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WIMBLEDON: *The Triumph*

Sally Peers and her Thai partner Noppawan Lertcheewakarn won the Wimbledon girls' doubles championship in stunning fashion recently.

The pair was unseeded and playing together for the first time but they made the most of their opportunities as the tournament unfolded.

'We bumped into each other in Paris, and it was there she asked me to play with her at Wimbledon,' said Sally, who has been proudly supported by the Kooyong Foundation.

Noppawan had won the doubles title at the French Open Juniors and also went on to win the singles title at Wimbledon so it sounded like a match made in heaven considering Sally had made the doubles final the year before.

'For the first time playing on the same side of the net as each other I think we did a very good job and combined very well,' said Sally.

Having survived two matches that went the distance early in the event, Sally and Noppawan faced off with the fifth seeded Russian pair in the semi final and converted five of their ten break point opportunities to dominate the match and move through to the final 6/2 6/3.

'I felt very comfortable playing there at Wimbledon and with Noppawan. I love the grass, just like being back at home and on the courts at Kooyong,' she said.

In the final the girls met the second seeded team of Kristina Mladenovic of France and Sylvia Njiric of Croatia and took it up to their highly regarded opponents from the outset.

They converted on more than sixty percent of their break point

opportunities and kept their unforced error count to half that of their opponents.

'We knew against our semi-final and final opponents if we let them have even the slightest chance to get into the match that they were going to take it but from the first point in each of those matches we were extremely positive and took the match on, we played aggressive and always in control and the results came,' said an elated Sally.

Sally and Noppawan played faultless tennis as they cruised to an easy 6/1 6/1 win to get hold of the Championship Sally came so close to winning last year.

Those experiences would have held her in great shape as they dominated the match from start to finish.

'Hearing game, set, match Peers, Lertcheewakarn and then being announced Wimbledon doubles champions and holding the trophy up was probably one of the best feelings I have had so far in my career, alongside winning the Junior Fed Cup.'

'Walking out onto Court 1 at Wimbledon for a final is not something that happens everyday and it was an amazing feeling. I just wanted to enjoy every moment and I actually felt very comfortable the whole time I was out there, very relaxed and I think that is also what helped us play well and maintain focus to close out the match like we did,' said Sally.

The pride beamed through as she described the feeling of winning the title at Wimbledon, 'It was a moment I will not forget for a very long time'.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Our builders have made substantial progress and the signs of development offer great promise of a wonderful building. We look forward to the completion of work and Members being able to enjoy a superb facility later in the year.

Our Project Manager's report in Courtside details the activities and outlines the program for the coming months.

Despite the building work, Club activities remain buoyant both within the clubhouse and around the courts. We encourage Members to continue to enjoy the facilities and to take the opportunity to check the progress of construction.

Last year we celebrated the first Club championship win of Sally Peers. This year we are thrilled to see Sally progress on to success in the junior doubles event at the Wimbledon Championships.

The recent Champions' Dinner celebrated our Tennis and Squash section winners at a great night away from Kooyong. The Malvern Town Hall was the venue for this year's event due to the renovations at the Club and our staff worked hard to ensure the success of the night by shipping in all food, drink and equipment to provide a great night of celebration.

We look forward to the return of this and many other events to Kooyong next year when we will be able to enjoy the improved surrounds and facilities of the Clubhouse.



Chris Brown
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Kooyong – Beyond 2010

Even after 40 or so years of involvement in our Club I still get a great sense of pride from introducing visitors to Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. For many people who didn't grow up with tennis, Kooyong is largely an unknown entity yet Kooyong's place in the history of tennis is well known and respected by local, interstate and international visitors who have an association with the game of tennis.

Visitors are generally amazed by our facilities and the rich history of the Club. When complete, the new Clubhouse will provide Members with even more reason to proudly present our Club to visitors and family members. We should always be on guard to ensure our familiarity with the Club does not diminish our appreciation of just how special and privileged we are to be Members of Kooyong. In recent months Club Members have been able to obtain a sense of what we can expect from this major Clubhouse redevelopment.

The Members Lounge with fireplace, Members only entrance, expanded gym, extended balconies and the duel car space under the porte-cochere are among the new or expanded features that will no doubt please Club Members and improve Member use of the Club. The Clubhouse fit out has drawn on the skills of our interior designer, which will result in an integrated finish that ties in the elements of the selected furniture, fixtures and fittings.

In undertaking these major works the Kooyong Committee has set out to strengthen our Clubs' position as one of Melbourne's leading sports clubs. We have aimed to create conditions that lead to ongoing success and attractiveness of the Club to existing and potential Members. One needs look no further than our own city to recognise the changing face of Club life and the importance of staying relevant to Members and potential Members.

Sadly, in recent times Melbourne has witnessed the demise of several long established clubs whilst several clubs have publicly expressed concerns regarding their long-term future. Kooyong's ongoing strength resides with our membership and the opportunities this presents, to partner with other sporting clubs who display profiles that compliment and expand the Kooyong membership offer.

Whilst focusing on the delivery of top class facilities the Committee has also remained committed to fostering the warm inviting atmosphere the Club is renowned for and cultivating a rich diversity of Member interest in the Club. This diversity has helped create a vibrant energetic Club that people want to be a part of and which has given the committee the confidence to undertake the redevelopment.

Thanks in part to the Kooyong Foundation, Kooyong's place in the history of the game of lawn tennis in Australia will be permanently on display to members and visitors in areas specially set aside to display our memorabilia. The Kooyong

Foundation is actively seeking potential sponsors for these important areas of the Club.

Tennis Success

Having recently embraced competition tennis in this state, Kooyong now finds itself taking a leading role in tennis as Melbourne's largest tennis club. Kooyong's tennis teams are enjoying great success during the 2009 Tennis Victoria Pennant season in all grades and we look forward to the upcoming finals series.

Since last writing to you a number of Kooyong members have also enjoyed national and international success with Sally Peers, who won our Open Women's Club Championship in 2008, taking out the 2009 Wimbledon Junior Double's Title.

Club Member Jessie Tamber won the 14's National Title in Brisbane. An interesting twist to Jessie's story is that she first represented Kooyong only four years ago in Section 13 juniors and debuted in State Grade several weeks ago, a remarkable feat in its own right, before taking out the National title recently.

The Champions' Dinner

The development of pennant tennis at Kooyong has had a positive effect on our Club Championships and not only at the Open level but in all events. The Club salutes Jay Salter on winning his eighth Open Men's singles title and Adrianna Szili on winning her second Open Women's singles title.

Congratulations also to our Club squash champions, Men's Open winner Mark Ikin and Women's Open winner Sarah Fitz-Gerald. The achievements of all our Club Champions were recognised at the annual Champions' Dinner held at the Malvern Town Hall in July attended by 120 guests including past winners, distinguished Members of the Club and past and present Committee Members.

Exciting Times Ahead

Looking forward to the second half of the year, Kooyong Members will move into the completed northern section of the Clubhouse sometime in September.

Our builders will shift their attention to the southern areas of the Club during the last 3 months of the year with final Clubhouse hand over prior to Christmas. Our Club sections are busily planning social and sporting events for the coming months with information available on the Kooyong Web Site.

No doubt, like all Members, the Committee eagerly awaits the opening of the clubhouse in December and we can all enjoy the improved facilities this project will bring us to enjoy for years to come.

Ian Hill
President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

CLUBHOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

The Clubhouse works are advancing well at this stage as we move into the second half of the year and midway through the project. We are currently progressing the Stage 1 works, with these works tracking within our control program. The Stage 1 works are noted as follows;

- ▶ New Front Façade to East, Members Entry and Porte Cohere, Reception, Office Administration and Eastern Car Park works.
- ▶ Basement Car Park, New Gymnasium and Function Rooms to the North West corner of the Clubhouse.
- ▶ Function Area Lobbies, Functions Kitchen, Function Amenities and the 3 New Function Rooms
- ▶ Extensions to Terraces for Sedgman, Goolagong and Kooyong Room.

As a more detailed description of construction progress, we note the following;

- ▶ The front administration area slab, structural steel and metal roof have now been completed.
- ▶ The blockwork walls to the front eastern façade are well underway in preparation for the sandstone cladding which will arrive end July.
- ▶ The civil works to the various Stage 1 site areas now complete including underground pipework, water storage tanks and various interceptor pits.
- ▶ Lower ground (Gymnasium) and Ground Floor (Function Rooms) slabs are both complete with both areas now being fitted out.
- ▶ Steelwork structure and timber roof trusses are complete for the Function Rooms roof areas.

- ▶ Services (Mech, Elec, Fire, Hyd) rough-in to basement carpark and to Gymnasium area has commenced.
- ▶ Electrical and Mechanical switch boards installed to final location and existing clubhouse supplies being run from final switchboards.
- ▶ Plaster partition walls have been erected to function and new amenities areas.
- ▶ Kitchen cooking and dishwashing hoods have been installed with the kitchen fit out being fabricated and due for installation early August 09.
- ▶ Western Terraces have been constructed; site measurements and shop drawings for the new steelwork are well underway. We should see winter garden and racquet club extensions being erected in early August.
- ▶ The Stage 1 pool works are 90% complete and the pool has been handed back to the Club. Works yet to be completed include final new lighting, exit doors from new gym area, and some mosaic tile repairs near the spa.
- ▶ The Stage 1 Members change room works are now complete with new carpets, mechanical system, lockers, shower screens and urinals installed. Handover to Club occurred 12th June 2009.
- ▶ Roof straightening and roof slate works are progressing from the South with slate now complete to the new Function Room roof area in the North West Corner of the Clubhouse. Roof slate would now be 60% complete.
- ▶ Construction of squash court seating is to commence 20th July.

To date our Builder has managed the works in a very professional and competent manner. They are maintaining a clear line of communication with the Club's management team via Chris Brown (CEO) as required and prior to any potential interruptions. The site continues to run well with a lot of on site momentum at this current stage.

We look forward to the Stage 1 works being completed in early September. From this point the Clubhouse will take on a whole new external appearance and functional ability. The Club's management and administration offices will be operated from the new location at the front of the building. The new Function Rooms and Gymnasium will also be operational and the Builder will then take over the currently utilised Club areas for their upgrade works to progress.

These Stage 2 works include the alterations to the Kooyong Room, Hopman Bistro, Racquet Club and on the lower floor the new aerobics room, completion of pool works along with new furniture in areas, a members lounge, upgraded main kitchen and external painted.

Overall, we are pleased with the progress on site and report that the programme and budgets at this time remain on track.

Chris Nash
Project Manager



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AUGUST 2009



The 2009 Champions' Dinner

It was another wonderful night of celebrations when the Club's stars came together to pay tribute to our champions of 2009.

Despite the different venue, the merriment was the same as Kooyong's sporting elite basked in the glory of some historic achievements and personal bests.

With the Kooyong Room unable to be used for functions amid the redevelopment, the Champions' Dinner was relocated offsite to the Malvern Town Hall with great success.

The room used by the Club was a perfect fit for the event and Renee Reid, Kevin Ley and all their staff presented the event in spectacular fashion.

Darren James, as always, proved a popular host and his knowledge of the squash area of the Club made for some very funny interviews with some of the winners in attendance.

Some highlights in the squash presentations were the continued rise of Selena Shaikh, Adam Flett and Robert Templeton through the Club.

Selena and Adam won their respective junior titles while Robert won the A Grade title for the third consecutive year.

In the Open events it was a familiar name being presented in each category but for different reasons. Mark Ikin was presented with the Men's Open Squash Trophy for the fifth time before Sarah Fitz-Gerald received the Ladies Open Trophy for the first time.

Sarah's squash resume reads better than most in the history of the women's game and to have her compete at the Club is an honour in itself.

On the tennis side of the presentations, Cedric Mason and Darren James interviewed and handed out the silverware for the events from the Under 14 Boy's Doubles right through to the Open Men's Singles.

There were several highlights amongst the tennis trophy winners but the obvious one was Jay Salter's eighth Club Championship title, making him the most successful player in Kooyong's Club Championship history.

Jay has been a regular at the Club for nearly ten years now and his performances on the grass courts of Kooyong are now written into the history of this great Club.

Max Senior held the record with seven titles for some 16 years but Jay's win this year has catapulted him past the former Club great.

Max still holds the record for the most Club Championship titles in a row at five for the men while Elizabeth Peers' record of 14 titles won't be beaten in this lifetime.

The night was also a chance to celebrate Elizabeth's daughter, Sally, who won the Junior Doubles title at Wimbledon. Another wonderful accomplishment for our rising star.

Adriana Szili was again presented with the Women's Open Singles trophy after winning the title back in 2006. She cleaned up at the Club Championships this year, winning the doubles and mixed doubles on top of her singles victory.

Other highlights included some of the Club's newest scholarship holders who won titles for the first time. Sam Bertram, Will Kneale, Daniel Nolan and

Kaitlin Familiar were some of the new young faces while the familiar faces of Glenn Busby, Graeme Heath, Barry Evans, Hugh Magee, Kati Patterson, Lou Griffith and Heather Barwick were also there to celebrate their wins.

Sophie Vickers achievements are also worth a mention, our B Grade and Under 21 Champion for 2009 is currently playing Grade 1 pennant for the Club and made her State Grade debut recently.

The Bairnsdale product has travelled down to Melbourne to play pennant tennis at Kooyong for the past three years and continues to develop as a player.

Her tale is just one of many success stories that makes this night so special and the reason this Club and all its traditions are so great.

It was a wonderful night for all in attendance and we look forward, with anticipation, to the Champions' Dinner to be held in the new and improved Clubhouse in 2010.

From top left: Craig Bryant, Glenn Busby, Graeme Heath, Heather Barwick and Kati Patterson; Adriana Szili; Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Mark Ikin; Daniel Nolan, Richie Meadows, Will Kneale and Kaitlin Familiar; Hugh French, Sam Bertram and Sophie Vickers; Lou Griffith, Craig Bryant and Sophie Vickers; Michael Daghli, David Allison, Adam Flett, Selena Shaikh, Ben Armstrong and Robert Templeton



Sir Norman Brookes Society Visits National Sports Museum

The Sir Norman Brookes Society recently held its first thankyou function at the MCG to gratefully acknowledge the support of some of its key donors.

A group of Kooyong Members found themselves sitting and listening intently to engaging personal accounts of cricket and football from Shane Warne and James Hird.

What made the experience all the more fascinating was the fact that the speakers were not even there -- just "performing" as three-dimensional characters in the National Sports Museum's remarkable holograms cinemas.

The museum is Australia's finest collection of sports of all sorts and the Kooyong visitors were cherry-picking ideas for our own clubhouse's future appearance.

With the renovations now advancing rapidly, it was time to give some further thought to Kooyong's planned "Living Museum" which will showcase the history and traditions of our club and its role in tennis.

What is already planned is a series of displays, changing periodically, and featuring the racquets, clothing, trophies and stories of the great players of the past and the great moments on the Kooyong courts.

Former MCC President and Kooyong Foundation Board Member Bruce Church hosted the tour of the MCG and the museum. Kooyong's party included Club President Ian Hill, Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn and former Kooyong President Terry Fraser, along with Foundation donors Roger Brookes, Philip Munz, Dom Dimattina, Gordon Bennett and others.

The Hird and Warne holograms were the outstanding highlights of the museum but there were countless other sporting treats including Jack Brabham's Grand Prix car, Don Bradman's baggy green cap, Cathy Freeman's gold medal swift-suit, non-stop replays of great football, cricket and Olympic moments, memorabilia from Australian triumphs on bikes, in the water or on countless sporting fields, and a superb collection of historical photographs, clothing and trophies.

Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn described the tour as "an unforgettable experience" and said Kooyong could learn a lot from what had been achieved at the museum. "We are certainly not attempting to emulate their efforts," he said, "but I believe we can certainly incorporate some of the display techniques that are so successful at the MCG."

The Foundation through the Sir Norman Brooks Society plans to hold more thanking functions of this nature acknowledging substantial financial support from KLTC Members and others.

KOoyong Foundation Backs Indigenous Sports Foundation

The Kooyong Foundation has thrown its weight behind the Indigenous Sports Foundation's Elite Tennis Program at Box Hill Secondary College.

Over the past four years, through the Goolagong National Development Program, eleven Indigenous students coming from regional or remote areas of Australia have made a commitment to their schooling and also to tennis to give themselves a chance to become an elite player or to move into coaching or administration in the future.

Being hand picked by Evonne Goolagong Cawley through her annual National Program has allowed these students to attend this Elite Tennis School but their reliance on welfare has made the program quite demanding financially.

Due to the challenging financial overheads for each student the Kooyong Foundation has provided some backing to lighten the burden on the students as they cope with living away from home and completing their studies together with their tennis commitments.

The Foundation's pledge will help with these ongoing programs in the hope that this mutual support with the Indigenous Sports Foundation may open the pathway for any player that reaches an elite playing level in the future.

The Indigenous Sports Foundation currently has four very fine young men accommodated in a house in Box Hill with former AFL star Sid Jackson as their mentor as they pursue their education and their tennis careers.

Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn said, 'I could not think of a more worthy program for Foundation support. I encourage members to contribute generously (via The Kooyong Foundation) to support these kids. Our own Foundation patron Evonne Goolagong has worked tirelessly to establish this program and it would be great if we can continue to assist'.

NATIONAL TITLE WIN FOR KOOYONG JUNIOR

Jessie Tamber has continued her meteoric rise through the junior ranks at Kooyong with a stunning win at the Winter Nationals in Brisbane recently.

Seeded twelfth for the 14's event, Jessie started the tournament with a straight sets win over Danielle Wagland from NSW before having the fight of her life in the second round.

Playing Maika Jae Tanpoco from the Philippines, Jessie was made to work for the match with all three sets being tightly contested before she came out on top 6/4 4/6 7/6.

In the third round Jessie faced the number eight seed, Teigan Aranis, and after losing the first set 6/2 she was able to work her way back into the match by winning the second set 6/4 and then went on to win the match 6/3 in the third set.

Her fighting qualities continued to show in the quarterfinal when she faced the giant killer, Brigitte Beck, who had knocked the top seed out in the previous round.



Jessie got off to a great start and didn't let her fellow Victorian into the match for a convincing 6/1 7/5 win to move her into the last four.

In the semi final she met the third seed, Chloe Costelloe, from NSW and from the outset she dominated the match and never looked like losing in a 6/2 6/3 win that moved her into her first National singles final.

Jessie faced another huge challenge in the final against the number four seed, Amy Sneath, and she had a massive battle on her hands from the start of the match.

The South Australian took it up to Jessie in the first set and got the vital break late in the first set to take it 7/5. Jessie fought back in the second set to tie the match at a set all when she won 6/2 and she was able to hold her nerve in the final set to take the match and the title 5/7 6/2 7/5 in a wonderful performance.

Congratulations to all of the Kooyong kids who performed so well at the Nationals last month, especially Isabelle Wallace who lost a close semi final in the 12's singles and was runner up in the 12's doubles.

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Bushfire Relief

We were all shocked in February by the images of loss of life and devastation when bushfires engulfed our state. Several communities were devastated and there were strong rallying calls of support for those affected.

On the 19th April, the Kooyong Foundation, in association with Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia staged the 'Back to Tennis' event at the Whittlesea Tennis Club.

The purpose of the day was to offer respite and entertainment to those who had been directly affected by the fires. It also offered an opportunity to thank the

countless volunteers who were involved in both the fire fighting and relief efforts.

Among the many involved on the day were tennis legend and Kooyong Foundation patron, Evonne Goolagong-Cawley, John Fitzgerald, Wayne Arthurs, Nicole Pratt, Paul McNamee, Alan Stone and Kooyong coaches including Glenn Busby.

The tennis stars joined with other community groups to provide a day of entertainment and activities aimed at energising the community within the fire-affected areas and the event drew a large and enthusiastic gathering.

Throughout the day, the tennis greats mixed with the crowd and ran a series of clinics and drills. Many people enjoyed the chance to meet their tennis idols up close and the opportunity to face them at the other end of the court is a memory they will cherish.

A celebrity match at the end of the day offered a suitable climax to a great day.

Several suppliers and supporters made the day a success and thanks go to Bunnings, Schweppes, AAMI, HB Audio, Whittlesea & District Tennis Club and the Whittlesea Tennis Club.

Congratulations also to Event Managers Brian Beers and Neville Mears for their special efforts to deliver a day of great memories.



Photographs: Andrew Gyopar

Archives & Research Centre

An important addition to our collection was the purchase, in March, of the program of the 1920 Davis Cup Challenge Round held in Auckland in memory of Anthony Wilding.

The Club is grateful for the following donations: Marlboro Open & Volvo Grand Prix advertising tarpaulins (Chris Strafford); six rare photo albums, South Australian LTA official papers 1921 – 1969 & results of South Australian Championships 1889 – 1986, framed 1982 Marlboro Open poster signed by Martina Navratilova, photo of Norman E Brookes aged 16 in 1894 Melbourne Grammar Football Team (John Dean); rare programs & photos including Brian Teacher winning 1980 Australian Open Singles, Gus Kearney, Nell Hopman, Kooyong 1934 flood, N E Brookes, J Clemenger, and Harley Malcolm on T S Nettlefold en-tout-cas court (first in Melbourne), newspaper clippings of Kooyong championship events 1926 – 1984 (courtesy of Hilda Johnson, Flinders Books, Hawthorn & John Dean); and a remarkable collage of photos of Gerald Patterson including Bill Tilden at the Patterson home in Melbourne in 1920 (Andrew Mott).

Norman Marshall
Club Archivist



Photos names L to R: Rod Laver, Mal Anderson, Neale Fraser, John Newcombe and Ken Rosewall at Kooyong circa 1972.



Photos names L to R: unknown, John Bromwich, Adrian Quist, Humphrey Bogart, Len Schwartz during the tour of our 1938 Davis Cup team (Bromwich, Quist and Schwartz). It was common for our Davis Cup players to meet and sometimes play with movie stars!

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GRASS COURT MAINTENANCE

Last season Members commented that the grass courts provided the best playing conditions for many years.

Excellent preparation by our grounds staff over the winter and good management during the season ensured that the courts played well across the summer season.

Significant benefit has resulted from the successful returfing program conducted over recent years. Work last winter to lay courts 10 – 14 followed work on courts 19 – 26 in recent years.

The legend couch has proven to prepare well for the season opening. Importantly, it stands up well to the rigors of a grass court season and provides good lateral regrowth when required.

The commitment to the program has continued this year and courts 15 - 18 have been returned. Elsewhere, baselines have been re-laid to repair areas around other courts.

We hope now for suitable growing conditions over spring and look forward to another great season over the summer months.



WATER MANAGEMENT

In 2005 the Club made a commitment to substantially improve water management and reduce the dependence by the Club on potable water.

Members have been advised since of the implemented programs which have included substantial replanting around the property with drought tolerant natives, replacement of old and inefficient tap ware, introduction of drought tolerant legend couch on the grass tennis courts, changes in water management within the Clubhouse and the introduction of water storage and reticulation systems utilising alternative water sources.

The graph below clearly demonstrates the Club has achieved the goal of reducing potable water use. Compared to the peak in 2005, the Club reduced its annual water consumption in the last year by 60%.

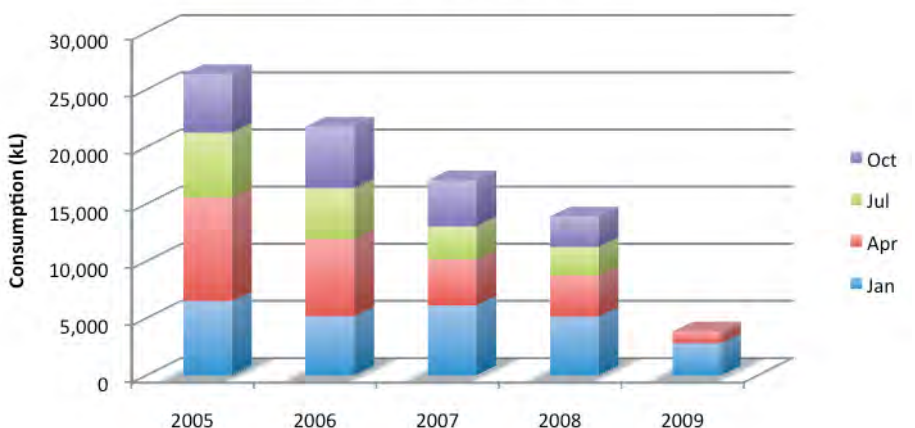
In addition, initial indications for 2009 show an even further reduction on the comparative quarters in previous years.

The current Clubhouse development will add to the achievements in water management. Water tanks located underground will capture roof run off for re-use within the Clubhouse flushing toilets and other purposes.

The Club remains committed to water management as a priority and will continue to seek ways to better manage what has, in recent years, proven to be a scarce resource.



Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Comparative Water Usage



Native Plants at Kooyong

By Jim Richardson

Some five years ago the northern (freeway side) and the southern (railway side) boundaries of our Club were grassy embankments.

In appearance both were rather bland but kept in good trim, partly by a tethered goat (which older members may well recall) and latterly by a conventional lawn mower (hauled up and let down on the grassed slopes by a rope needed on account of the steepness).

In order to add colour and texture to these boundaries, to promote the use of native plants as well as to conserve water, Kooyong's management decided to replace the grass.

A wide range of native plants was selected from different parts of Australia. Planting commenced four years ago on the railway side and a year later on the freeway side.

Care was taken to yield a variegated appearance in colour, texture and position. These plants needed watering during their first summer but quickly established themselves and need no further watering, a most important matter in Melbourne nowadays!

These plants flourished beyond initial expectations and now brighten up the boundaries with a plethora of colour, particularly during springtime.



In addition, various species of birds are attracted and the overall effect is commented upon favourably by our visitors.

It was also important to space these plants correctly, close enough so that a visual continuity would be achieved but with enough gaps to allow rain water to percolate to the roots and for air to circulate around the branches.

During September last year, I took quite a lot of photographs of these plants, then in flower, and was rather awed at

the vibrancy of the shots, both in their colours (including red, pink, orange, yellow, purple and white) and in their configurations (including plant structures).

A number of these photographs have been selected and each one identified by its botanic and popular name.

In this task I was greatly supported by the Assistant Grounds Manager, Chris Wragg, Gardener Neil Dalfovo and a conservationist from Black Rock, Val Tarrant.

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STATE GRADE WOMEN

AN UP AND DOWN SEASON

What an unbelievable State Grade season we're having in the women's competition!

Kooyong is fielding two teams in a six-team competition and they currently sit first and last on the ladder but the order is somewhat of a surprise.

Last year's pennant winners entered this season with basically the same line up as last year but have been hit by injury and unavailability which has cost them dearly.



Viktorija Rajjic

Emily Arnott's team sits in last position on the ladder but will field an extremely strong team over the last few weeks in the hope of sneaking into the finals.

They are yet to field their pennant winning line up from last year and this should make a difference in the run to the finals but they'll need a bit of luck to sneak into the top four.

Adriana Szili, Lisa D'Amelio, Maddison Springall and hopefully Karolina Wlodarczak should be able to guide this team back from the brink of disaster but if the teams above them continue to win it could be to no avail.

The biggest highlight for this team is the continued development of Belinda Woolcock who has battled on valiantly at number one while most of the team has been unavailable and she has showed signs that she will be a great player for the Club in the coming years.

Her form, playing out of position, in her first season in State Grade has given her some great experience leading up to her current trip overseas and we wish her and Stefani Stojic all the best for their tour.

Nicole Pratt's Kooyong No 2, on the other hand, have taken all before them this season and the only two matches they've lost have been due to the unavailability of players due to the various tournaments on the calendar for these rising stars of Australian tennis.

Viktorija Rajjic, Molly Polak, Sandy Vo and Stefani Stojic took everyone by surprise early in the season but they've all taken notice of the talented youngsters now.

Rajjic and Polak continue to be two of the most exciting young players in the country and their doubles combination has been as solid as a rock at this level as well.

This team has also unearthed another star for the Club in Ewa Radzikowska, who has been unbeatable in State Grade this season and she has held this young team together beautifully.

Needing a steady influence, especially on the doubles court, Ewa has made this team a genuine title contender and the young girls will enter the finals with confidence knowing they have someone who can dominate this competition in their team.



Ewa Radzikowska

Royal South Yarra was cruising along in second position on the ladder but they've recently dropped a few games to slip to third and their best team could trouble anyone is this competition

Dendy Park has leaped from the pack to take second spot on the ladder with a steady line up in both singles and doubles. They have a genuine rising star in Azra Hadzic and continue to win matches they aren't expected to win.

The last position in the top four is up for grabs and hopefully the defending champions from Kooyong can make a run for it with their full complement of players now available.



Sandy Vo

This season really has been up and down for all the teams involved and the rollercoaster will continue over the next few weeks.

Availability seems to be the biggest issue facing most clubs and Kooyong is no different but if the girls can minimise the damage they will give themselves a great opportunity of winning another pennant.

Pick a winner at your peril because this competition is still up for grabs.

STATE GRADE MEN

THE PERFECT START

After ten rounds of the Tennis Victoria Pennant's State Grade competition Kooyong's two men's teams have put themselves in a great position to win the flag.

Jay Salter's Kooyong No 2 currently sit on top of the ladder unbeaten while Paul Arber's Kooyong No 1 have lost just the one match with four rounds remaining.

The finals are sure to be hotly contested as MCC start to hit form and Liston and Grace Park fight it out for the last spot in the top four.

After getting through some tough matches in the opening few rounds, including a scare from the winless team from Royal South Yarra, Jay Salter's Kooyong No 2 hadn't been tested until their match up with MCC in Round 10.

The match went down to the wire and this may prove to be a pivotal moment in the competition as the other sides realise there could be some chinks in the armour of this, so far, dominant team.

Salter and Richard Fromberg have both been dominant in singles along with Rob Phillips while Anthony Zafiris has lost just two singles matches for the year in his first full year in the top flight.

Andrew Gregory also showed his dominance over the competition early in the year and he could become the thing that tips this side over the edge given his improvement over the past twelve months.

The doubles combinations have also been strong for this team with the inclusion of Matthew Carroll with



Nathan Byrnes

Anthony Zafiris who are yet to lose together.

Paul Arber's team has also been dominant this season, only losing to their Kooyong rivals, and will be hoping with a fully fit side they are able to challenge for the title.

Matthew Breen has been revelation for this team and Lee Pearson is rarely challenged at number four.

They also form one of the strongest doubles combinations in the competition and if it comes to the end of the day then this team holds the aces.

Add Paul Arber, David Bidmeade, Daniel and Nathan Byrnes and Matthew Coghlan and this side is one of the most even teams seen in recent times and this should hold them in good stead when the finals roll around.



Jay Salter

These boys are a tight knit group and will walk over hot coals for each other so it wouldn't be a surprise to see them make the final again this year after they won the tile in 2007.

Salter's team need to hold it all together over the last few rounds so they make it to the finals in the best possible shape but the thing that could tip them over the edge is Andrew Gregory.

Gregory was in great form before he left for France and if he makes it back in time for the finals then this side shouldn't be beaten.

He would be the best number three in this competition and this allows Rob Phillips to play at number four and I think the only player that could beat him is Lee Pearson.

An all Kooyong final is a possibility and would be a great match to watch but assuming this will happen is just too risky considering the firepower at MCC, Liston and Grace Park.

All three of these teams possess the weapons to knock off any team on their day and this is what makes State Grade the most unpredictable competition going around.

One player can make or break your run to the title but let's hope the guys can get there and make history with the first all Kooyong final.



David Bidmeade



Paul Arber

Junior Tennis News

Kooyong's junior teams have just completed another season in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association with several teams performing well in the finals.

On Saturday mornings Kooyong fielded 5 teams and three of them made it into the semi finals.

In Section 1 Gemma Seeley's team had a wonderful season to finish the home and away rounds in second position on the ladder while Noah Pabst's team of youngsters earned themselves a spot in the semi finals by just three points.

In the semi final Noah's team came up against a much bigger and stronger team from Port Melbourne and unfortunately they were knocked out but Gemma's team won their semi final and moved through to meet Port Melbourne in the grand final.

Unfortunately the young Kooyong team was no match for the older kids from Port Melbourne but they gave a great account of themselves in the final.

In Section 2 James Goller's team of little champions finished off their fantastic season with an epic battle in the grand final.

After finishing third and winning their semi final against Caulfield Rec 1, the Kooyong boys fought their way into a winning position against their much bigger opponents from Carmelite.

With the grand final tied at the end of the match both teams went on to court to play the tie breaks to decide the match but at the end of this it was still tied so it took another set of tie breaks to find the winner and unfortunately the Kooyong boys had gone down after a wonderful grand final.

On Sunday morning Kooyong's 12 teams performed reasonably well despite only Martin Kaminsky's Section 5 team making the finals. Most of the teams finished just outside the top four and there were some great individual performances across the season.

In Section 1 Ashleigh Capannolo's team were unlucky to miss out on the finals after finishing fifth, just one point outside fourth position.

Martin Kaminsky's Section 5 team finished the season in second spot on the ladder and after defeating a determined Mordialloc team they faced off with Aspendale in the grand final.

Both sides were evenly matched but it was the Kooyong boys who came out on top in a high standard final.

The team of Martin Kaminsky, Sheng Wei Wong, Nicholas Easton, Harrison Young, Hugh Muir and Alexander Galligan had a wonderful season and now find themselves in Section 3.

James Wiseman's Section 7 team finished the season in fifth place on the ladder just seven points shy of a finals spot while Kate Cunningham's Section 11 team also finished in fifth place.

In the current Bayside Association season Kooyong is fielding six teams on Saturday and ten teams on Sunday.

Good luck to all the players for the season ahead!



Sunday Section 5 Champions

Parent & Child Round Robin

At the end of the February to June season we held a parent and child round robin at Kooyong with great success.

More than forty pairs played across 11 courts on Sunday the 21st of June before everyone gathered in the old bar area for our presentations.

We look forward to bringing this event to all the parents and kids again on the 29th of November.

MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT

The midweek ladies continue to have some fantastic results for the Club with two teams winning grand finals in the recently completed Bayside season.

In Section 1 on Wednesday Bridget Laird's team finished on top of the ladder but unfortunately couldn't make it through to the final.

Jill Kaminsky's Section 2 team finished just outside the top four while Priscilla Kiernan's Section 5 team finished in third place before going on to win the pennant against Black Rock.

On Thursday Kris Tulloch's Section A team finished in seventh position while Anne Forbes' Section 1 team lost in the semi final against Knox City after finishing third on the ladder.

In Section 3 Wendy Johnson's team finished in sixth while Alita Davis' team finished in second and went on to win the pennant against Mentone.

Gena Ferguson and Anne Fitzpatrick's teams in Section 4 finished in fifth and seventh respectively.



From left: Sarah Cudlipp, Heather Anderson, Alita Davis, Libby Downing, Gill Gleeson, Kathy Grant

In the current MEMRLTA season the Tuesday ladies are coming to the end of the season and in A1 Sue Tyers' team is currently in sixth place on the ladder.

In A4 Sandra Daly's team is sitting just outside the top four while Margaret Smith's team, in the same section, is currently ninth.

Kay Auty's team in A5 are clinging to a spot in the top four and will be keen to stay there with only a few rounds left before finals.

Congratulations again to both of our teams who won pennants in the recent Bayside season and good luck for the rest of the year.

From top left: Karyn Solomon, Julieanne Morrissy, Priscilla Kiernan
Front: Mary O'Sullivan, Anne Boyce



KOORYONG'S pennant profiles

Anthony Zafiris

Age: 26

Grade: State Grade

Play L/H or R/H:
Right Hand



Tennis Achievements:

Captained Victoria in Pizzey Cup, probably because I was the only person in high school that didn't drink alcohol. Have a 60+ winning streak in practice matches against Matt Carroll. Although I tanked a semi final a few years back because I knew he was in the final. Go figure.

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Jay Salter. He is not overly tall or athletic but oh my, can he serve. And his one handed backhand return is better than Agassi's two handed return, intense.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

The Strathmore Tennis Club brick wall. It was my only friend growing up.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Watching Andrew Lovett every weekend is sporting perfection.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

Because I love to have a beer with Cedric.

What qualities do you admire in people?

Humour, chill factor and don't be so serious, it's annoying.

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

A footy fan who bleeds red and black, and falls to sleep watching the Tour de France in July.

What do you do outside tennis?

Teach, coach and hope that one day the Kooyong gym will play some music.

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

1-2 hours. Well that's not counting the 16km runs with Jay and the boys. That's the only thing I can beat him at.

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

First, who knows about finals. Frommy is a freak, I can't return his serve in the warm up. Robbie Phillips is an Aussie Nadal and Matty hits a mean off backhand return. Should be alright.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Have to ask Frommy that one!

Matt Carroll

Age: 26

Grade: State Grade

Play L/H or R/H:
Both



Tennis Achievements:

Grade 1 & 2 Pennant Champion with Kooyong, 4-Time All-American College Tennis, NAIA National Doubles Champion, Carrying Zaf every week

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Jay Salter - won the Kooyong Club Champs 8-times in 9 years

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

My Dad for his commitment, dedication and care in helping me be the best I could be.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

'99 Preliminary Final - 1 point victory over the Bombers. The Southern Stand roof nearly came down.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

Because it is the best sporting members club in Australia. AND I love playing for Cedric Mason, and shaking his hand after a victory.

What qualities do you admire in people?

Dedication and Passion to be successful. Laid-back and empathetic. Ability to engage in healthy debate

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

Captain Carlton

What do you do outside tennis?

Try to help others enjoy and become better at tennis. Try to make some friends. Try to keep fit and stay healthy. Get more smarterer

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

A couple of hours... maybe 12 or 14 hours too little.

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

Just playing it 1-point at a time

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Late-nights, fried food, Ice-cream, fizzy, bubbly, or frothy drinks and pretty feet

FOOD & BEVERAGE NEWS

Inter Club Wine Challenge 2009

The Inter-Club Wine challenge is a fun event to foster Inter-club relationships by giving members an opportunity to participate in an entertaining and educational wine trivia complimented by a three course dinner.

Teams of 6-8 will taste 2 brackets of wines (4 whites and 4 reds, local and international).

Points will be awarded for accurately identifying variety, region, vintage and producer. The winning team will receive prizes and the accolades of their colleagues and competitors.

Their winning Club will hold the University House Cup for one year, and have the right to host the City Club Wine Challenge.

A free of charge evening training session will take place in preparation for the event.

For more details, please contact Patrice Renaudin on 9822 3333 or patrice@kooyonglhc.asn.au

RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Thursday 8th October, 6.30 for 7.00pm

\$85.00/pers. all inclusive (wines, dinner & prizes)

Dress code: Jacket & tie

WINE OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER: Richmond Grove "Limited Release".
Classic wines from the Clare and Barossa Valley

OCTOBER: Tar & Roses.
A fairly new label with some exciting wines from Heathcote and the Strathbogie Ranges

NOVEMBER: Scotchmans Hill.
One of the pioneers of the Bellarine Peninsula

Shanghai

Racquet Club & Apartments



Shanghai Racquet Club Members enjoy year around tennis and other racquet sports, swimming, fitness and beauty spa facilities and a full menu of services and activities for every member of the family.

The Club facility includes:

- 6 har-tru (clay) tennis courts, 6 indoor hard courts, 1 stadium hard court
- 2 squash courts
- 60-meter long outdoor swimming pool with sandy bottom and 3 spas
- Tennis, swimming, squash, aerobics tuition by international certified professionals
- Beach volleyball
- Indoor swimming pool with lap lane, lagoon pool and spa
- Basketball, badminton and table tennis areas
- Fully equipped state-of-art fitness centre and aerobics studio
- Billiard and game room
- Casual and fine dining facilities
- Pub
- Banquet and conference facilities
- Supervised childcare centre and children's playground
- Comfortable locker rooms and lounges

- Library
- Dragonfly Therapeutic Retreat with Hair & Nail Salon
- Grocery and deli store
- On-site medical clinic
- 12 club suites accommodation

The Shanghai Racquet Club offers several dining options including Racquets Restaurant for fine dining international cuisine, the Terrace Bar, Paddles Family Sports Café and the Poolside Bar & Grill.

Racquets Restaurant overlooks the plush terrace on level two, the restaurant features an open show kitchen where members can experience the culinary team in action.

Offering innovative international cuisine and delicious brick oven favorites in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Together with our friendly service, Racquets provides the perfect dining experience in Shanghai.

Other features include two small private dining rooms for private parties up to 25 persons, an incredible Champagne Sunday Brunch and weekly theme night buffets.

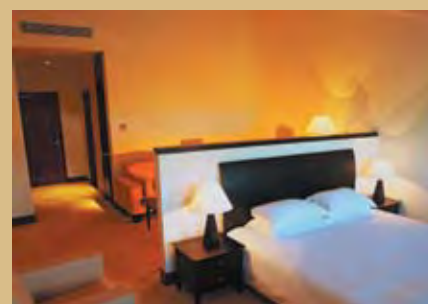
The Shanghai Racquet Club also offers overnight accommodation available to members, affiliates and guests.

All of the Club's rooms and serviced apartments have en-suite bathrooms, air conditioning, individually regulated heating, and are equipped with cable television, voicemail, minibar and telephones. High-speed Internet service is also available in all bedrooms at extra charge.

- Rates include complimentary use of the Club's Sports Facilities and Continental Breakfast Buffet
- Checkout time is 12:00 noon. All reservations will be held until 6:00pm, unless prior arrangements are made
- Rates are subject to change without prior notice
- All payments are by cash or credit card upon departure

Please contact KLTC prior to your departure from Melbourne to make arrangements for a letter of introduction for any clubs you intend to visit.

This enables us to advise the reciprocal club of your visit in advance to ensure they are prepared for your arrival. We can also provide you with an information sheet detailing the club's facilities and services.



KOORYONG INTERNATIONAL TENNIS ACADEMY

It has been an exciting first half of 2009 at the Kooyong International Tennis Academy (KITA). As well as being committed to providing our range of traditional group/private lessons and ladies clinics, KITA has started a number of new programs which have received a great response from our clients. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to helping cater for all your tennis needs into the future.

KITA is focused on:

1. Providing a team training environment where players and coaches train together and motivate each other to achieve their individual and group goals.
2. Teaching tennis as a sport played from the ground up, emphasizing good footwork, balance, and general fitness.
3. Providing opportunities for more days on court during the week to improve skills that depend on repeated practice.
4. Promoting tennis as a sport for the whole family crossing traditional age and gender boundaries.

Monday Night Squad has been restructured to provide a team training pathway from 5 year-old beginners through to nationally ranked juniors. A variety of programs are on offer between **4pm-7pm**.

Monday & Friday Night Comp (4.15pm-6pm) is our in-house match-play clinic for our young members 9-12 y/o who have not played competition tennis yet, or who have just started out and want to develop confidence and experience in competition format. Run by John McInnes who has a wealth of tennis knowledge and experience and is fantastic as well as learning strategies and tactics.

Tennis BootCamp has been pumping in the early hours of the morning, running **6.30am-8am Wednesday & Thursday mornings**, Tennis BootCamp gives you a head start on the competition. Participants from 10 year-olds to 60 year-olds, State-Graders to C-Graders, Mum & Son, Dad & Daughter, even a couple of sets of twins. This is a High-Intensity, High-Energy, High-Repetition Tennis Workout – are you up for the BootCamp challenge?

FitTennis comes off the back of our popular Tennis BootCamp. Running from **12Noon-1pm Tuesday & Thursday**. FitTennis gives you a

60minute Cardio and full-body tennis workout. All-ages and ability. Just \$20.

Kooyong Stars Challenge Matches will be run on the second weekend of every month. **Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights from 6-8pm**. The Kooyong Stars Challenge Committee attempts to select players of similar standards to play against each other in 'Challenge Matches'. Players earn points and move up and down the 'Challenge Ladder' depending on results. Awards and prizes will be earned by players for good winning records, most improved, sportsmanship awards, and many others. Entries must be emailed to mcarroll@kooyonglta.asn.au by the last day of the previous month. Entrants should make themselves available for at least 2 of the 3 scheduled days.

Team KITA Tennis Tours began in these past winter holidays. We had a visiting team from the Shanghai Elite Training Academy based out of the Shanghai Racquet Club in China. A group of 15 kids and their coach were trained full-time by KITA staff over the holidays. They joined a group of 10 kids from KITA in traveling to tournaments at Albert Reserve, Glen Iris, and the Victorian Clay Court Championships at North Ringwood. Arrangements are being made for a reciprocal tour to Shanghai in the near future.

In the upcoming **September School Holidays** we will be putting together another team of juniors to prepare and travel to tournament sites together. The program is a full-time intensive tennis camp for tournament level players including: match warm up, drilling, biomechanical analysis, match-analysis, video-analysis, cool-down, match practice, strategy, physical and mental conditioning. Please contact mcarroll@kooyonglta.asn.au



COACHING TIP:

Jelly-arm for more power.

A common problem with many players' serves is that they try to 'muscle' the ball over the net, this leads to a stiff serving arm, less fluency of motion, and consequently less racquet-head speed upon impact with the ball.

Instead try to loosen your grip on your racquet and let your serving arm go loose like jelly. Delay the start of your swing and then slowly increase the speed of your racquet head in a loose whip like motion up at the ball concentrating on a good high contact point.

Try practicing using a skipping rope or door snake instead of a racquet, you will quickly and easily see and learn (careful on getting whipped) the fluency, momentum and power generated by fluent timing and rhythm in your serving arm.



JUNIOR DAVIS CUP & FED CUP TEAMS TRAIN AT KOOYONG

It was fantastic to see Australia's elite junior teams training here over the Easter period in preparation for the Asia/Oceania Qualifying event held in Shepparton.

Captained by Pat Rafter and Alicia Molik respectively, both teams had high hopes for the qualifying event on home soil.

The girls Junior Fed Cup Team comprised two of Kooyong's rising stars and John Fitzgerald Scholarship holders,

Viktorija Rajcic and Molly Polak and after a brilliant run through the event they were cut down by an injury in the final.

Molly Polak suffered a thigh injury and had to concede in the opening singles against Akiko Omae. Emi Mutaguchi then easily accounted for Viktorija Rajcic 61 60 to give Japan first place.

Australia then won the doubles rubber to the delight of the partisan home crowd in country Victoria.

It was a wonderful effort considering the girls are bottom age for the event and will be strong contenders next year.

Four boys and four girls teams will represent Asia/Oceania at the world finals in Mexico. The final placings were:

Girls: Japan (1), Australia (2), China (3), Indonesia (4)

Boys: Uzbekistan (1), Korea (2), India (3), Australia (4)



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CRECHE NEWS

Thank you once again to Sue, Gill, Chelsea, Marie and Karen for their work in providing such a caring, happy and fun environment in the crèche. Thank you also to KLTC for providing the crèche facility.

We are fortunate to have such a wonderful crèche at Kooyong, so please brave the cold winter mornings and the clubhouse renovations and come along and play tennis, do a pilates or aerobics class, go to the gym, have a swim or just have coffee in the bistro, whilst supporting the crèche.

During school terms, the crèche operates from 9.15 am to 12.00 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 9.15 am to 12.15 pm on Fridays.

For 2009, the annual family registration fee is \$60, with a session fee of \$10 per child. If you are interested in using the crèche, please see the pro-shop for more details and to organise a tour.

Recent Fundraising and Social Event: Mixed Doubles Tennis Night

Our first mixed doubles tennis night for year was held on Friday 1st May, and was a fun and enjoyable night.

We had 18 couples playing tennis followed by 19 couples for dinner and drinks in the bistro.

Congratulations to the two winning couples, Melinda and Chris Adams and Jenny and Brian McInerney. Thanks to Patrice Renaudin for organising the menu and to the Pro-Shop for donating the prizes for the night.

Upcoming Fundraising and Social Events

For the second half of the year, the committee is organising two more tennis nights:

Friday 9th September

Ladies Tennis Night

ay 16th October

Mixed Doubles Tennis Night

As usual, these tennis nights will consist of a fun and informal tennis competition followed by drinks and a relaxed dinner in the bistro.

It would be great to see as many of the regulars as possible, as well as see some new faces too. These nights are a great way to get to know some of the other crèche parents, as well as a major source of fundraising for the crèche.

Upcoming AGM

The AGM is being held on Tuesday 1st December at 8.00 pm.

Samantha Wood

President



2009 KLTC SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

After a week of intense competition the club championships concluded in a memorable night on Friday evening. The winners are:

| | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| MEN'S OPEN | Mark Ikin |
| WOMEN'S OPEN | Sarah Fitz-Gerald |
| MEN'S A GRADE | Robby Templeton |
| MEN'S B GRADE | Ben Armstrong |
| MEN'S C GRADE | Adam Flett |
| MEN'S D GRADE | Mike Daghish |
| MEN'S E GRADE | David Allison |
| JUNIOR GIRL'S | Selena Shaikh |
| JUNIOR BOY'S | Adam Flett |

We saw some of the best squash ever played at Kooyong. The Men's final was played between Sean Ryan and Mark Ikin and whilst Sean was only able to garner a handful of points, some of the rallies were truly remarkable.

One rally in the second game went for over fifty shots prompting the referee to ask who actually won the point!

The Women's final was also a star-studded event with world number 78 and emerging champion Melody Francis playing former world champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald.

It is truly remarkable that Sarah remains in such fine physical condition and she was able to comfortably win the final in three tough sets.

Sarah is not only a wonderful roving ambassador for the game of squash but for Kooyong also and we are very fortunate to have her around the club.

Several juniors contested the open events this year and it is a testament to Mark Ikin that we have tremendous depth in all age groups.

Congratulations to Adam Flett on winning both the C GRADE and the junior boy's. Selena's win in the junior girl's is also a stellar effort.

Congratulations to all winners and many thanks to all participants in the Club Championships. We will continue to make a concerted effort to increase entrants next year.

Jeremy Sneddon

Tournament Director

BILLIARDS & SNOOKER REPORT

by Alistair Macindoe

A Grade

With two Home and Away matches remaining before the Finals, our Snooker team is struggling in seventh position out of nine. A general lack of firepower has been the problem, as before.

NEW! Handicap Snooker Event

A single frame knockout Handicap Snooker Championship will be held on the evening of Friday 9 October starting at 7pm.

Less capable players will be given large handicaps to give everyone a chance of winning. Entry is free.

To enter please fill in the sheet on the notice board in the billiards room or send me an email at:
alistairmacindoe@yahoo.com.au

NEW! Snooker Coaching

Any members interested in having free coaching should contact me at the above email address.

Quote of the Month

'The cue should measure in length from the floor to the knot of the tie, or Adam's apple, irrespective of a person's height. It could even be a little shorter.'

- The Great Tom Cleary (1954 World Amateur Billiards Champion, five times Australian Billiards Champion and Victorian Billiards Champion on many occasions) in Tom Cleary Looks Back circa 1970v



Shot of the Month – the bridge continued...

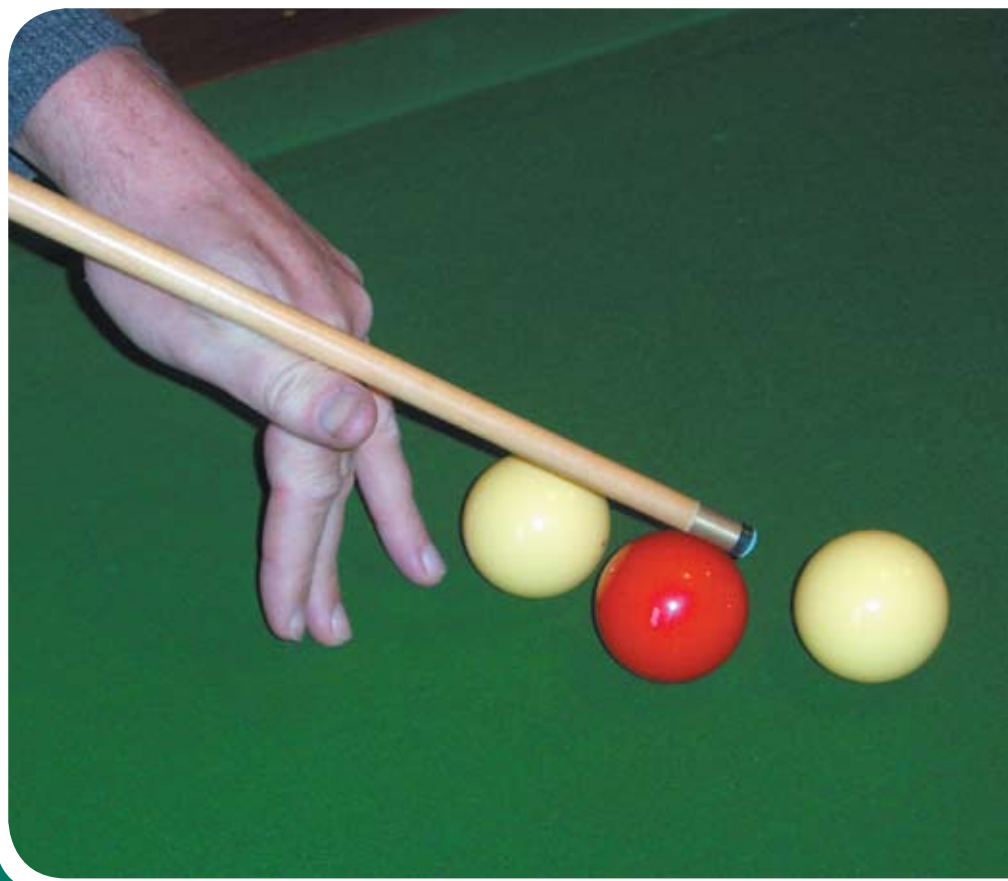
In the last issue of Courtside we had a look at the loop bridge.

This month we study how to bridge over awkwardly placed object balls. Please refer to the photos.

You have to cock the thumb up as much as you can. The base of the bridge is supported by as many fingers as you can get on the cloth in a tripod arrangement.

Get as close as you can to the obstructing balls, without actually touching them. Hit the cue ball as softly as the shot will allow.

As always remember to keep your bridge absolutely still as you make the shot.



SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

We had a wonderful night at the Arts Centre Playhouse theatre in May when we went to see "Secret Bridesmaids Business".

The play was very entertaining and Jackie Weaver and cast were terrific.

Thank you to all those who came to support this event as it was the first time the Social Committee has attended a play. Special thanks to Simonette Cunningham who organised everything for the night.

Our West Brighton Club dinner was a delightful night of music and singing, which involved all present. The West Brighton Club, established in 1881, is a fascinating part of the history of Melbourne. The Committee would like to thank Craig Fuller for inviting us all there to experience this unique club.

We began the evening with drinks and a tour of the Club, then with the sound of the gong we sat down to dinner.

Craig Fuller gave us a short and very interesting history of the Club and told us of some of its traditions. One tradition is a weekly dinner where members sing, both together and solo.

Whilst the dinner was being served we all joined in and sang 'Roll out the barrel'. Later in the evening, we were fortunate to have Phil Hyde sing a song from Pirates of Penzance and Miles Cunningham sing a lovely Irish song.

I would like to thank David Hadley and Rosie Waite-Garrisson for providing entertainment on the night. We all enjoyed the music trivia quiz prepared by David and the karaoke superbly run by Rosie.

Thanks especially to Pam Fuller for her organisation of the evening and making it such a great success.

If you have not already, register your email address with the Club so that you receive information on our upcoming events at www.kooyong.com.au.



Forthcoming Events

11th October The 'JJ' Memorial Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin

12th December Christmas drinks/party at the new Club (to be confirmed closer to the time if the renovations are finished)

We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2010.

Jessica Jasper
President

BRIDGE BITS

Happy bridge games are still happening over at St. Kevin's Pavilion on Tuesday Nights and I must congratulate our Members for their enthusiasm and support.

They are not being daunted by the cooler weather and continue to gather to challenge themselves and play great bridge and enjoy being together.

In August/September we will hold our prestigious competition for the Borin Trophy and in October we are looking forward to visiting Melbourne Cricket Club for dinner and bridge. We have a break during School holidays between 18th September and 5th October.

Details on our website.

Some general news regarding some of our members that may be of interest:

- Our Director, Cathie Lachman went to Macau to play in the Australian Women's Team.
- Congratulations to one of our Members, Yvonne Daniel, who has been elected Vice President of the Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary
- Leeron has teamed with top Bridge Teacher, Jeff Fust to run a Bridge Holiday on the Sunshine Coast in August. This gives players an amazing opportunity to focus and fast-forward their learning/bridge game.

RECENT PROMOTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**Local Master - George Lehrian

* Local Master - Shirley Bowman, Carolyn Righetti

Local Master - Joan Cooney, Elizabeth Neal

New Members always welcome, past members are always welcome back too.

Leeron Branicki
President

Correction from April 2009 "Courtside: 2008 Champions Photo should have read "Virginia Rugless and Marilyn Ohlson"



YOUNG MEMBERS



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Earlier in the year the committee of Kooyong Young Members came to a unanimous decision to incorporate some functions with our "rival" club Royal South Yarra.

The month of May saw the first round robin with Kooyong Lawn Tennis YM playing a "friendly" round robin against Royal South Yarra YM, which will become an official annual event on the Young members calendar, alternating clubs.

As our club at Kooyong is "under construction", it was decided that we would kick it off with RSY hosting the first one on their beautiful grass courts, which many of us have not had the pleasure to play on.

The players representing Kooyong looked even more "professional", as Campbell Dickinson organized everyone Kooyong caps, and between you and I, the other side were somewhat green with envy!

The weather was perfect, the day ran smoothly and many friends were made.

Unfortunately, even with our caps and determination, the overall day was not won by us.

RSY were the overall winners for 2009, and therefore the cup will be heading over to their cabinet... but NOT FOR LONG!!

The day was finished off with drinks and a wonderful array of finger foods at the RSY Club house – in true form we, KLTC Young Members stayed til close!

A huge thank-you to Sarah Whitfield for yet another fabulously run tennis event and to Campbell Dickinson for such great support.

Thank you to Braden Murphy of Moobi Constructions for the donation of the official cup/ trophy for KLTC & RSY YM Round Robin and engraving.

Angela Aiken-Murphy
President



Sign up & join the Kooyong Young Members facebook group... to keep in the club loop of functions, pics, drinks and gossip!

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
- Young Members (Official Group)

www.groups.to/kooyong-youngmembers



ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

KLTC fundraising for 2009 has our Committee engaging in new ideas for functions due to the Clubhouse alterations.

Card Day

On Monday the 29th of June we held a small Card Party – 11 tables only – in St Kevin's Pavilion.

Our sincere thanks to Renee, Kristina and all the Kooyong staff for their great assistance in staging this function at such short notice, Phyllis George, our very good friend, for supplying and setting up a small stall of hand made jams and goods.

These sales and realized some \$300 which together with our raffle amassed a total profit of about \$600 for the Hospital.

Annual Tennis Day

Our Annual Ladies Doubles Tournament in March was a great success with over 200 ladies enjoying the day and it resulted in a profit of almost \$6000.

Although we were in the midst of renovations, the management and staff were superb, giving us total support.

Also, thanks go to our own Committee and friends for making such a happy day.

We had a wonderful array of raffle prizes, all kindly donated, and again we are most grateful to Cedric for arranging the main prize of a Slazenger tennis racquet, a most sought after trophy.

The tournament is open for members and non-members so come along and join us next March.

Other dates for your diary:

Wednesday, 2nd September 6.30pm – Film Night – 'The Young Victoria'

Tickets \$30 each. Film night and supper at the Balwyn Cinema.

Come along with all your friends and enjoy a great night raising money for the children at the RCH. Ticket Secretary – Jen Floyd 0419 121 003

Sunday, 6th December 12 Noon – Sunday Lunch

This will be our Christmas function in the new Clubhouse. Tickets will be approximately \$40. Watch our noticeboard in the Clubhouse for further details.

Don't forget the Entertainment Book on sale at the Club priced at \$65 – great value and a good Christmas present.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my Vice President, Yvonne Daniel, for filling in for me during my convalescence earlier this year, and all my Committee members for their hard work on our Tennis Day in March, especially Edna Lavelle and husband Des for their efforts, which netted the grand total of \$6000. Well done!

Marie Devereux
President



From left to right: June Watson, Pamela Hoyle, Maureen Borghesi, Caroline Hill at the RCH Card Day.

Food and Wine Society

Since the April edition of Courtside we have dined sumptuously at the Courtside Hotel in North Melbourne.

The highlight course was probably the Main – the Confit Duck Pie – but each course was excellent and Sergio Carlei who supplied all the very enjoyable wines gave a both entertaining and very informative talk about the particular wines and his approach to winemaking.

For me the Heathcote Shiraz was the pick of the wines – but I admit to a weakness for Heathcote's peppery richness.

On June 3rd we had our 274th Function at the East Imperial Restaurant in Rathdowne Street, Carlton.

Christine Johnson, our Winemaster, was the prime mover for this venue and what an excellent choice it was.

The highlight course was the Eye Fillet of Beef with Szechuan Sauce – a truly melt in the mouth experience. The most popular wines were the Sauvignon Blanc and the Shiraz. The menu and associated wines was as follows:

**Calamari in spicy chili salt
/ Spring onion cake**

Fried calamari in a light batter tossed with a spicy chili salt / Crispy pancake with spring onion

Yarra Valley Sparkling Brut

Quail 'Sung Choi Bao'

Sautéed quail with water chestnuts, bamboo shoots, onions, shitake mushrooms and pine nuts

**2008 Waipara Hills Sauvignon Blanc -
Marlborough, NZ**

**Sautéed king prawns
with ginger sauce**

King prawns sautéed with ginger & shallot and crisp seasonal vegetables

**2008 Scotchmans Hill 'The Hill'
Chardonnay - Bellarine Peninsula, Vic**

Peking duck

Crispy duck wrapped in a thin pancake with crisp cucumber, spring onion and special plum sauce

**2004 Segreto Pinot Noir - Yarra Valley,
Vic**

Eye fillet of beef with Szechuan sauce

Pan-fried eye fillet in a Szechuan chili sauce with seasonal vegetables

Emperor fried rice

Stir-fried with prawns, BBQ pork, spring onions and egg

**2005 Sanguine Estate Shiraz -
Heathcote, Vic**

Fried ice cream

Ice cream fried in a sponge cake served with golden syrup

Chinese tea

Our next Function will be at Royal South Yarra on Friday 21st August. As the room we have booked is very spacious the Committee decided to offer Kooyong Members who would like to try a LTAV Wine and Food Society Function, but are not currently members of the Society, an opportunity to attend.

Any member who would like to attend with a guest should contact the Function Secretary, Ms Susan Young on 9836 3521.

The cost will be approximately \$95.00 per head for non-members and it

includes food and wine. If a number of members wish to form a table we will endeavour to arrange your seating accordingly.

We were over optimistic in pencilling a booking at Kooyong for the Winemakers Dinner on Friday 20th November and that will now probably take place in about late February at Kooyong.

Since March we have welcomed five new members to the Society – Jennifer Baker, Andrew and Patricia O'Brien, Genevieve Overell and Susan Bolton.

We enjoyed Andrew and Patricia's company at the East Imperial and look forward to seeing Jennifer, Genevieve and Susan soon.

The Wine and Food Society Notice Board – next to the tennis notices just outside the Kooyong Room contains contact details for members of the Committee.

Mary Hoban
President

HEALTH CLUB NEWS

A major clubhouse development and temporary alternative arrangements haven't kept any health enthusiasts away.

The Members I have spoken to voice a willingness to accept short-term inconvenience for the long-term gain of a new gymnasium, lifestyle room and change room improvements.

The Health Club staff have adapted and risen to the challenge with all services continuing without any hitches. Massage is currently being held under the stadium for a short period of time.

Our new Personal Trainer, Steven Nicola, has been on duty on the weekends, calling Members with a special birthday offer and some of you may have been lucky enough to receive a complimentary Personal Training session for your birthday.

It is also encouraging to see a lot of new faces in the gym as well as our gym regulars. It's exciting to see these newcomers catching the fitness bug and loving it.

Sarah Costi, has trained recently in Aqua and Aerobics and will be teaching some of our most popular group exercise classes. Yoga devotees can also expect a call from Sarah regarding the class updates.

A big thank you to Stephen Bibby, our flamboyant, colourful, Aerobics Instructor for filling in as an emergency instructor for Friday the 17th of July Aqua class.

Lachlan Gleeson is also doing a terrific job providing his skills as a Personal Trainer and Sports Therapist (Massage).

A new class is starting soon for Members who wish to strengthen their core, abs and back. The new abs class will be 45 minutes in duration and have a variety of different instructors. For details talk to one of the gym staff in the Health Club.

Here are some short introductions from two of our new trainers and from Sarah Costi in regard to her new role within the Club.

SARAH COSTI

I'm Sarah Costi and I have been working at the Kooyong Tennis Club for over a year and a half as a Personal Trainer. Health and fitness has been a passion of mine for many years, to be able to make it my full time job has been a dream come true.

I have recently taken on the role of Group Exercise Coordinator. If there are any suggestions from members about classes or times of classes that would be preferred, don't hesitate to bring those suggestions directly to me.

I have also taken on the Friday 9:30am Aqua Aerobics class, which I absolutely love teaching. If you are looking for a fantastic work out and a great social atmosphere to go along with it, then this is the class for you. I hope to see some new faces in my class, so please come along and dare to try something new.



STEVEN NICOLA

My name is Steven and I have been a trainer at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club for the past three months.

I've always had a passion for sports and fitness; this includes playing soccer from a young age. I have captained and also coached soccer for a number of years including an inexperienced team of young girls who turned into tournament winners.



I feel that a healthy and active lifestyle is an essential part of people's lives and should be something that everybody can enjoy. I work passionately with my clients in achieving their goals and look forward to meeting more of Kooyong's members and helping them reach their own goals.

LACHLAN GLEESON

Hi I'm Locky, I am a personal trainer and the Sports Therapist at Kooyong Health Club. I recently completed my Advanced Diploma of Sports Therapy & Cert III & IV of fitness at Australian College of Sports Therapy, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

I grew up in a country town on a farm 30 minutes north of Echuca and moved to Melbourne four years ago to further my studies at university.

Fitness and sport have been a major part of my life since I was a kid. I have always enjoyed AFL and Cricket and I'm currently captain/coach of the Wakool Senior Football Team in the GRFL situated on the Murray.

With my extensive knowledge in both Sports Therapy and Personal Training, I am able to provide my clients with the best possible service to help them achieve their health and fitness goals.

If you would like to start getting fit, lose weight, need help with any existing injuries or if you purely need a relaxing massage then I'm your man.

If you have any questions or want to book your first session, please don't hesitate to call me on 0427 687 686.

Winter Specials: If you book your Initial P.T. session – receive a half an hour massage FREE!!!

Michael Kull
Health Club Manager

DIARY DATES

AUGUST 2009

21st Wine and Food Society Dinner at Royal South Yarra
Contact Function Secretary, Ms Susan Young on 9836 3521

SEPTEMBER 2009

2nd RCH Film Night
'The Young Victoria'
- Film night and supper at the Balwyn Cinema. Tickets \$30 each. Contact Ticket Secretary – Jen Floyd 0419 121 003

9th Crèche Ladies Tennis Night

OCTOBER 2009

11th Social Committee - The 'JJ' Memorial Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin

16th Crèche Mixed Doubles Tennis Night

29th KLTC Inc. Annual General Meeting

NOVEMBER 2009

14th Opening Day
– The official opening of the grass court season.

DECEMBER 2009

1st The Crèche AGM at 8pm

6th RCH Sunday Lunch - Details TBC

12th Social Committee Christmas drinks/party - Details TBC

Friday Night Tennis

We've been trialling social mixed doubles and men's doubles on Friday nights. The interest has been encouraging but it hasn't been the best time to be launching a new concept – in the winter months.

Therefore, we are seeking expressions of interest from Restricted and Playing Members to be part of this new venture and to take the opportunity of meeting and making new friendships within the Club over a social game of tennis.

Depending on the response, we would commence playing every Friday night in November, have a break in December for Christmas and holidays, resume again in February through to April.

The format will be mixed doubles, men's and ladies doubles. There would be no play during the winter months, unless requested otherwise.

Would you please indicate your interest by:

1. Emailing your interest to Cory Thorsen (cthorsen@kooyongltc.asn.au) or Daniel O'Neill (doneill@kooyongltc.asn.au) or *
2. Download the Friday Night Tennis application form from the website and return it to the Club. *

We would appreciate your earliest response. *

Cedric Mason
Manager Tennis & Sport



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NEW FUNCTIONS MENU

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The new menu continues to offer you premium quality and variety with some modern additions to suit any event.

To make your next event one to remember please contact our friendly function staff to receive some information on 9822 3333 or rreid@kooyonglta.asn.au

