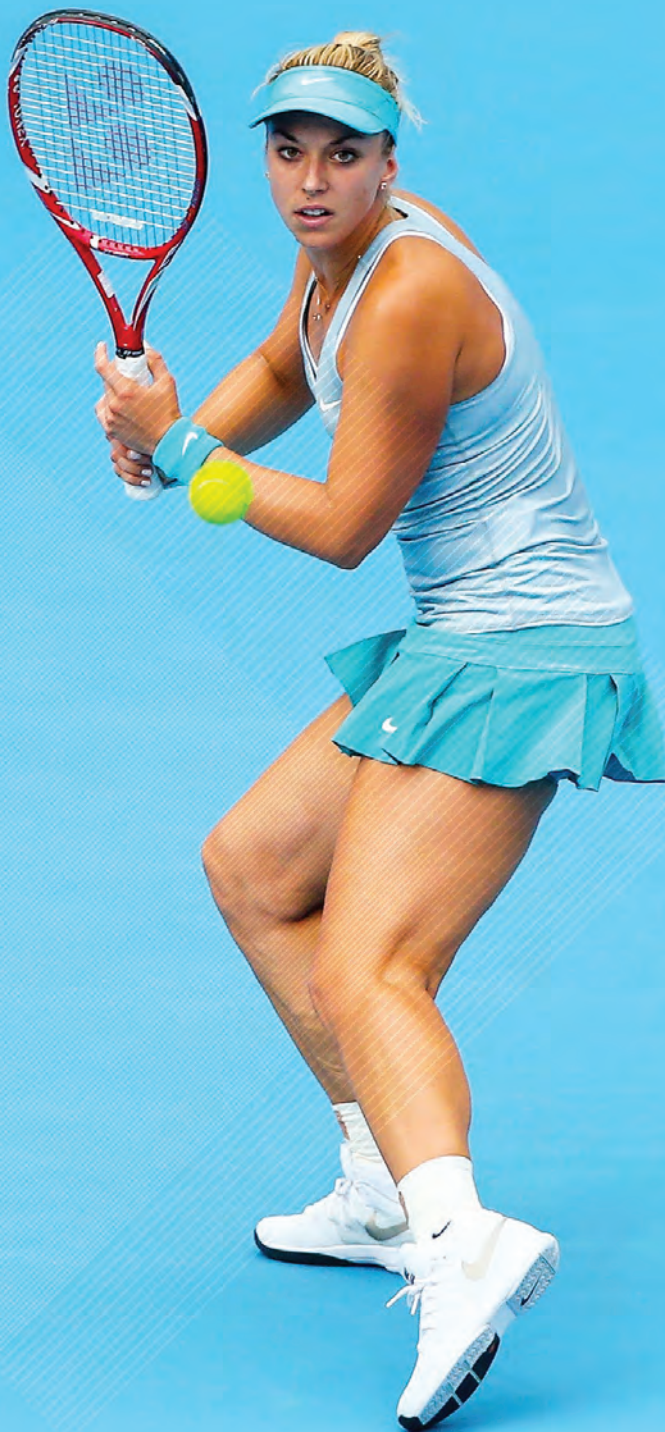
I close by extending to Members wishes for a wonderful Christmas and great times in 2017.



Peter Carew, President

Women Return To Classic Line Up

The Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic will see women return to the event for just the second time in its history.



With former Wimbledon finalist Sabine Lisicki signed to play at the event alongside former world number 22 Sorana Cirstea and adopted Australian Ajla Tomljanovic, who is on her return from a shoulder injury which has seen her out of action since the Australian Open, we are sure to see some great action from the women's matches.

“I was excited to hear that they were adding a women’s field to this year’s Kooyong Classic,” Lisicki said.

“I had heard a lot of good things about the event for the guys over the past years and am hoping it helps me prepare well for the Australian Open. I’m also looking forward to playing at the Kooyong Club which has such a great tennis history.”

New Tournament Director Peter Johnston was optimistic the addition of the women would appeal to both fans and the players.

“Women’s matches have only been played once in the history of the Kooyong Classic event and that was when they played a minor event on grass on the outside courts one year in the ’90s,” Johnston said.

“The feedback from the players and coaches was clear that the appetite is there for matches at Kooyong like the men currently have.”

Also signed to return to the event are Australian Davis Cup star Bernard Tomic as well as last year’s champion, David Goffin, and French star Richard Gasquet.

Tomic, currently ranked 26, has had another consistent year with another run to the round of 16 at Wimbledon before losing an epic against Lucas Pouille 10/8 in the fifth set while



also reaching the semi finals at the Aegeon Championships and also making a run to the final of Acapulco.

Belgium star David Goffin started the year by winning the Kooyong Classic title for the first time and has continued in fine form throughout the year with his current ranking at a career high of 11.

With semi final appearances in Indian Wells, Miami, Metz and Antwerp as well as losing the final in Tokyo to Nick Kyrgios, Goffin has had another very successful season and will be hoping to kick off 2017 in similar fashion.

Gasquet, always a fan favourite at Kooyong and in Australia generally, continues to be amongst the top players in the game with two titles to his name in 2016 indoors at both Antwerp and Montpellier while also reaching the final in Shenzhen to maintain his top 20 ranking.

The French flavour also continues with rising star Lucas Pouille, currently ranked 15th, set to play at Kooyong for the first time while his compatriot Gilles Simon returns to the event again after another very solid year.

Pouille, at just 22 years of age and ranked 15th, has rocketed up the rankings this year after winning his first ATP title in Metz while also reaching the final in Bucharest together with runs to the quarterfinals of both Wimbledon and the US Open.

The young Frenchman will be one to watch in 2017 and he will be hoping to start his season well in Australia.

Simon is now a veteran of the Tour and despite having another consistent season 2016 was the first time since 2006 that he hasn't either reached a final or won a title during the season.

With semi final appearances in Shanghai and Metz as well as quarterfinals in Stuttgart, Nice, Estoril and Miami, Simon underlined his elite status with another consistent year.

Further newcomers to the Kooyong Classic will be Croatian Davis Cup stars Ivo Karlovic and Borna Coric as well as Japanese youngster Yoshihito Nishioka while Russian veteran Mikhail Youzhny returns to the courts at Kooyong.

37 year old Ivo Karlovic is coming off a career best season where he has risen to 20th in the rankings and into the Croatian team for the Davis Cup final.

The 6 foot 11 inch veteran has won titles in Los Cabos and on the grass at Newport while also making the final in Washington as well as reaching the semi finals in Vienna, s-Hertogenbosch and Istanbul to round off a fantastic year.

▲ **Left** Bernard Tomic in action at Kooyong in the Davis Cup.
Middle Last year's Kooyong Classic champion David Goffin.
Right Adopted Australian Alja Tomljanovic is on the return from injury.

Croatian rising star Borna Coric is another player fans will see a lot more of in the future, now sitting inside the top 50, after some fantastic results including kicking off the year with an appearance in the final in Chennai while also making the final in Marrakech.

Mikhail Youzhny, the former world number 8, has climbed back up the rankings in 2016 with quarterfinal appearances in Stuttgart, Gstaad and St Petersburg and is always a dangerous player in any draw and is sure to want some quality matches under his belt as he prepares for the Australian Open.

Young Japanese star Yoshihito Nishioka, now 21, will be hoping to entrench himself in the world's top 100 in 2017 and he showed he is more than capable of mixing it with the world's best with a quarterfinal showing in Memphis and reaching the semi final in Atlanta.

"We still have one spot to fill, but with four players inside the top 20, in Goffin, Pouille, Gasquet and Karlovic, plus Tomic and rising young stars like Coric and Nishioka, it's a great mix," said Johnston.

"Combined with the recent announcement of the women's round-robin event featuring Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic, German Sabine Lisicki and Romanian Sorana Cirstea, the 2017 event is shaping well."

With some fantastic tennis on offer and plenty of action on the Kooyong Common including access to the Priceline Health and Beauty Lounge for attendees featuring makeup touch ups, health checks with pharmacists and other exciting activities.

As a Kooyong member, on presentation of your membership card you are entitled to a free seat in Section 21. Please note this is upper level and seating is unreserved.

Details of how to purchase members reserved section 9 tickets can be found on the KLTC website. ■



◀ Ellen Perez was in great form recently winning the US Open Wildcard Playoff.
▼ Marc Polmans continues to rise up the rankings.

Aiava & Perez Showcase Their Potential

Kooyong Foundation Scholarship stars Destanee Aiava and Ellen Perez continued to highlight their huge potential with some fantastic recent results.

Aiava moved into the Australian top 10 after reaching the final of the ITF event in Tweed Heads before getting to the second round in both the Bendigo and Canberra Internationals before going down to high class opponents.

The youngest of the Australian top 10 at just 16 years of age, Aiava continues to post some great results and hit a career high ranking of 373 at the end of October.

Perez made her Grand Slam singles debut after winning the Australian women's Wildcard Playoff in Florida leading into the US Open.

Perez defeated fellow Kooyong Scholarship holder Ash Barty in the final to win the much sought after wildcard.

Currently studying and playing at the University of Georgia, Perez won her maiden ITF title in Brussels in July, and also reached the final of the ITF event in Rebecq.

She recorded an impressive 19-2 record since returning to the ITF circuit in July and added three more wins to her name in the Wildcard Playoff with victories over Naiktha Bains, Arina Rodionova and Barty.

"I'm really excited to utilise this opportunity to be amongst the best in the world and thank Tennis Australia for the wildcard, which could be a big breakthrough for me," Perez said.

"I believe the matches over in Europe really helped with my confidence and belief in my own game. I am most looking forward to the opportunity to compete in my first Grand Slam singles event, to play in front of the crowd and to learn from this experience for the future."

Perez played at this year's Australian Open with fellow Kooyong Scholarship holder Belinda Woolcock in the Women's Doubles event and has always shown the potential to rise to the elite level of the sport only to be hampered by a few injuries along the way.

We wish both girls the best of luck for the Australian summer!



WHITTINGTON & POLMANS

CONTINUE THEIR RISE

Kooyong Foundation stars Andrew Whittington

and Marc Polmans are two of the biggest movers on the ATP tour this year.

Whittington, now 23, has had a breakout year which has included 6 ITF singles titles and four doubles titles, a ATP Challenger final, a trip to the US Open to play in the qualifying event as well as qualifying for his first ATP event and winning his first round match before falling to Richard Gasquet.

Having started the year ranked 582 and now sitting at a career high of 172, it's fantastic to see the young star getting reward for his efforts this year.

Marc Polmans has also had a fantastic year and is hot the heels of Whittington as he continues to make huge gains with his career high ranking now sitting at 213 having started the year ranked 843.

Polman's year has included four ITF singles titles as well as four doubles titles to go with four other ITF finals appearances and four semi final appearances as well as a run to the ATP Challenger final in Canberra where he lost a tight match to James Duckworth.

His consistency has been a feature of his year and his never say die attitude and work rate continues hold him in good stead as he climbs the rankings.

Both players will be looking to use the base they have built to launch an attack on the top 100 in 2017 and it will be exciting to watch them continue on their journey.

Members can see them play for the club in the Tennis Victoria Premier League in November and December.

State Grade Premiership Reunion

It was fantastic to see the majority of the 2002 State Grade Premiership winning team at Kooyong recently for a reunion.

Featuring some of the Club's first scholarship players, a program which has now overseen the development of many of Australia's brightest young prospects, the players enjoyed dinner and drinks in familiar surrounds.

Jay Salter, Matthew Coghlan, Stirling Lingard, Graeme Hill and Paul Kleverlaan were in attendance while Brad Sceney, Paul Aitken and Daniel Byrnes weren't able to make it on the night.

Former President and now Kooyong Foundation Chairman, Peter Quinn, was also in attendance to relive the historic win which was the start of great things for the club and the Kooyong Foundation, which was in its infancy at that stage.

"One of the best feelings for me in playing tennis was being part of the team that won the first State Grade pennant at Kooyong," said Jay Salter.

"Seeing the guys that made it possible again 15 years later, including Peter Quinn and Cedric Mason, shows how great a club we belong to and how great the team really was," he said.

As is often the case, the memories of the season and the win over Dingley continue to grow but it will always go down as the first State Grade win in the club's history and one that started from small beginnings with the Kooyong Foundation's Scholarship program and has built into a fantastic development program for Victoria's and Australia's rising stars.



▲ It was great to see (from left) Jay Salter, Graeme Hill, Matthew Coghlan, Paul Kleverlaan and Stirling Lingard return to celebrate the club's first State Grade flag.



STEFAN STORCH HOLDS FOUR NATIONAL TITLES AFTER CANBERRA WINS

Kooyong Foundation rising star Stefan Storch

has continued his great run at the recent Australian Claycourt Championships in Canberra where he won both the 14's singles and doubles titles.

Storch, who won the Grasscourt double in Adelaide earlier in the year, now holds four National titles after getting on top of his Victorian opponent, Stefan Milenkovic, 6/3 6/4 in the singles final.

Having dropped only one set for the week, Storch lived up to his top seeding in the singles with a near faultless tournament as he cruised through the opening two rounds before a slight hiccup in the first set of his quarterfinal against South Australia's Sebastian Flock.

Storch dropped the first set before recovering to reach the semi final with a 3/6 6/2 6/2 victory before proving his strength in a 6/1 6/1 demolition of another young Victorian, Enzo Aguiard, to reach the final.

In the doubles, Storch teamed up with fellow Victorian Cihan Akay as the third seeds and they dominated the tournament from start to finish.

The pair had their toughest match in the first round when they eased past Queensland's Phillip Sekulic and Chen Dong 6/2 7/6.

In the semi final they played Kooyong's David Qariaqus and Queensland's Haru Sonton and the 6/1 6/4 victory saw the pair through to the final.

The final was a one sided affair as the Victorians dominated their unseeded Queensland opponents, Casey Hoole and Tai Sach, from the start and ran away with a 6/0 6/2 victory to claim the title.

Congratulations to Stefan on his achievements as well as all the Kooyong Foundation Scholarship players that took part in the 12's and 14's National Championships recently and we wish all our players luck for the December Nationals! >>

Best of luck to our world ranked ladies for their upcoming events!



Squash Internationals

Kooyong's two squash internationals, Sarah Cardwell and Christine Nunn, were partners in the World Doubles Championships held recently, finishing a credible 7th.

Sarah then headed to the Hong Kong Open going down 12/10 in the final to world number 26 Liu Ling.

Her next stop was China for further international events before she headed to the USA and in the final match Sarah was knocked out by world number 28 from France.

Sarah is now training hard getting ready for the New Year World Series in America, Canada and Columbia.

Christine has recently returned from competing in Philadelphia and New York and has just packed her bags to represent Australia in Paris at the World Women's Team Championships.

En Route to the World Championships, Christine will compete in the Monte Carlo Classic as a tune up to the Team Championships.



PEERS HONoured BY NEWCOMBE

MEDAL NOMINATION

John Peers' year continues to go from strength to strength after being nominated for the Newcombe medal.

Peers will be up against the likes of Sam Stosur, Daria Gavrilova, hot favourite Dylan Alcott, John Millman and Jordan Thompson at Tennis Australia's night of nights in late November.

In a year that has included 5 titles including his first Masters 1000 title in Paris and the ATP Tour Finals crown as well as debuting in Davis Cup and representing Australia at the Rio Olympics, Peers would have to be among the favourites to take out the medal.

"Finding out that I have been nominated for the Newcombe is a massive honour. I feel like I've had a really solid year. Olympics and Davis Cup were big highlights and to win a few big events in the last month has been great. I'm looking forward to attending the Newks for the first time. All the other players tell me what a great night it is and I can't wait to experience it," said Peers.

The Club will have its fingers crossed that John can come home with the medal to top off a fantastic year on the court while the off court part of his life is also going well as he gets married at Kooyong in late November.

We congratulate John and Danielle on their wedding! ■



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Kooyong's Andrew Rae Wins World Championships Medal

Kooyong member Andrew Rae has added another couple of World Championships medals to his ever growing list of achievements after coming runner up in the 65's singles and winning the 65's doubles in Umag, Croatia recently.

Rae, the number two seed in the singles, had a dream run through to the semi finals where he played Denmark's Frans Norby who was coming off three consecutive matches that had gone the distance.

The match was tight throughout as both men looked to gain the ascendancy in the first set and it was the Australian who took it in a tiebreaker.

Rae then looked set to run away with the match before the Dane edged back into the contest and gave himself an opportunity to win the second set until the momentum swung again to see it go to a second tiebreaker.

Rae raced out to a 5 points to love lead before things turned again and the Dane looked set to level things at 6 points all only to net a forehand to give Rae a famous victory and spot in the final.

Unfortunately Rae was unable to get past the top seed and his doubles partner, Bruno Renoult, in the final with the Frenchman winning 6/4 6/2.

The match was tight throughout as both men looked to gain ascendancy in the first set...

The pair were much too good for their opponents in the doubles event with the 6/1 6/1 win in the final against the top seeded pair from Germany capping off a great tournament.

Congratulations to all our members who took part in this prestigious event! ■



◀ Members can buy the book from all good book stores or it can also be purchased as an eBook through the iTunes store.

The Outcasts

Kooyong member Richard Naughton has written a book that may be of interest to tennis fans who enjoy their heroes from eras past.

The Outcasts is a historical journey through the 1940's and 1950's with American tennis champions Art "Tappy" Larsen and Dick Savitt.

The two players travelled together to Australia at the end of 1950 while Savitt also returned with the American Davis Cup team the following year with both players having played here at Kooyong during their visits.

Larsen played a controversial match against Ken McGregor on Kooyong's centre court where he threatened to walk off court after being foot faulted several times. ■



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Inter Club Wine Challenge 2016

Thursday, 20th October saw our opportunity to win back the trophy at the Annual Inter Club Wine Challenge, this year conducted at the RACV Club.

Fourteen teams from Kooyong LTC, the Australian Club, the RACV Club and University House competed in a test of their palates and knowledge over two brackets of wine – a bracket of four whites and a second bracket of four reds. Teams had 20 minutes for each bracket to identify the grape variety, country of origin, region, vintage and to write a tasting note on each wine.

Once again, Kooyong had two teams competing and we entered the Challenge with high hopes of making it returning the trophy to Kooyong.

Unfortunately, the wines proved difficult to identify accurately. The two Kooyong teams were in the top half of the field but did not score quite well enough to make the podium. The teams finished 4th and 6th, a most creditable performance.

The Challenge was eventually won by a team from the RACV Club, only after the result was overturned following an error in scoring having been identified.

Our thanks go once again to Patrice Renaudin for his untiring support, for fostering our interest in wine and giving us the opportunity to train our palates in the training sessions leading up to the event. These nights are fine examples of Kooyong's Club collegiality at its best.

I do hope that other members of Kooyong will join in this event next year. We look forward to renewing our friendships and challenging our palates again in 2017. ■

Greg Baker



◀ Patrice Renaudin, Scott Porter, James Leong and Andrew Francis enjoyed another successful Wine Challenge.

▼ Scott Porter, Jenny Sullivan, James Leong and Andrew Francis.



Reception Changes

We welcome new reception staff members Genevieve Wallis and Katrina Vrettas to Kooyong.

Genevieve and Katrina are often the first contact on arrival, and are both very happy to assist Members and guests with any questions or arrangements when visiting the Club.

We are also pleased to welcome back Helen Ellis to the front desk. Members will recognise Helen's familiar face, having been a regular in the role for several years previously.

Helen's return, and the arrival of Genevieve and Katrina will ensure Members enjoy friendly, helpful service when using or contacting the Club.

We invite Members to make yourselves known when you next visit Kooyong. ■



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- ▲ Colin's Walk is looking great at this time of year.
- ◀ The Cherry Tree Garden near court 10 and 19.
- ▼ The rose garden near court 49.



Kooyong's Gardens

The Kooyong gardens always showcase some great plants and flowers around the grounds but this time of year they are definitely worth taking in.

Colin's Walk

The area located between the ticketbox on Glenferrie Rd and the crèche under the stadium. This is a great spot to get away from the summer heat with plenty of shade and a soft lawn set amongst a largely Japanese influenced garden. Along with a variety of established trees and shrubs there is always something in flower.

The Cherry Tree Garden & Rose Garden Near Court 49

Here you can find an 'old classic' - Cosmos. This showy dwarf variety of Cosmos is called 'Sonata' and it can be seen as an under-planting to the roses near court 49 and as a front border in the Cherry Tree garden alongside grass

courts 10 and 19. Some of the current colours include pinks, purples and white.

New Guinea Impatiens

Set to be a feature of the Kooyong gardens this summer, a large quantity of New Guinea Impatiens are currently in production and are gradually being introduced around the club.

The variety is called 'Flare' and has been grown for its strong vibrant colours and long flowering period, it can handle hot sunny positions and is also tolerant of quite shady environments.

On the balcony border look out for the colours 'Grape' (purple) and 'Orchid Flame' (soft pink). In the front carpark you will find 'Scarlet' (dark red) and 'White' under the Just Joey roses and along-side the members entrance.

Last year's 'Orange' New Guinea Impatiens have also been recycled for use in a couple of surprise locations. ■



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Improvement Works

Court Fencing Works

Following on from the successful replacement and upgrading of fences, gates and services around the grass courts, the Club has committed to continue upgrades around the entout cas courts over the summer months.

Work has commenced to bring similar improvements to upgrade fences, gates and services. Preliminary work began late in November, and over December and January, the major work will take place, while tennis activity is centred more around the grass courts over the summer season.

It is anticipated that member inconvenience will be minimised and schedules of play have been adjusted to accommodate the programmed work which is scheduled to be completed by the end of January ahead of the return of competition play.

We can look forward to these significant improvements being delivered for Members to enjoy in the New Year.

Pool and Spa Works

Over the Christmas period, several projects will be carried out for the pool and spa to improve facilities and maintain water





quality, following on from the recent replacement of the wetdeck grate around the pool edge.

Work will be carried out to re-tile the spa and shower, while major upgrades to filtration and pump systems will ensure improved water conditions in the pool and spa.

It is also planned to replace the bulkhead that supplies air conditioning to the room.

Most of this work will be carried out during the quiet period of Christmas and New Year to minimise impact on Members.

Alternative arrangements are being made during this time and will be communicated prior to commencement. ■

RIP

Alan Trengove & Norman Marshall

Alan Trengove and Norman Marshall were both 50 year members who have made significant contributions to the club and sport of tennis over many years.

Alan was one of Australia's leading tennis journalists working for the Melbourne Herald for most of his journalistic life.

Not only did he write about tennis at a local level such as Melbourne Pennant, even results, interstate matches, State and National titles, he travelled the world covering major events including Wimbledon, French and US titles bringing the news and results of our players back to Australian readers.

He also produced the Australian Tennis Magazine, a publication full of tennis information still in production today and much sought after by enthusiastic tennis supporters.

Apart from writing about tennis for most of his life, Alan was an avid tennis player himself, playing both midweek and weekends on a regular basis over many years.

For his contribution to Sports Media, Alan was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame as a General member in 1990.

Norman Marshall was a very keen tennis player and he enjoyed his regular weekly and weekend social tennis amongst his wide circle of friends at the club.

Apart from the playing aspect of the game, Norm had a passion for the history of the sport.

Anything to do with a date, a time, a team, a tennis occasion, equipment changes and court changes was all part of Norm's tennis background and knowledge.

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is especially grateful to Norm for his interest and voluntary service in helping to preserve the club's memorabilia and archival heritage over many years. ■



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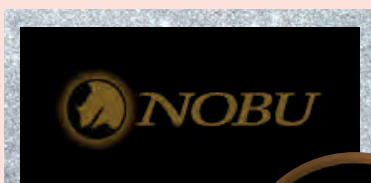
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MONDAY 19 JUNE

Attend the Aegon Tennis Championships

TUESDAY 20 JUNE

Choice of shopping/spa/lawn tennis
Motown the musical in the evening

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE

Free day to prepare for Thursday

THURSDAY 22 JUNE

Royal Ascot Ladies Day

FRIDAY 23 JUNE

Free day
Dinner with special guest

SATURDAY 24 JUNE

Semi Finals Day, Aegon Tennis
Championships

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

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Farewell drinks

MONDAY 26 JUNE

Check out of hotel
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2017 Club Championships

The 2017 Club Championships are always a highlight of the tennis calendar with all categories of membership able to take part on the club's famous grass courts.

With 46 events to cater for all ages and standards, the Club Championships are sure to be another fantastic event.

Play will get underway on February 18th at 10am and continue for two weekends until we crown our Open Men's and Women's champions on Sunday the 26th of February.

David Bidmeade will be gunning for his third straight Men's Open Singles title while a myriad of challengers will be hoping to stop him from clocking up his fifth title overall.

Mitch Burman posed a huge threat to Bidmeade's title winning chances last year and will no doubt be hoping to turn the tables while the emerging hopes of young guns like Jeremy Taylor, Codey Gunn and Connor Di Marco continue to rise.

In the Women's Open Singles, Kate Antosik will be looking to add a fourth title in five years after she defeated Molly Polak in last year's final.

Polak will be looking to win her second title, as will Bairnsdale's Sophie Vickers who won the title before

heading to College for four years.

Another player who will be hoping to take the next step is Binasa Beslagic who has reached the semi final for the past two years while Kat Valos will want to go deep into the tournament after making the final two years ago.

Add the emerging youngsters like Jasmin Starr, Peta Valos, Vivian Fidantsis, Gemma Seeley, Harmony Mitsos and Mary Jayakody and it all adds up to a very interesting event.

Entry forms have been sent out with Courtside or can be downloaded from the website or you can enter online at tournaments.tennis.com.au and search for Kooyong.

Alternatively, there will be copies available at the club and entries will close on Monday the 6th of February at 5pm.

The draws will then be posted on the above website with all match times as well as being posted around the club on the Monday prior to the matches starting. ■

If you have any questions about the Club Championships please contact Daniel O'Neill on 9822 3333.

Kooyong Teams Confident Of Big Season

Tennis Victoria's Premier League will kick off in mid-November with a fantastic line up of teams set to do battle for the title.

With the Asia Pacific Tennis League coming to an end, Tennis Victoria took the opportunity to move the Premier league back into the prime timeslot at the end of the year in the hope of drawing the better players back into the competition and it has proved to be a success.

With six teams in both the men's and women's competitions and the season to be played over just three weeks, the competition is sure to be hotly contested from the very start.

Kooyong's men will be looking to go one better after runner up finishes in recent seasons but should benefit from the date change with more players in the country at this time of year to add depth to the team.

With star players littered throughout the line up, the team will look to Andrew Whittington, Marc Polmans, Omar Jasika, Rubin Statham and Greg Jones to continue their recent good form on the professional circuit when they take on Royal South Yarra in the first round of the season.

They will also feature the ever reliable Daniel Byrnes, David Bidmeade, Andrew Coelho and Mitch Burman while Jacob Grills is currently injured and we wish him well for his recovery.

The teams to look out for include the three time winners Grace Park while MCC Glen Iris Valley have returned to the competition with Blake Mott and Peter Luczak featuring in their side.

The Kooyong women will have their hands full with some very talented teams standing in their way of a return to the top of the league.

Having missed the finals by just one point last season, Kooyong has added the returning Ash Barty to the side while Jessica Zaviacic was to be another welcome addition until injury struck.

Destanee Aiava and Sally Peers will again feature in the team along with current Club Champion Kate Antosik and former Club Champions Molly Polak and Sophie Vickers as well as Kat Valos, Jasmin Starr and Michaela Johansson.

Liston will go into the women's competition as hot favourites with MCC and Royal South Yarra also right in the mix but a lot will depend on whether teams are able to field their best teams with a big summer of tennis coming up.

We wish both teams the best of luck! ■

► The Premier League action has been fast and furious through late November and early December and culminates in the final on the 11th of December.



Young Teams Continue Development

Another Tennis Victoria Pennant season has gone in the book as the club's up and coming men's stars continue their journey of development.

From Grade 1 through to Grade 8 as well as Men's Open Doubles and Masters 45+, the Club fielded 16 teams across Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

In Grade 1, Matthew Nickels' team fell agonisingly close to a finals berth after a late season surge saw them get within two points of the top four.

A four rubber to nil win in the last round would have seen them sneak into the finals but it wasn't to be while Jeremy Taylor's young Grade 1 team had a very competitive season despite finishing in eighth spot on the ladder.

The Club fielded two teams in Grade 2 and both were within striking distance of a finals spot with a few rounds to go.

Pierce Gilheany's Grade 2 side finished on the same amount of points as the team in fourth place but had one less win causing them to miss the finals while Andres Urrego-Varon's Grade 2 side finished sixth despite a fantastic start to the season where they won their first three matches.

In Grade 3, Max Flaherty's Grade 3 side had a great season topped off with a win in the semi final to get through to the Tier 2 finals where they faced off with a much older and more experienced side from Manchester Heights.

Despite splitting the doubles matches, and Thomas Pavlekovich-Smith winning his singles rubber, the team found the opposition a little too strong on the day.

Thomas McKay's Grade 3 side finished a very credible sixth while Dean Seeley's Grade 5 team was another hard luck tale as they fell just four points short of fourth place.

In Grade 6, Charlie Tulloch's team had a great season finishing in third spot on the ladder to lock in a semi final against Whites Lane and despite their best efforts it was a tough and close 2 set loss to a very good side that went on to reach the Tier 2 semi finals.

Peter May's Section 7 team had a tough season after coming up from Grade 9 to finish in eighth spot on the ladder while Alex Savage's Grade 8 young team looked like making finals all season before a lean stretch through the second half of the season saw them drop to sixth spot by season's end.

In the Men's Open Doubles, Kooyong fielded 3 teams in the top section and it was Chris Straford's team going for a huge six straight titles but they were unfortunately upset in the semi final by East Malvern.

Peter Gard's team finished fourth and Bryce Mitchelson's team finished in fifth spot on the ladder.

In the Masters 45+ Men's Doubles competition, the Club fielded two teams in Section 1 and it was the returning team captained by Rob McLauchlan that finished the season in second spot on the ladder and won a tight semi final against Royal Park to reach the decider.

Despite some close and tough matches it was Legend Park who came out on top in the grand final to claim the flag.

Gordon Hammet's Masters 45+ team finished fourth on the ladder to round out our 16 teams for 2016.

Congratulations to everyone involved in representing the Club in Pennant this year and we look forward to more success in 2017! ■



► Harrison Young had a great season in Grade 2

Two Flags Tops Off Successful Season

Kooyong's women's teams finished a highly successful season with two flags having had a lot go right during an arduous finals series.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 team won the flag for the third straight season having finished just fourth after the home and away rounds.

Their win over a dominant Essendon team in the semi final saw things open up for the four remaining teams heading to the Tier 2 finals including Laura Langmead's Grade 1 team who defeated Geelong in another upset.

Also in Grade 1, Dani McIntyre's team lost by just a set to Royal South Yarra No 2 in their semi final while Yiota Nicolaou's team lost to a very tough Hepner Place team on their home courts in Geelong.

In the Tier 2 semi finals, Kate Antosik's team faced the daunting task of a trip to Hepner Place Indoor for a match very few teams had come away victorious in but they were up to the challenge.

After splitting the doubles it was up to Belinda Woolcock, Molly Polak, Sophie Vickers and Kate Antosik to get the team over the line and they won the first three singles matches in straight sets to setup the win.

Laura Langmead's team had setup their win against Royal South Yarra with a straight sets doubles win and another set before Laura Rabinovich and Claudia Szabo won their singles in straight sets to lock in the spot in the grand final.

The all-Kooyong final was a fantastic reward for both of these teams for a terrific season but in the final it was Kate Antosik's team who came out on top with singles wins to Molly Polak, Sophie Vickers, Kate Antosik and Vivian Fidantsis before they cleaned up the first doubles rubber to claim victory.

In Grade 2, Kate Francis' team finished a dominant season on top of the ladder and were expected to give the flag a real shake and they put themselves in a great position to do just that when they won their semi final and then Tier 2 semi final in impressive fashion.

The grand final against Royal South Yarra had everything from comeback wins to devastating injuries but in the end they were able to get the job done in the last rubber of the day.

Singles wins to Mary Jayakody, Anna Clarkson and Isabelle Gemmel setup the win but it took until the last doubles match to secure victory and a well deserved victory it was.

Also in Grade 2, Darcy Parke's team finished a very credible seventh despite having beaten some of the top sides in their section while Ashley Spinks' Grade 3 team had



a really solid season finishing in fifth spot on the ladder and had some great wins throughout the season.

The Club fielded three teams in Grade 5 and it was great to see two of those three teams reach the finals in their respective section.

Jill Kaminsky's Grade 5 team finished third and travelled to Nunawading for the semi final but came up just a set short in the end with Isabella Lucas and Laetitia Wiseman winning their singles matches after Naz Anthony and Jennifer Osborne had won their doubles.

The other side to make the finals in Grade 5 was Celeste Rayment's young team and they found themselves on top of their ladder for most of the season.

They successfully negotiated their semi final against Hume before moving through to the Tier 2 finals to face Canterbury who proved to be just too good in the end and eventually went on to reach the grand final before falling just short of a flag against a young Essendon side.

Congratulations to everyone involved in our 10 women's Pennant sides in 2016 and hopefully we can replicate this success next year! ■



◀ Harry Mezger's Saturday Section 1 team finished on top of the ladder.

▼ Jack Ganly's Section 5 team won the flag after another impressive season.



Teams Headed For Finals

Kooyong's Junior Competition teams have set their sights on playing finals with 15 of the 19 teams sitting fifth or better as the last round is being played.

The final ladders should see at least 12 of those teams playing in semi finals with a few competing with each other for the final spot in the top four.

On Saturday mornings, the Club has 5 teams across the 2 sections with three teams competing in Section 1 and two teams in Section 2.

In Section 1, Kooyong has the top two sides going into the final round with Harry Mezger's team sitting on top of the ladder while Jack Cannon's team is just behind them in second spot and hopeful of a strong showing in the finals series.

The third Kooyong team, captained by Isabelle Gough, will finish the season in seventh spot on the ladder.

Section 2 has seen the two Kooyong teams competing with each other for the last spot in the top four and Richard Jones' team has kept that spot with a win in the final round and will play Royal South Yarra in the semi final.

Claire Sorger's team has just missed out on finals despite all of the kids in this team having a great first season playing for the club.

On Sunday mornings, the Club has 14 teams competing across the 19 sections with Nick Farmer's Section 1 team set to play finals after finishing second on the ladder.

Grace Fountain's Section 2 team is another one set to play finals after finishing in fourth spot and they will now face Maccabi in a semi final.

In Section 3, it will be an all-Kooyong semi final after Matthew Tingate's team and Patrick Wraith-Bell's team finished second and third respectively so we are sure to get one side through to the grand final.

The final ladders should see at least 12 teams playing in semi finals...

Jack Ganly's Section 5 team has been on top of the ladder all season and will be tough to beat when they take on King's Park in a semi final while Rebecca Pierri's team have finished in fifth spot.

Matthew Sweetnam's Section 6 team has finished in fourth place and will take on Lauriston for a spot in the grand final while Jonathon Kinsella's team have finished fifth in the same section.

In Section 7, Bridgette Harwood's team finished in sixth spot on the ladder and it was the same for Lachlan Main's Section 9 team as well as Charles Dawe's Section 10 side.

Alexandra Hershan's Section 12 team had a tough season finishing in eighth spot while it was an exciting season for Ava Synnott's team who finished the season in second spot on the ladder and they will contest their first finals match for the club.

In Section 19, Madeleine Lennon's team, in their first season for the club, will play in the finals after finishing in fourth spot on the ladder which is a great effort for our two youngest teams.

We wish everyone the best of luck for the finals while also thanking everyone for being involved in another great year of Junior Competition here at the club!



◀ Grace Fountain with Cedric Mason and the Cedric Mason Cup after defeating Royal South Yarra.

2017

Next year the club will have 20 teams playing with 5 playing on Saturday mornings and 15 playing on Sunday mornings.

It's great to see so many players getting involved in the teams here at the club and we look forward to them enjoying their time representing Kooyong while also developing their tennis along the way.

There are also opportunities for players to start transitioning into senior tennis so please contact Daniel for more information.



◀ Cedric Mason, Grace Fountain, Emily Harvey, Holly Feldman and Celeste Rayment with the Cup.
▼ Everyone had a great day at the Cedric Mason Cup teen tennis round robin.

Cedric Mason Cup Back In Kooyong's Hands

It was a great day of tennis down at Royal South Yarra recently when Kooyong's teen tennis players attempted to win back the Cedric Mason Cup.

With around 50 players from the two clubs doing battle in the round robin event, it came down to the last matches of the day to decide the eventual winner and it was great to see the Kooyong kids come out in front by just three games.

Thanks to Royal South Yarra for hosting this year and congratulations to all the kids involved in the day.

We look forward to hosting the return match in 2017! ■





COOPER WHITE

Age: 13

Grade: 3

Australian Ranking: 496

Play L/H or R/H: Right handed

Tennis Achievements: 2016 NSW State Championships 14u Singles winner; 2016 Victorian State Championships Singles (3rd), Doubles (Finalist); Represented Victoria in 2014 & 2015 National Teams Event (placed 1st), in Bruce Cup 2014 Darwin (1st) & 2015 Hobart (2nd); 2015 Bruce Cup Individual Event (Finalist); 2015 12u Australian Championships (3rd); 2015 winner of two 12u National doubles titles; Winner of 2014 Discovery Open 12u at IMG Academy Florida.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Stan Wawrinka, because of his attitude on and off the court, and his on-court game.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** My parents and my coaches as they have supported me from the beginning. Mum and Dad are there for me whether I win or lose.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** Watching Lleyton Hewitt's last match at the 2016 Australian Open. He never gave up on any point. The atmosphere was amazing. Also, loved going to the Davis Cup at Kooyong and Sydney this year.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** For Lleyton Hewitt to be my captain! My goal is to play Davis Cup for Australia. I also hope to play in all grand slams, especially in the final! Short term I would like to represent Australia as a junior and play internationally.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** My team and their families supporting each other to do our best. My club is amazing too.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** It would have to be something with sport. I love cricket so I would try and play it at an elite level.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** Sleep! Play Cricket. Otherwise I try to hang out with mates and watch sports on TV, as I don't get much free time.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** 11-13 hours which includes private coaching, National Academy coaching and fitness training. Club, school and tournaments are extra.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** I can't hang out with my friends after school and things like that. Unfortunately, I can't sleep in on weekends either because of early morning commitments.



AIDAN VAUGHAN

Age: 13

Grade: 3

Australian Ranking: 715

Play L/H or R/H: Left handed

Tennis Achievements:

2015 2 times National Title Winner, Represented Victoria in Bruce Cup, 2015 12U NSW State Championships Singles Winner, 2015 12U NSW State Championships Doubles Runner Up, 2015 Bruce Cup Singles Champion.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** John Cena because of his hard work and he can deadlift 400 pounds.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** Mum and dad because they always encourage me.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** The Bulldogs winning the 2016 Grand Final in the AFL.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** I want to win a Grand Slam.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** I really like the team environment.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** I think I'd like to be a wrestler.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I play football and basketball.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I do 9 hours hitting and two hours doing stretching and Pilates.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** Sometimes it is hard to manage tennis, school and catching up with friends.

Midweek Ladies

As of November, midweek ladies competition has increased to 13 teams playing in three different associations across three days.

Firstly to Tuesday and the winter 2016 season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) finished in September. Unfortunately, Kris Tulloch's Section 1 side narrowly missed out on the finals, finishing in fifth position. In the summer 2017 season they are currently third on the ladder.

Sally Addison's Section 4 team enjoyed a dominant winter 2016 season, finishing on top of the ladder courtesy of percentage. They walloped East Camberwell in the Semi Final 6-48 to 0-24. The team went on to defeat Our Lady of Good Counsel 4-45 to 2-26 in the Grand Final! Congratulations to the whole team: Jane Cash, Sally Addison, Jacqui Abbott, Jenny Butterley, Julie McMenamin and Kimberley Mustow. Sally Addison's team were promoted to Section 3 for the summer 2017 season and are currently in seventh position.

Jo Rush's Section 3 team unfortunately finished on the bottom of the ladder for the winter 2016 season, which resulted in them being relegated to Section 4 for the summer 2017 season. The team is rebounding strongly and are currently third on the ladder.

There is an extra team on a Tuesday in Section 4, captained by Mary King. For the winter 2016 season they were playing for East Malvern and finished in sixth position. The change of clubs is working well so far with the team currently fourth on the ladder for the summer 2017 season.

Secondly to Wednesday and a reminder that unlike MEMRLTA, Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) and Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA) have February to June and July to December seasons. Jane Cash's Section 1 team are enjoying another strong season are winning the February to June Grand Final. They are currently in second position with one round remaining before finals.

Unfortunately, Detje Marcel's Section 2 team finished in sixth position for the July to December season, missing out on the finals. They'll be looking to win Section 2 for the February to June 2017 season and a return to Section 1.

Unfortunately, Merryn Olive's Section 2 team finished on the bottom of the ladder for the July to December season. They'll be very keen to stay in Section 2 for the February to June 2017 season and hope for a repeat of their efforts in Section 3 of the February to June 2016 season when they went from last to premiers.

Thirdly to Thursday, where Kooyong's presence BRTA's July to December competitions increased to four teams.

This season the combined Section A/1 only had ten teams, which split into two five-team sections called A Grade and Section 1 in October. Anne Forbes' team qualified for A Grade and are currently second on the ladder with one round remaining before finals.

Kris Tulloch's team also made it into A Grade. They'll be looking to overtake Glen Waverley in third position to qualify for the finals.

Jo Seeley's team were also part of the combined Section A/1 after winning the Section 2 February to June Grand Final. Unfortunately they will finish last in Section 1.

There were two teams in WDTA's Thursday competitions. Heather Anderson's team have given themselves a chance of promotion to A Reserve 1. They are currently second on the ladder of A Reserve 2 with one round remaining before finals.

Finally, Mardi Andrew's B Special 1 team will be hoping to avoid finishing on the bottom of the ladder. They are currently five points ahead of last-placed Legend Park with one round remaining.

Sometimes our Midweek Ladies teams require emergencies so if you are free on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and are of a good enough standard, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club on 9822 3333 or via email: tbaddock@kooyong.com.au

We wish our midweek ladies teams all the best. ■





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AROUND THE CLUB

Crèche News

by Rachael Ralph, President of the Crèche Committee

Seeking New Committee Members & Register Early For 2017

I would like to thank our Crèche committee members for all the support and the fun we had this year. Rachael Brownell (Vice-President) Elizabeth Green (Treasurer) and Melissa Farmer (Secretary).

In 2017 we are seeking new Committee members. We must have a volunteer committee to run the Crèche so we would greatly appreciate your interest. Please talk to Steve Lucas (by seeing reception) or mention it to Marzia Hasan (our Crèche Manager) to find out what it entails or contact me personally.

Registrations for next year are now available at the Pro Shop and online for 2017. Get in early as we have lots of beautiful new babies and limited spots according to our licence.

Once your paperwork and annual registration of \$75 has been paid, members are free to bring their little ones for the minimal attendance fee of \$12. This covers the whole morning of 3 hours.

You will find all booking protocol attached to your registration.

The Crèche closes on the 13th of December and reopens on the 13th of February.

Look forward to seeing you there! ■

For enquiries please contact Rachael at rachaelcrane@me.com



KITA News

The Kooyong International Tennis Academy has seen some phenomenal changes over these past 12 months, with the development of some exciting new programs within the framework of a huge cultural restructure.

Thanks to her unwavering commitment, and the amazing coaching and administration teams for embracing this new concept, we are able to make this a reality. Within this new restructure Adam Bak has been promoted to Program Director and Silvia Kramska as Customer Service Director, both being pivotal in the new growth and direction that has been taking place. Also, a new addition to our team as our Pro Shop/Coaching Supervisor is Ben Corby, bringing with him exceptional customer service gained through extensive international experience.



▲ Andrew Whittington.
◀ From left Silvia Kramska, Ben Corby, Adam Bak.
▼ Emerging Players tour to Albury/Wodonga.

As a part of the new business development and restructuring we have launched our new and extensive website, outlining all of our new programs, offering various player pathways which can be tailored to suit a player's individual requirements.

This can be accessed at www.kooyongtennisacademy.com.au. You can also follow our progress on the KITA Tennis Facebook page www.facebook.com/kooyongtennisacademy/ where we will be sharing exciting news, developments and player results. It is a great way to keep up to date with everything that is happening with our team, players and anything coaching related.

We have had some exceptional player results throughout this year, with Andrew Whittington leading the way. It has been said that the rapid rise of Andrew's ATP ranking from 594 in February to 170 in October has been the quickest rise of any ATP player this year; a truly amazing effort. As we write this he is preparing for a big Australian summer of tennis. The Kooyong Foundation's significant assistance during this time has been an integral part of this journey.

Other Kooyong players who have done well have included Alex Smith, who at age 14 reached the Semi Finals of the AMT Open Men's Singles Platinum in Glenorchy. He also participated in an ITF tour in Malaysia along with Jing Jing Bo and Isaac Law, where they all acquired some great experience.

As part of the new and exciting programs being offered,



our High Performance coaches, Alessio Barbieri, Peter Wilson and Steven Cheng took 14 of our Emerging Players to Albury/Wodonga to participate in a tournament. This trip provided the players with a unique opportunity where the coaches support on and off the court, together with the team environment offered additional experience toward their player development. Another tournament trip to Ballarat in early December, as well as a Player's Support Program for the Victorian School Boys and School Girls tournament the following week is also on the calendar.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all an enjoyable, safe and healthy break, and look forward to an even better 2017 in meeting your needs and achieving great results. ■
KITA staff and coaches

Squad 489 takes on Mount Buffalo

Pushing a wheelbarrow 88 kilometres up a mountain doesn't sound like anyone's idea of fun but that's exactly what our elite Squad 489 members did for kicks in October.

Led by Mike Wilkinson, the team of Tyler Hawkins, Selena Shaikh, Yann Lancrenon and Tate Norris took on the challenge based on a sporting bet made eighty years ago.

Two mates in 1935 got into a “who's tougher” argument it seems and somewhere in the middle of it, one decided to prove that it was him by offering to push the other from Beechworth to the summit of Mount Buffalo in a wheel barrow.

Twenty quid was wagered and handmade wheelbarrow was cobbled together, featuring the first ever pneumatic tyre used for that purpose.

Through rough roads and snow, the gent took 8 days to complete the course and in true Aussie style, his mate never claimed the bet, settling for a couple of cold ones at the bar back in Beechworth to celebrate an amazing feat.

Beechworth is a stunning little town, 3 hours from Melbourne and unspoiled by commercialism so the team was excited to head off in a couple of cars late on Friday afternoon.

These days, in its second year, the Beechworth Barrowthon is the largest charity event in the region and runs with the fantastic motto, “you get to push your own barrow”, meaning that each team can choose their own cause to support.

Squad 489 was well supported by a group of squash fanatics who together made contributions that covered the costs of travel, food and attendance for the event.

Over 240 eager entrants from 20 plus teams met at the registration event, held Friday evening at the Bridge Rd Brewery. Either through commitment to their performance or due to being under age still, our intrepid team chose to focus more on the menu of delicious pizza's instead of the 14 varieties of beer available.

Undaunted by the fact that two of the team had been

under the weather all week from a virus, the team set off at 7am on Saturday on the first leg of their journey with Mike's young nephew taking up the spot in the barrow. At 48kg he was a sensible choice!

That first day saw the team share the load of pushing the barrow pretty evenly and, having taken line honours the year before, they were determined to make a good showing.

There were more than double the entries of the previous year and a couple of teams signalled their intent to make a fight of it early. These teams took the option open to them, to ferry runners ahead of the pack so they'd be fresh to push in short, fast bursts. In true Kooyong spirit though, Squad 489 made a pact that each of them would complete the whole course, albeit choosing to cycle alongside the barrow pusher when not taking the lead themselves.

Still, 66km is a long journey, however you take it and the squad did us proud, crossing in first place again and beating last year's best by a considerable margin. Finishing in 5 hours 25 minutes is no mean feat when you consider they averaged over 12km/h while pushing a 30kg barrow!

The team recuperated back in Beechworth with massive serving each of Mike's spaghetti Bolognese, a carb loading feast that was certainly going to be needed.

To say that day 2 started badly for the team though is an understatement. On the line, they were advised that two of the support cars had broken down and as a result their barrow was not there for them at the start line.

Instead, on the firing of the gun, they needed to detour 1km to pick it up, before running back to join the pack and start the arduous 22km push with a rise of around 1,500m. As it was, they had one team they needed to stay close to, the second place-getters from day one who by now had a handy lead of about ten minutes.

It soon hit the squad that the combination of tired legs, a



◀ **Top** The view from Mt Buffalo was amazing.
Below Squad 489 ready to tackle the Barrowthon.

▼ The tough slog continued for two days with plenty of support along the way.



“...The future looks bright for Kooyong squash indeed”

minor strain to one members hamstring (why is it always the hamstring?) and the impact of the virus on two of them added to the relentless uphill push meant that day 2 was never going to be a fun and carefree romp.

They say it was the toughest thing they have ever done but determined to win the combined time, they were never going to lie back and coast. As it was the team made up that ten minutes and in a sporting gesture, chose to cross the line side by side with their main challengers to lock in the overall win.

With a long ride home and with exhaustion setting in, the team set off home, truly drained but feeling that satisfaction that one only really feels when achieving something truly challenging with a group of people who genuinely enjoy working together.

We have a great group of young squashes here at Kooyong, undoubtedly talented but more than that, committed to their squad and the club in a manner that should make us all proud.

It's worth noting that 3 of the team actually fronted up on Monday evening and played pennant for the club: one of them taking on the number 2 in Victoria and only narrowly losing in 5 games. The future looks bright for Kooyong squash indeed. »

COACH'S CORNER

How to cover the court more efficiently is a

question I often get asked. Over the years I have seen, watched and spoken to many top professionals about this and all have one common answer "hit the ball and move to the tee as quickly as you can". Sounds simple but in practice not so easy as we all have a different perspective of exactly where the tee is.

As a rule, position yourself about half a meter behind the half court line when hitting the ball deep, if you take the ball in short push up to about half a meter in front of the half court line and lean forward with your head so that you can cover any counter drops or trickle boasts. Remember that on a drop or trickle boast you have less time to fetch the ball, so make that a priority to cover as you have more time to fetch the ball going to the back of the court.

Happy squashing, till next time, your coach
Malcolm McClarty.

Dylan burst out of the blocks to take the first 2 games...

Eishaanii Sukunesan has just recently joined Kooyong's Junior Scholarship program and at only 13 years of age comes with an already impressive squash record, in addition to representing Victoria, Eishhaanii can boast of the following:

1. Six times runner up for Victorian U15 championships
2. 5th Australia Junior Open Championships U13
3. Div 2 Junior Pennant Champion
4. Tasmanian Open Junior Championships U13 Champion
5. Div 6 Shepparton Open Champion

If that's not enough Eishaanii has a 12 year old sister (Jananii) who is following in her older sister's footsteps and is already winning tournaments. Kooyong Squash is looking forward to the progress of Jananii as a potential Scholarship player to join our junior ranks in the future. ■

Australian Junior Championships: Kooyong's juniors excel at 2016 championships

The future of Victorian Squash looks in good hands following a promising Australian Junior Squash Championships campaign in Sydney. The Championships comprise of individual and State vs State events.

Representing Victoria from Kooyong were:

- Tate Norris (Under 17 Boys)
- Dylan Molinaro (Under 15 Boys)
- Eishaanii Sukunesan (Under 15 Girls)

Kooyong's Dylan Molinaro won through to the final of the individual under 15 boy's final. In the final Dylan burst out of the blocks to take the first 2 games, however, the toll of gruelling 5 setters to make the final finally caught up with Dylan as he went down in 5 long rally games to the number 1 seed. Scores: 5-11,9-11,11-8,11-8,11-8.

Teammate and Kooyong Pennant player Tate Norris also had an impressive tournament winning matches and eventually finishing 4th in the under 17 boys category.

Both Tate and Dylan still have many years as junior representatives and are expected to be highly ranked in future Australian Junior Championships.



MC HAZEL AWARD

Kooyong's Dylan Molinaro wins MC Hazel Award at this Year's Championships.

The Award is given each year and is a points scoring system awarded by representatives from each Australian State/Territory and is based on:

- Player's Performance
- Match Results
- Improvement
- Courage & Sportsmanship

What a great year Dylan has had! A winner of the Victorian under 15 Championship this year, the MC Hazel Award and runner up in the Australian Junior Championships.

Well done Dylan!

Billiards & Snooker News

by Alistair Macindoe



KOORYONG HAS SUCCESS AT SANDRINGHAM

Kooyong has once again got the better of Sandringham in the now traditional annual match. Kooyong's captain David Pitt (right) is pictured with his counterpart from Sandringham Paul Miller and the Cup. As always it was a fun night of social snooker.

Inter-club Competitions

KLTC players have been very busy this year playing in several teams. The City Circuit team had a enjoyable season despite coming second last. This was partly because of harsh handicaps. Easily the best break was made by Don Richter – a magnificent run of 95. The A-grade billiards team narrowly missed the Finals in the first half of the year. A highlight was a fantastic break of 110 by David Cosgriff. The A-graders are now engaged in a tight contest with our friends at Yarraville for a place in the Finals, in the season which takes place in the second half of the year. Elsewhere Steve Murphy (below left) and Martin James (below right) are improving rapidly; they are pictured in action. ■



Bridge Club News

by Susan Douglas

At the AGM in September the President thanked retiring committee members Kaylene Duncan and Susan Everist for their significant contribution to the growing success of our Bridge Club.

Kaylene has been our Secretary and has also had responsibility for the smooth running of the Monday duplicate.

Susan has had the role of Assistant Treasurer, Connector and supporting the organisation of our Congress and Interclub events.

The committee welcomed two new members, Barb Carter and Maree Muir.

We also welcome Bill Jacobs to our team of Directors. Bill conducts a popular tutorial at 9.15am before each Thursday morning duplicate.

This third duplicate session ensures that our Club members have additional opportunity to play at Kooyong.

Planning is underway for our annual Congress on November 20 and the Christmas functions in December, culminating with our Christmas Dinner on Tuesday December 20. ■

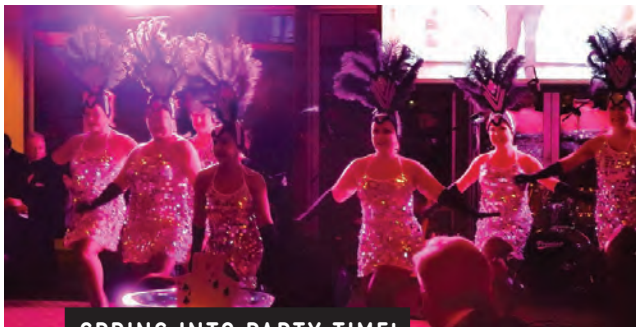
Bill conducts a popular tutorial at 9.15am before each Thursday morning duplicate.



▲ Bill Jacobs teaching his weekly tutorial and to his left is Maree Muir, Thursday convenor and new committee member.

Social Committee News

by Cindi Damian, President KLTC Social Committee



The Viva Las Vegas Dinner Dance was a terrific night. Having sold out early, the Fabulous Kooyong Room was packed and the night was kicked off spectacularly by Barb's Vegas Belles. Mike and The Party Band kept the crowd energised on the dance floor. The menu was delicious too! Our special thanks to Chris Goulding and team.

Many thanks to IMG Priceline Kooyong Classic, Tennis Australia, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club's The Racquet Club, Glenn Busby's Kooyong International Tennis Academy, The Pro Shop, KLTC Gymnasium, Croutons Kooyong and The Lone Hydrangea Kooyong for the fabulous prizes donated towards our raffle in support of the Kooyong Foundations Junior Development Program.

For more photos please see the post on Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club's Facebook page. Viva Las Vegas Dinner Dance Photography courtesy of Hugh Benyon.



JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin

66 Members and their guests braved the extreme conditions in what would have to have been the most challenging of weather to play in. Our Members being the great sports that they are, agreed to battle it out in what I will now refer to as the day 'Desert Storm' hit the courts! The wind was extremely wild. At the end of play, the group enjoyed a well-earned party back in the Sir Norman Brooks and adjoining rooms.



▲ Social Committee Members (L-R) Kat Benyon and Frankie Katz organisers of the JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin, man the registration desk with fellow committee member Jenny Silvers assisting player Andrea Purvis on her court captain duties.

▼ Congratulations to the Spinks doubles, Ashley and Greg who were the winners of the JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin Perpetual Trophy. The winners on the other courts were (L-R) Lucy James, Rosemary Davis, Andrew Kitchen, John Wrigley, Peter Gard, Siobhan Stagg, Catriona Stobbo, Ian Longney (not in photo), winners: Ashley Spinks and Greg Spinks with trophy; Michael Kirwin, Fiona Forristal, Karen White and Geoff Miller. Congratulations to all.



The Christmas Jazz Soiree, Pimms Prosecco & Pudding promises to be lots of fun, so too, our calendar of events for 2017. The Events are listed under Social Groups on the myKooyong.com website.

The Social Committee has enjoyed a fabulous year and we thank you for your continued support. Thanks to my committee Jenny, Rowan, Frankie, Kat, Tanya and Mary for your enthusiasm and contributions. Special thanks to Mike Daglish for entertaining us at our Happy Hours and making them so much fun. Big thanks too, to all the staff at Kooyong who help us pull together our events and functions. We couldn't do it without you!

On behalf of the Social Committee, we wish all our members a safe and happy festive season. ■

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary News

by Marie Devereux, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Looking back as this year is drawing to a close, I feel very proud of my Committee, who have worked very hard towards ensuring all our functions were very successful fundraisers for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Commencing with the very popular Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament in March, always booked out, it proved to be our biggest money raiser with a profit of \$14,000.

Then we followed up with two card parties in the Kooyong Room, one in April and the second in September, which incorporate raffles with prizes donated by the Committee members and good friends at Kooyong, not forgetting the very popular stall, stocked with a variety of jams and chutney, toys and goods all made and donated by my dear friend, Phyllis George.

The Christmas in July Luncheon this year was a very happy occasion.

Numbers were up due to Denise Cosgriff engaging a great guest speaker, Justice Timothy Ginnane, Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and a wonderful Master of Ceremonies, the one and only Kevin Bartlett, AFL and Richmond legend.

The day was a very memorable one and we all went home much wiser about the history of the Supreme Court and enjoyed the great football stories from the legend himself.

To conclude our calendar of events for 2016, Friday the 7th of October was a night of fun, the Trivia Night.

This event is increasing in popularity with all tables keen to win the big prize.

All the above functions would not be possible if we did not have our great Kooyong clubhouse as the venue to stage these events.

I do sincerely thank our CEO, Chris Brown, Chef Chris Goulding and all his kitchen staff, who provide excellent food and wine, and all the Kooyong staff who attend to all our needs.

In conclusion, I must extend a big "thank you" to all the Kooyong members and their friends for their great support, which enabled my Committee to raise all these funds for Victoria's great Royal Children's Hospital here in Melbourne. ■



Wine & Food Society News

by Christine Johnson, President Wine & Food Society

- **Thank You to the Kooyong Team** Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the Kooyong team for their energy, creativity and commitment to ensure the success of our functions this year - Congratulations to all!
- **29 July - An Historical Journey of Food & Wine with Special Guest Speaker, Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC** What an amazing night - our photos highlight this very memorable event.
- **13 October - George's restaurant** Dinner in the private room upstairs with a range of fine French wines.
- **10 December - End of Year Celebration Dinner featuring Best's award winning family winery**
- **6 February 2017 - AGM & Wine Tasting**
- **2017 Diary Dates** View the KLTC website & Members Notice Board.
- **WFS Committee** Many thanks to Vice President, Ken Wheat; Treasurer, Milton Dickins; Secretary, Sarah Patterson, Robin Daubeney & Elwyn Nania. On behalf of all members, we truly value your commitment, time and energy to ensure success of the Society.
- **Season's Greetings** Best wishes to one and all for the joy of Christmas and the New Year - we hope 2017 is filled with peace, good health and success combined with great food and wine! ■



AN HISTORICAL JOURNEY OF WINE AND FOOD

Spinach and ricotta quiche; Devil on horseback; Carpaccio of Angus beef with aioli and rocket lettuce; BBQ scallop marinated in lemon myrtle and bush tomato

- *N.V. Tyrrell's Wines Sparkling Pinot Noir / Chardonnay, Hunter Valley, N.S.W. (est.1858)*

Prawn cocktail with a twist shelled king prawns, cocktail sauce, iceberg lettuce, avocado and finger lime

- *2015 Best's, Great Western, Vic. (est.1866)*
- *2013 Yalumba Wines, Barossa Valley, S.A. (est.1849)*

Slow cooked pumpkin soup

Gippsland lamb smoked over salt bush, warrigal greens, roasted carrot coated in traditional seeds and nuts

- *2008 Kay Brothers 'Basket Pressed' Shiraz, McLaren Vale, S.A. (est.1890)*
- *201 Henschke Wines 'Henry's Seven' Shiraz/ Grenache/Mataro/Viognier, Eden Valley, S.A. (est.1868)*

Steamed Brussel sprouts and beans; Baby kipler potatoes cooked on rock salt served with house made butter and rosemary salt

Granny Smith apple crumble, custard and vanilla ice cream

- *2011 Tahbilk 'Cane Cut' Marsanne, Nagambie Lakes, Vic. (est.1860)*

Tea/Coffee and Rum Balls



Health Club News

by Michael Kull, Health Club Manager

It is inspiring to see an increase in members working hard to achieve their strength and weight loss goals at Kooyong Health Club. There is a vibrant uplifting energy within the gym. New trainers are bringing a passionate dedication and assisting members in attaining long term results.

Steven Kobatsiari

Hi, my name is Steven Kobatsiari and I am a personal trainer at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. I am a friendly and passionate person who loves working with a diverse set of people and personalities to rapidly develop their strength, stamina and mobility. My philosophy is to employ the latest best practices in training (e.g. video analysis, observation-reflection-education) and motivational techniques (both love and tough-love) to support my clients achieve their goals while having a lot of fun along the way; personal training is sometimes arduous but we'll make every session dynamic and exciting from day one.

You can expect five things from training with me:

1. We will complete an early non-invasive and easy assessment of your fitness, strength and constraints to tailor a program for your specific needs.
2. I will personally motivate and excite you about training and improving your capabilities, as this is one of the most important things to me as a trainer.
3. I will take time out in the session to educate you on your body, specific exercises and best-practice techniques to ensure you understand why we are undertaking the movements and so you can, in time, feel confident to repeat them yourselves.
4. You will see positive results which will manifest in either an improved perception of exercise, a more positive mood, greater flexibility/ mobility of your body, increased strength and, in some cases, weight-loss (as not everyone is trying to lose weight).
5. I will track your progress using an array of different measurements and adapt your program to match your advancement (note: "measurement" in this context does not simply mean we will track only your weight-loss or your strength because this does not always equate to progress).

I urge each and every one of you reading this article to pop-in and say "hello". I would love to introduce myself in person and if I can help give you any tips on your current training, answer any of your questions or even book you in for a complimentary initial session, you can generally find me downstairs at the gym from Monday to Friday. I look forward to meeting you soon!



▲ **Left Steven Kobatsiari is ready to help you with your fitness needs.**

Right Simon Hunt is a new Personal Trainer in the Kooyong Health Club.

SIMON HUNT

My name is Simon Hunt and I am a Personal

Trainer and current Exercise and Sports Science student at Deakin University. My degree has taught me a holistic and eclectic approach to health and fitness in which I practice what I preach. I discovered my passion for fitness after 12 years of representative and domestic level basketball as well as an appreciation for sports specific training from strength and conditioning and athletics. After two years of studying commerce and working in marketing I made the decision to quit my job and transfer out of my degree into a field I've always enjoyed, a decision that I have not regretted. I specialise in exercise prescription for health and fitness, as well as strength and conditioning, and have experience in both functional and structural injury rehabilitation.

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



Davis Cup Returns To Kooyong

News has just broken that Tennis Australia has chosen Kooyong to host the first round Davis Cup tie against the Czech Republic set to be played from February 3rd to 5th, 2017.

With the tie starting just days after the completion of the Australian Open, Kooyong's proximity made sense for Davis Cup captain Lleyton Hewitt.

"To be back at Kooyong for Davis Cup is a bonus for us. We feel this venue gives us the best possible chance against what will likely be a strong Czech team," Hewitt said.

"Kooyong holds so much history and provides a handy option for both teams straight after the Aussie Open."

President Peter Carew added, "We are absolutely delighted that Davis Cup tennis will return to Kooyong in February."

"With the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic and then the Davis Cup, it promises to be another amazing month at the spiritual home of tennis – the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club."

Members Presale Tickets went on sale in early December with details sent via email and they can now be purchased via Ticketek on 132 849. ■

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

December 2016

4th	Social Committee Pimms Prosecco & Pudding Christmas Soirée
10th	Wine & Food Society Winemaker's Dinner
20th	Bridge Club End of Year Dinner
25th	Christmas Day Buffet Lunch - Sold Out

January 2017

10th - 13th	Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic
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February 2017

3rd	Social Committee Tennis & BBQ
6th	Wine & Food Society AGM and Wine Tasting
17th	Social Committee Happy Hour
18th, 19th, 25th, 26th	Club Championships

March 2017

4th - 5th	Club Championships (if required)
5th	Social Committee Longest Lunch
6th	RCH Ladies Doubles Tournament
10th - 13th	Oceania Seniors Tournament
17th	Wine & Food Society Regional Dinner in the Racquet Club



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