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Cedric Mason Honoured

Kooyong's long serving Tennis Manager, Cedric Mason, was recently honoured with the Victorian Spirit of Tennis Award.

Born in Tasmania, Cedric moved to Melbourne at the behest of Harry Hopman to follow his tennis dream and he has never looked back.

The long-time member of both Kooyong and Royal South Yarra travelled the world playing tournaments including Wimbledon before coming back to Melbourne to play A Grade Pennant for Royal South Yarra while working for Slazenger.

He served on the LTAV board and has long been the Secretary of the International Tennis Club of Australia and Davis Cup Foundation.

Since beginning work at Kooyong more than 30 years ago, Cedric has promoted tennis at the club from Pennant to Midweek Ladies and Junior Competition to Social Night and Friday Morning Ladies Competitions.

The inception of the Scholarship scheme at Kooyong has been one of his biggest success stories and this has helped hundreds of kids to develop their tennis with access to some of the best facilities in the world.

Congratulations, Cedric, on all the work you have done and continue to do for tennis in Victoria, Australia and across the world! ■

Cedric's dedication to the sport is unquestionable and this honour is a tribute to a lifetime of work.





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CEO'S REPORT

Kooyong Members will be very pleased to learn of the announcement made at this year's Tennis Victoria Championships Dinner, when our own Cedric Mason was recognised for his lifetime contribution to the sport with the Victorian Spirit of Tennis Award.

Since moving to Melbourne as a junior to join Harry Hopman, Cedric has involved himself in all aspects of tennis as a player, club member, administrator, committee member and board member on several organisations.

He began working at Kooyong nearly 30 years ago, and has overseen the development and growth of all levels of competition and social play, and is highly regarded by Members and visitors alike.

This award recognises the substantial contributions made to tennis across many areas and we all join in congratulating Cedric on his achievements and recognition.

It is a well-deserved award and Cedric's name now sits on the honour board amidst many greats of tennis including Frank Sedgman, Margaret Court, Neale Fraser and Judy Dalton.

Our annual Champions' Dinner was again a great night of celebration, recognising the achievements of our tennis, squash and bridge players during the year. Congratulations go to all award recipients.

A highlight of the night was an address by Mack Horton on the eve of the Rio Olympics. Mack gave an insight into the challenges and commitment required to reach the heights of an Olympic athlete and inspired the audience with his stories of perseverance and dedication.

Our squash section hosted another highly successful Kooyong International with eight highly ranked players showcasing some great squash competition over three days. This has become an annual event as part of the lead up to the Victorian Open and we thank the organisers and supporters for bringing this great action to Kooyong.

Members will note the work around the grounds currently underway to prepare our grass courts for the season ahead. Worn baselines have been removed and new turf will be put down soon. The remainder of the annual program of maintenance is well advanced and we will watch over the coming months as weather improves and our courts return to play.


Chris Brown, CEO

Champions' Dinner

Last edition of Courtside I highlighted the tennis wins of David Bidmeade and Kate Antosik and squash wins of Sam Ejtemai and Sarah Cardwell.

I had the pleasure of presenting them and the winners in other sections of tennis, squash and bridge with their magnificent silverware at the Champions' Dinner.

Our master of ceremony was Darren James and along with our own Cedric Mason, the dynamic duo amused and entertained us as they interviewed our many winners.

The real story of the night however was the interview that Darren had with Mack Horton who, at the time you are likely reading this, will be swimming his heart out for Australia at the Olympic Games in Rio.

Everyone in the room was impressed with Mack's genuine humility and love of swimming.

It was a timely reminder to all our tennis fraternity that talent is only one element of a champion and that true sportsmanship allows you to respect your sport, your opponents and to allow your family and supporters to enjoy your sporting journey.

Mack Horton is a champion and we wish him all the success that he deserves in these Olympic Games and the years ahead.

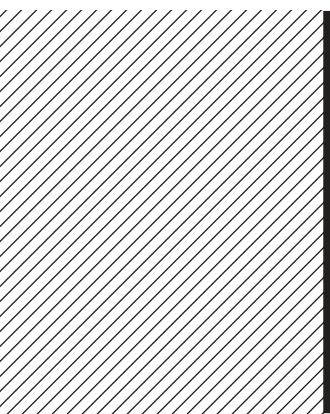
50 Year Members

In early July we had the 50 Year Members' lunch and I was delighted to induct twenty-eight new Members to the group.

What had not been apparent to me was how many talented Fifty Year Members we have and I was both surprised and delighted to hear that there were at least nine present that had played at Wimbledon or in the Australian Open during their careers.

It just highlights what a rich tapestry of tennis we have in our club.

I had the pleasure of chatting with some members who had been at the Club for over sixty years. My challenge to them is to write a story about Kooyong from around about that time so we can all share those cherished memories of Kooyong over their many years as Members.



“[Cedric Mason] has been instrumental in the development of social and competition tennis at our club and is a fifty-year member of both Kooyong and Royal South Yarra.”

Tennis Victoria “Spirit of Tennis” Award

Congratulations go to Kooyong's Tennis Manager Cedric Mason on being recognised by Tennis Victoria at this year's annual awards night with the Spirit of Tennis Award.

At a glittering night and in front of his peers in the tennis community, Cedric was recognised for his contributions to tennis in a career spanning more than sixty years.

It was a very popular decision with so many people eager to congratulate him on the fitting tribute for a life in tennis. Cedric is for many the face of Kooyong having served the

club for more than thirty years and his warm and friendly character make him popular with all who meet him.

He has been instrumental in the development of social and competition tennis at our club and is a fifty-year member of both Kooyong and Royal South Yarra.

He has served both clubs and the broader tennis community so well over his lifetime and we applaud him on this very well deserved award.

Kooyong Wine and Food Society

On the last Friday in July the Wine and Food Society hosted an Historical Journey of Wine and Food with wines selected by Patrice Renaudin from wineries that were in existence prior to 1890, while Chris Goulding and his team matched the wines with classic Australiana dishes.

The guest speaker was Geoffrey Blainey AC, one of Australia's best known living historians and what a spellbinding speaker he was.

Having listened to his stories of food and wine from the early days of Australia it reinforces the need, indeed the obligation, to ensure that the history and memoirs of Kooyong past are also recognised and protected for our Members in the years to come.

Kooyong Squash International

Kooyong was again pleased to play host to this international event over the last weekend in July. The International is now considered the lead up event to the Victorian and Australian Championships and is a round robin with prize money for first to four in both men's and women's events.

Players came from India, Belgium, the United Kingdom and Switzerland to compete and Kooyong was well represented with our Commonwealth Games representative Sarah Cardwell, and Christine Nunn both competing.

Both were continuing on from their involvement in several other international events.

The women's event was taken out by Dipika Pallikal from India (ranked no 1 in India and 18 in the world) and local Melbournian Rex Hedrick defeated UK champion Joe Lee in the men's final.



Peter Carew, President



The Kooyong International

The Australian International Squash Season kicked off in earnest at Kooyong in the last weekend of July with the playing of the Kooyong International.

The event is a prelude to the Victorian and Australian Championships which are played immediately after the round robin invitational event here at Kooyong.

Kooyong's event has attracted some fantastic players from around the globe in the first five years of its existence and this year it included current world number 19 Dipika Pallikal, Kooyong star Christine Nunn, Belgium number 1 Nele Gillis and another Kooyong star Sarah Cardwell on the women's side.

In the men's event UK number 7 and recent World Tour Finalist Joe Lee played against Australian star Rex Hedrick, former Indian national champion Harinder Sandhu and Swiss number 2 Reiko Peter.

The ladies event was turned upside down when the 4th seed, Sarah Cardwell, defeated her Australian teammate Christine Nunn but she then also went on to defeat Nele Gillis after losing the first two games.

Sarah prevailed 6/11 6/11 11/8 11/3 11/6 in a highly entertaining contest to move herself into second spot.

The overall winner of the women's event was Dipika Pallikal from India with the former Junior World Champion winning all three of her matches in straight sets.

Dipika is the number one seed for the Victoria and Australian Squash Opens and she is expected to be very tough to beat as she displayed in her final round robin match with Christine Nunn where she proved too strong 13/11 11/3 11/3.

The men's event saw a few surprises and some great squash as Melbourne based professional and number 2 seed Rex Hedrick upset top seed Joe Lee from the UK in the playoff for the top prize.

The first two games were gruelling encounters with most rallies taking 80 to 100 shots to win the point.

Hedrick struck first winning the first game 11/6 but Lee evened things up when he won the second game 11/3.

Kooyong's event has attracted some fantastic players from around the globe...



◀ **Opposite** Joe Lee looks to dig one out of the corner against Rex Hedrick.

▲ Kooyong's Sarah Cardwell did a fantastic job to finish second at her home event.



▲ Rex Hedrick and Dipika Pallikal receive the Kooyong International trophy from Nicci Rossouw, President of Squash and Racquetball Victoria.

In then end Hedrick took control and won the match in four games 11/6 3/11 11/4 11/3.

The playoff for third was another fantastic exhibition of squash as Harinder Sandhu edged out Reiko Peter 11/7 7/11 11/9 11/5.

This year's event, the fifth Kooyong International, was another fantastic exhibition of squash and it's great to see the event's profile building every year and we hope to see some players ranked in the top 10 feature in the coming years.

Thanks must go to our sponsors for their generous and continuing support especially Corporate Member and foundation sponsor John Link and his wife Annie for their help in getting our event recognised as a major part of the Australian Squash calendar.

We also take this opportunity of thanking Graeme Hubbert who is also a sponsor of our great event, a squash

lover and pennant player, Graeme came on board to ensure our Kooyong event was world recognised.

We also thank other contributors David White, Chris Purbrick, Alex Warhurst. ■

A night to celebrate

The 2016 Champions' Dinner was a fantastic night with over 180 members and their guests coming along to celebrate all the wonderful achievements from the past twelve months.



◀ Four-time Men's Open Singles Champion David Bidmeade.

Opposite

- 1 Men's A Grade Doubles Champions Phil McCall accepting the trophy minus partner Chris Straford.
- 2 Under 14 Doubles Champions Max Potter and Alexander Taylor.
- 3 Four-time Ladies Open Doubles Champions Laura Langmead and Kate Antosik.
- 4 Ladies B Grade Doubles Champions Danni Whiteley and Anne Saville.
- 5 Under 16 and Under 21 Girls Singles Champion Jasmin Starr.
- 6 B Grade Mixed Doubles Champions Tina and Rufus Keown.
- 7 Men's A Grade Singles Champion James Rundle.
- 8 Open Mixed Doubles Champions Mitch Burman and Sophie Vickers.
- 9 Winner of the Penny Purbrick Bridge trophy Toni Bucknell.
- 10 Four-time Men's Open Squash Champion Sam Ejtemai.

We hope everyone enjoyed the celebrations of all aspects of the club's sporting endeavours and look forward to another big year ahead!



It was a testimony to what the night has become that we were able to celebrate all our club champions in a room full of family and friends of those who had tasted success in the various club championships events on offer throughout the year.

From four-time Open tennis champion David Bidmeade, four-time Open squash champion Sam Ejtemai and right through to our 13 year old B Grade men's champion Max Potter it was great to see the next generation of stars in attendance alongside the current title holders.

Kate Antosik accepted her third Open singles trophy while Jasmin Starr stamped her potential by taking home the under 16 and under 21 trophies in front of 14 time-time champion Liz Peers.

It was also great to have former club champion Sally Peers in attendance to celebrate the night for the first time since she began travelling the world following her tennis dream.

Mack Horton, Australia's long distance swimming star headed for the Rio Olympics, spoke of the commitment needed to succeed on the world stage and his passion for representing his country at the highest level.

This was an inspiring story for all of the young stars of the future in the room to be able hear as they continue their journeys in both tennis and squash in their quest to reach the top of their chosen sport.

Darren James was again fantastic as MC of the evening and his pairing with Tennis Manager Cedric Mason is always a highlight.

We hope everyone enjoyed the celebrations of all aspects of the club's sporting endeavours and look forward to another big year ahead! ■



Kooyong Stars Reaching Great Heights

Kooyong's long time Foundation Scholarship holders Andrew Whittington and Marc Polmans have been in a rich vein of form in recent months.

The pair have racked up nine ITF singles titles between them since April to see their world rankings reach career highs in what has been a break out year for both.

Whittington's recent run includes four singles titles and two doubles titles from Guam to Japan and then Hong Kong while Polmans has won two singles titles in Mozambique and one in Zimbabwe while making the final of another event.

It's conceivable both could be inside the top 300 at the end of the year with Whittington having already broken through that mark and heading towards 200 in a hurry.

Add Whittington's two Mornington Pro Tour singles titles from earlier in the year and you can see why his ranking is rapidly rising.

Another Foundation Scholarship star added a title recently when Rubin Statham won the trophy in Pittsburgh while Ellen Perez won her first professional title in Brussels while on her US College break.

Congratulations to Andrew, Marc, Rubin and Ellen and we wish them well for their future events!



JOHN PEERS SELECTED IN OLYMPIC TEAM

Kooyong Foundation star John Peers continues to rack up the accolades after recently being named in Australia's team to compete at the Olympics in Rio.

John will pair up with Chris Guccione in the doubles event and is in great form having won titles Munich and Hamburg while also reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon.

Germany is a happy hunting ground for Peers having won the title in Hamburg for two consecutive years and in Munich in 2014 as well as this year.

We wish John and Chris all the best for the Olympics!



Stefan Storch Wins Grasscourt National Titles

Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship rising star Stefan Storch has claimed both the singles and doubles titles at the 14's Australian Grasscourt Championships held in Adelaide recently.

Unseeded in the singles and seeded second in the doubles, Stefan showed his hard work on the Kooyong grass courts had paid off as he dominated both events, losing just one set for the week.

In the singles, Stefan was given a tricky draw having to meet the top seed in the second round but he dominated NSW's Nikita Volonski 6/2 6/2 before facing another Victorian, Lucas Cameron, for a spot in the semi final.

Stefan staved off the determined Cameron in the first set tiebreak before running away with the match 7/6 6/1 while in the semi final he dominated the first set against third seed Sebastian Flock before winning 6/1 7/6.

The final was tight throughout but Stefan found a way to get the crucial break in each set against West Australian second seed William Hann to win the match and the title 6/4 6/4.

In the doubles, Stefan teamed up with another Victorian, Stefan Milenkovic, and the pair reached the semi final in impressive fashion before meeting fellow Kooyong Scholarship holder Cooper White and his partner Liam Franklin.

Stefan and Stefan got out of the first set 7/5 and then booked their spot in the doubles final by winning the second set 6/3.

The final against the top seeds, William Hann and Nikita Volonski, was a classic battle with both pairs taking a set 6/3 to send it to a match tiebreaker where Stefan and Stefan held their nerve to win the title 6/3 3/6 10/7.

Congratulations to Stefan and the other Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders on their performances at the Nationals in Adelaide!



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Foundation Visit to Pinecliff

The Sir Norman Brookes Society is the entity within the Kooyong Foundation which holds functions from time to time in order to thank our generous donors and bequestors and to engage with others who may be interested in the Foundation's activities.

Through the generous hospitality of Foundation Board member Philip Munz, a visit was arranged in May to spectacular Pinecliff, his family thoroughbred breeding and training facility at Mount Eliza.

The property is an integrated farm, which in addition to being an outstanding stud and training facility, also incorporates cattle, sheep, rare breed pigs and apiaries utilising the best principles of sustainable agriculture and pasture management.

As prominent thoroughbred trainer Anthony Freedman say recently: "It's probably the most state-of-the-art training facility in Victoria". Others describe it as a "nirvana for horses"!

Foundation guests enjoyed a wonderful guided tour of the facility followed by a delightful lunch. We are most grateful for the hospitality of Philip and his team.

For further information about the activities of the Kooyong Foundation please contact Kooyong CEO Chris Brown on 9822 3333 or Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn on 0418 396 999.

▼ The Sir Norman Brookes Society enjoyed a day at the impressive Pinecliff horse training facility.



KOoyong FOUNDATION AMBASSADORS

Three former board members of the Kooyong Foundation have been recognised for their contributions at a recent gathering of Foundation supporters with the announcement by Chairman Peter Quinn that they have become Kooyong Foundation Ambassadors.

Judy Robertson, Bert Dennis and Bruce Church were recognised and thanked for their work on the Board over a time when the Kooyong Foundation has grown substantially in delivering on the dual purposes of maintaining Kooyong's position as "The Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis" and supporting junior player development.

Judy, Bert and Bruce spoke of their time on the Board and each noted their pleasure at seeing the Foundation grow and deliver outcomes which have benefited members and the many junior players supported over the years.

The names of all three have been added to the Kooyong Foundation honour boards in the clubhouse and now sit alongside the patrons, current board members and major donors.





BLIND SPORTS VISIT TO KOOYONG

It was great to see around 10 participants come down to Kooyong's famous centre court recently for a Come & Try Tennis Day organised by Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria.

The day, supported by Men of Malvern and as part of Men's Health Week, was an opportunity for this group of blind or vision impaired men to try new skills with the assistance of trained volunteers.

Numerous types of balls were used including audible, coloured and various sized tennis balls.

"It is a great opportunity for people to try something different," said Maurice Gleeson, President of Blind Sports & Recreation Victoria.

Queen's Birthday Honours

It was great to see Kooyong Foundation Board Member Dr Deborah Seifert recently honoured by being inducted as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia!

Deborah was awarded due to her significant service to education through a range of teaching, consultative and administrative roles, and to the community.

Neale Daniher was also honoured as a Member (AM) in the General Division of the Order of Australia for his fantastic work with the Cure for MND Foundation.

Congratulations on the honour to both Deborah and Neale! ■

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Rod Laver: the left-handed legend with the right stuff

Liberal MP Josh Frydenberg's thoughts about the great Rod Laver.

By Josh Frydenberg

Today the stars of world tennis will kick off the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of 2016. Will Novak Djokovic continue his domination at Melbourne Park and win his sixth Australian title or will Roger Federer defy the pundits at age 34 and claim his 18th Grand Slam, a record in men's tennis?

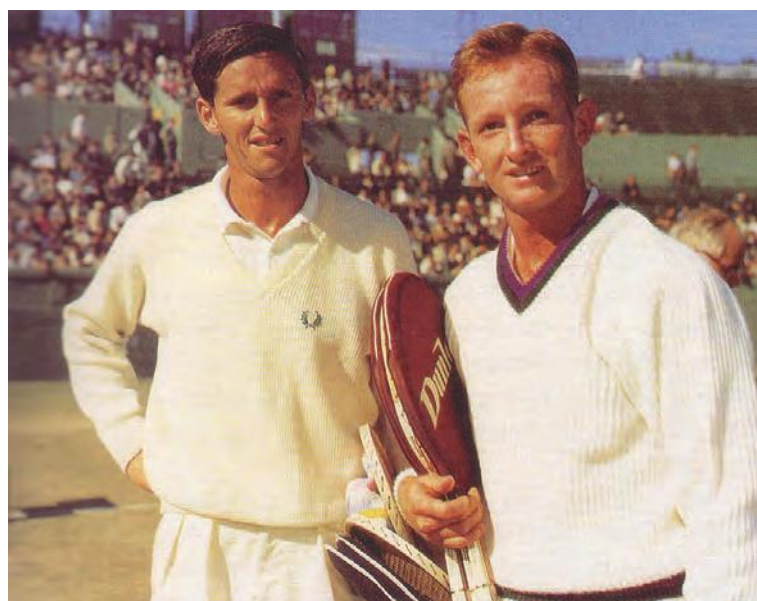
On the women's side, will two-time champion, Victoria Azarenka re-enter the winner's circle after a long lay-off with injury, or will the American powerhouse, Serena Williams capture her seventh Australian Open, extending her record for Australian titles in the Open era and three more than either Steffi Graf or Monica Seles?

All in all, it promises to be a fascinating contest with the finals decided on Rod Laver Arena. But for the many millions of people tuning in to watch the action on centre court, they will know little about the life and career of Rod Laver, the man after whom the court is named. Laver is Australia's greatest ever tennis player and is, in the words of Roger Federer, "the greatest champion our sport has known."

His record is unequalled. Five Davis Cup wins, 200 career titles and two Grand Slams in 1962 and 1969, the first as an amateur and the second as a professional. While Laver doesn't hold the record for the most number of Wimbledon, French, US or Australian Open crowns, no other player has won all four tournaments in the same calendar year twice. American Don Budge was the first Grand Slam winner in 1938 and only Laver has achieved the feat since.

Left-handed Laver, who legend has it had a forearm bigger than Popeye, competed on grass, clay and hard court against all the greats of his time, including Rosewall, Hoad, Emerson, Gonzalez, Kramer and Ashe to name but a few and against whom he had a superior win-loss record. But for Laver's decision to turn pro in 1962, his list of Grand Slam wins would have been a lot longer as he missed 21 Grand Slam tournaments between 1963 and 1968 at the height of his powers.

Laver though has no regrets. In his autobiography he details the memorable years spent on the professional tour. They were heady days. Travelling with a band of brothers to exotic locations around the world, Laver and the troupe would play on ice rinks, bull rings and in town halls. Their slogan, "Put up the money and we'll play on broken glass" turned out the crowds. Weekends would be spent with movie stars Charlton Heston, John Wayne and Kirk Douglas to name but a few.



▲ Roy Emerson and Rod Laver on centre court at Kooyong for the 1961 Davis Cup Challenge Round against Italy.

The relatively large pay cheques were a far cry from the years spent as an amateur. Laver recalls that upon winning his first Wimbledon in 1961, he was presented with a 15 pound voucher not redeemable for cash but rather for Wimbledon-approved products at the local gift shop. It was this paucity of income at international ranks that lured so many of the top players in the 1960s to the professional tour.

But Laver didn't always enjoy a life such as that which came with being the number one tennis player in the world: he and his family had much more humble beginnings. The son of a cattleman, young Laver grew up in Rockhampton where his father built a makeshift court out of an ant bed in the backyard. Keen to develop the skills of his two eldest sons, his father called in a former World War II infantry instructor and tennis coach, Charlie Hollis, to put Laver's older brothers through their paces. It was then that Laver seized his chance.

Peering through the chicken wire fence, 10 year old Rod Laver caught the eye of Hollis who invited this "keen little bugger" on court for a hit. Barefoot, in his pyjamas and

Rod Laver's skills, attitude and utmost decency on court saw him become an inspiration for a generation of tennis players to come.

playing half in the dark with light bulbs strung across the top of the court, Laver hit the ball over the net many more times than he didn't. He impressed Hollis so much that he soon took on the role as Laver's coach.

It was a relationship that spanned almost 40 years and together with the subsequent relationship Laver developed with Davis Cup legend Harry Hopman, would help define his career. In fact it was Hopman who first nicknamed Laver the Rockhampton Rocket, not because he was fast but because he was anything but. However, through Hopman's rigorous training schedule which instilled in Laver a never die attitude, Laver was turned into an agile, strong player with incredible leg speed, as good as anyone on tour.

Rod Laver's skills, attitude and utmost decency on court saw him become an inspiration for a generation of tennis players to come. Sampras, McEnroe, Borg and Federer are among the many modern greats who look to Laver as their role model. They couldn't find a humbler man to emulate.

Unlike today, Laver played in an era where players weren't accompanied by a posse of nutritionists, masseuses, physios and personal trainers. Rather, it was a time of self-help, wooden racquets and little financial reward. But during this time and later, the five-foot eight-inch Rod Laver stood tall. His record in tennis is unsurpassed and as we approach the Australian Open to find out who is this year's winner of our great tournament, it is only fitting that today's champions are playing on a court named after our greatest champion.

Josh Frydenberg is the Member for Kooyong, a board member of the Kids Tennis Foundation and a former Club Champion of Kooyong Tennis Club. ■

Seniors Success In Helsinki

Kooyong's Glenn Busby has again captured the World Individual singles title at the World Seniors Championships held in Helsinki recently.

Having helped Australia to the 60's team title in the

Von Cramm Cup the previous week, Busby won his first 60's singles title having moved up in age groups this year.

Seeded second, the Kooyong International Tennis Academy head coach cruised through the opening rounds before being pushed by America's Toby Crabel before winning 6/4 7/6.

After a comfortable 6/1 6/2 win in the semi final, Busby then won the first set and went up a break in the second against Britain's Paul French before he retired to give the Australian the title 6/4 3/1 ret.

Other Kooyong members to perform well included Martin Warwick who reached the quarterfinals of the Men's 50's doubles as well as the quarterfinals of the Mixed doubles.

Wendy Harrison and Leanne Scott teamed up to reach the semi finals of the 55's doubles while Harrison also made the quarterfinals of the Mixed doubles.

Sue Thomas reached the quarterfinals of the 55's Doubles while Rosemary Davis made it through to the semi final of the 60's doubles.

Steve Myers also played in the 60's age group and reached the fourth round of the singles event before making a great run through top the final of the doubles with Stephen Packham before going down 6/3 6/4 to an unseeded pair from South Africa.

We'll also claim Jill Meggs and Brenda Foster as our own, both ladies are currently on the waiting list, as they won the 50's Doubles title.

The top seeds won the event in impressive fashion, not dropping a set and winning the final 6/2 6/2 against the second seeds.

Congratulations to all our members who took part in both the team and individual events in Helsinki! ■

50 Year Members Induction

It was another wonderful occasion when the club welcomed 28 new 50 year members into this growing and auspicious group at a recent lunch.



The group included Sandra Addison, John Batty, John Cassidy, Judy Coglein, Sheldon Cohen, Marian Crawford, Paula Dalton, Henri De Jong, John Fordyce, Clive Fredman, Peter Giles, John Harcourt, Kevin Jones, Andrew Kaye, Rodger Kimpton, Timothy Landy, William Larsen, Andrew Lemon, Graham McDowall, Deidre McMahon, David McNamara, Michael Morrison, Barry O'Reilly, Diana Pemberton, Wendy Pullar, Jennifer Samuel, Jennifer Taylor and William Webb.

Among the group was former British number Deidre McMahon nee Catt who has a best singles performance of reaching the semi-finals of the US Championships in 1963 where she lost to Margaret Court but her run also included a win over Billie-Jean King while she also reached the final of the doubles at the US Championships in 1960.

David McNamara has a big family association with the club having now been a member for 50 years but his son David played in the club's first State Grade team and his daughter, Laura, has captained the club's State Grade, Premier League and ATL teams for many years. His youngest son, Scott, has also played in Grade 1 winning teams for the club.


On the professional side of things, Professor Andrew Kaye is the Head of the Department of Surgery at the University of Melbourne as well as being Head of the Department of Neurosurgery at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

It was also great to see former Committee Member Barry O'Reilly inducted who was also the former Tournament Director of the Club Championships.

These are just a few of the wonderful long standing members who celebrated their lives spent enjoying Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and all it has to offer.

Congratulations to everyone for their induction and we hope you enjoy many more years at the club! ■

▲ It was great to see so many of the club's current 50 year members in attendance to induct another group of long standing members.



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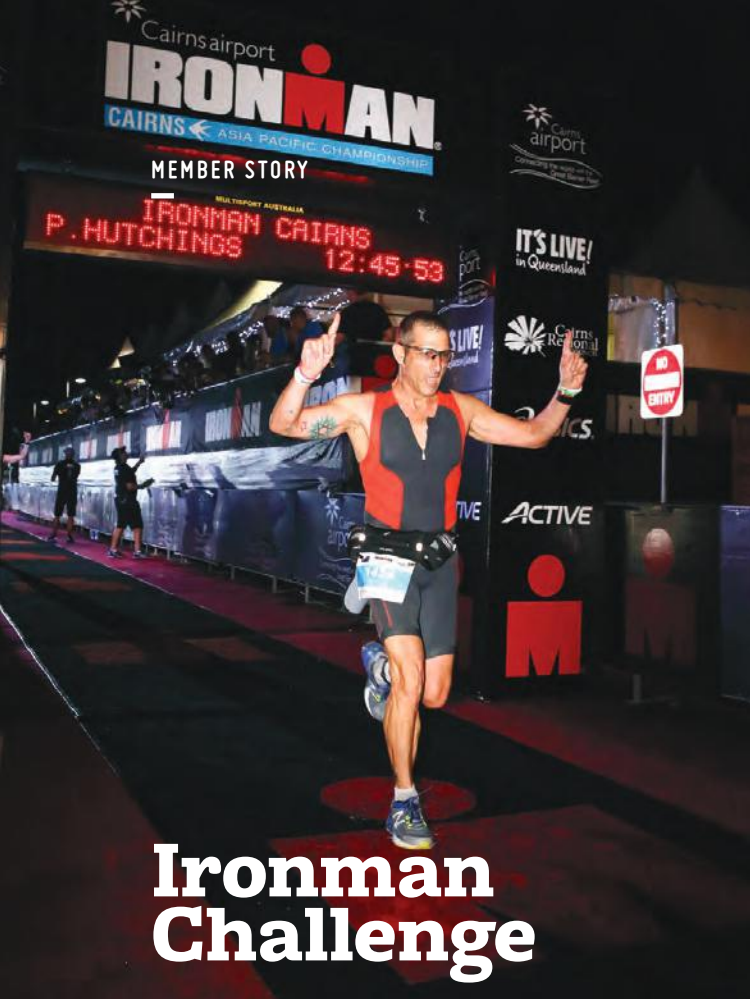
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Ironman Challenge

It's always great to hear from members when they achieve something very few will do in their lifetime and a full Ironman is one of those events.

Peter Hutchings is one such person after recently completing the Cairns Ironman in just under 13 gruelling hours.

Starting with the 3.8km swim in choppy conditions, Peter got through the swim in 1 hour and 8 minutes before transitioning to the 180 km bike ride in pouring rain.

For Peter, the ride became tougher after the 90km mark when he started experiencing some leg cramps which he needed to manage to ensure he had a chance to run when the time came. This meant frequent time out of the saddle, stretching and not pushing the speed as much as would have otherwise been possible.

After more than 6 hours on the bike came the torture of the 42.2km run, a marathon, that would test anyone's mental toughness after all he had already endured throughout the day.

"The spectator support was amazing and with 3 laps the opportunity to see family and friends was much appreciated and needed," said Peter.

Sometimes walking 200m of 500m, sometimes just 100m of 500m but rarely was it possible to run more than 600-700m before the cramps would bring Peter to a walk again.

"The cheering and support in the finishing chute is amazing as is the sense of accomplishment," he said.

"I am an Ironman."

What a fantastic achievement...well done Peter! ■

VALE

Maxwell Robert Senior - 28/04/2016

Kooyong 50 Year Member Max Senior passed away at his Gold Coast home on April 17 at the age of 74. Seldom has the Kooyong club played such a major role in a member's life, nor has a member achieved so much on its hallowed grounds.

Max first played at Kooyong in 1953 in the Under 14

Schoolboy tournament. The highlight of his junior tennis career culminated seven years later when he won the coveted Under 19 Victorian Schoolboys title on the Kooyong grass. He then joined other famed Kooyong members Tony Ryan, Will Coghlan and Alan Stone, at the Glen Iris Valley Tennis Club and won four LTAV State Grade Pennants. In that era the finals were played on the Kooyong porous courts.

Max's longevity as a class tennis player is clearly illustrated by his performances after he had turned 30. In 1973 he defeated Kim Warwick in the Australian Open. In 1980 he added to his State Grade Pennant tally by helping East Camberwell to victory. He partnered his life-long mate Noel Holland to win the Victorian Hardcourt Doubles title in 1981. At one stage he was the oldest player in the State Grade Pennant competition.

He added further prestigious titles to his resume by winning two Australian Veteran Singles Titles (Over 40 & Over 55) & with Maurie Broom, another Kooyong member, he won the World Over 55 Veterans Doubles.

These were all outstanding achievements however Max's record in the Club Championships is beyond compare. He won the title no less than seven times. He had often reminded me of this achievement however it was only when preparing this tribute that I discovered his wins were between 1982 and 1993. This means that his last victory was when he was over 50.

Max Senior was a friendly, uncomplicated man who achieved great things at his beloved Kooyong club. He is survived by his loving wife Mely and daughters Belinda and Rebecca. As his best man, fierce opponent, doubles partner and flat mate, I will miss him greatly. ■

Ron McKenzie



Men Reach Another Final

Kooyong's men reached another Premier League final recently but stumbled at the final hurdle despite pushing Grace Park all the way.

In what turned out to be an epic finale, the Kooyong side was brave throughout and came close to causing the upset but it wasn't to be as Grace Park took out their third consecutive title.

Bathed in sunshine which was a nice change from 2015, the match always looked like going the distance with both doubles matches having their sliding doors moments.

Andrew Whittington and Andrew Coelho couldn't take their early opportunities to break while Jarryd Maher and Daniel Nolan were the opposite as they raced through the first set 6/2.

Whittington and Coelho then dominated the second set 6/1 to send the match into a match tiebreak and it was the Grace Park pair that made the big plays and came out on top 10/5 to take the early lead.

Daniel Byrnes and David Bidmeade were always in for a battle with doubles specialists Adam Hubble and Steven De

Ward and it definitely proved that way as the Grace Park pair took the first set in a tiebreak.

The second set saw Byrnes and Bidmeade get the crucial break early in the set but Grace Park broke back as they served to level the match and again we headed for a tiebreaker.

The Grace Park pair again made the big plays when they needed them to take the match in straight sets 7/6 7/6 and give their team the perfect start.

Andrew Whittington then went on to play singles against Grace Park's James Lemke and the Kooyong star continued his recent great form with a brilliant 6/4 6/2 win over quality opposition.

Still needing to come from a long way back to get the win, the Kooyong boys continued to push with Mitch Burman fighting back from a set down to send his match with Jarryd Maher to a decider where Maher found a way to get the job done 6/4 4/6 6/4.

Daniel Byrnes went a set up against Steve De Waard but the Queenslander fought back to send the match into another decider where he was able to clinch the title for Grace Park with a 6/7 7/5 6/4 victory.

In the women's competition, Kooyong's team came up just short of a finals berth with one point separating our side from MCC in third spot.

MCC then went on to win their first Tennis Victoria Premier League title in a convincing win over Liston in the final.

Congratulations to Grace Park and MCC on their wins in Tennis Victoria's Premier League for 2016! ■



◀ From left Daniel Byrnes, David Bidmeade, Andrew Coelho, Mitch Burman and Andrew Whittington.

Within Striking Distance

With five rounds to go in the Tennis Victoria Pennant season, many of Kooyong's men's teams are well within striking distance of a finals campaign as they regain players from the holiday/tournament break.



David Hough has had a great season in Grade 1 and is off to College in the US shortly



Both of the Club's Grade 1 teams have a chance to make the top four but will need to knock over a few of the top sides in the run home.

Jeremy Taylor's Grade 1 side looks the most likely at this stage but results would have to fall their way.

In Grade 2, Pierce Gilheany's team is in fourth spot on the ladder and would be expected to make the finals from here while Andres Urrego-Varon's Grade 2 team are in a battle with three other teams for third and fourth spot on the ladder and their best is definitely good enough at this level.

The club's two Grade 3 teams are well placed with Max Flaherty's team on top of the ladder while Thomas Mckay's team is just outside the top four with plenty of upside in the last few rounds.

Chris Straford's team is second and in the hunt for another flag...

Dean Seeley's Grade 5 team has spent most of the season near the top of the ladder but has dropped to fifth in recent weeks but is more than capable of jumping back up the ladder.

In Grade 6, Charlie Tulloch's team is now second on the ladder but not yet safe in a very competitive section despite some fantastic results from the up and coming juniors in this team while Peter May's team have found the going tough in Grade 7.

Alex Savage's Grade 8 team is in the hunt for a top four finish but a couple of close losses could prove costly at the end of the season.

In the Men's Open Doubles Grade 1, Chris Straford's team is second and in the hunt for another flag while Peter Gard's team is trying to hunt down third place over the last few weeks and Bryce Mitchelson's team is currently in fifth position.

The club's two Masters 45+ Grade 1 sides are also looking likely to play finals with Rob McLauchlan's team entrenched in the top two while Gordon Hammet's team is in fourth spot with six rounds to go.

We wish all of our teams the best of luck for the remainder of the season and hopefully finals! ■

◀ Congratulations to Grade 1 captain Laura Langmead who is pregnant with her first child which is due in November and still playing Pennant and winning!



Hope For The Future

Kooyong's women's teams have plenty to play for in the final five rounds of the season with many still in the running for a top four spot.

In Grade 1, all four of the club's teams can make the finals but may need a little luck along the way.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 side is currently in sixth spot on the ladder but is well within reach of third spot and have a strong squad to call on over the next few weeks with several stars home from US College duties.

Meanwhile Laura Langmead's Grade 1 team is in fifth spot in the same section and could be competing with Kate's team for a spot in the top four. Congratulations are in order for Laura who is expecting her first child later in the year and she is still out there doing the club proud at 21 weeks!

Dani McIntyre's Grade 1 team is sitting in fourth spot and they'll be hoping to hold onto that position over the next few weeks as they get their full side back on court together. Hopefully Dani can lead her side into a finals campaign before she heads off to College in America.

Also in Grade 1, Yiota Nicolaou's side is the best performed of the teams this season as they continue to rack up the wins. Currently in second spot, this team is showing the way in the top grade for the club.

In Grade 2, the club's two teams are in very different positions with Kate Francis' experienced side sitting on top

of the ladder with young star Mary Jayakody showing some great form at number one.

Darcy Parke's Grade 2 side has had some great wins over a few of the better teams in their section but will need to secure a few more in the closing rounds of the season to sneak into the top four. Harmony Mitsos has shown she will be one to keep an eye on over the coming years.

In Grade 3, Ash Spinks' team is currently in sixth spot but it looks like finals are out of the equation at this stage. This young team continues to develop and the experience they will gain will be invaluable.

The club has three teams in Grade 5 with Jill Kaminsky's team currently in fifth place and knocking on the door of the top four while Angela Woodruff's team sits in sixth place but a long shot to make the finals.

Last but not least is Celeste Rayment's team of emerging junior players that have taken all before them in the season so far. Currently on top of the ladder, this side has plenty of upside and will already be looking forward to a finals campaign that could go all the way.

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

Four Flags In Autumn Season

Kooyong's Junior teams have recently finished another successful season in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association Competition.

The club had four teams playing on Saturday mornings and thirteen teams on Sunday mornings with all standards being catered for across the various sections.

On Saturdays, Kooyong had two teams in Section 1 and two teams in Section 2.

Harry Mezger's Section 1 team was outstanding throughout the season and won straight through to the grand final after finishing the season on top of the ladder undefeated.

Unfortunately Carmelite weren't able to field a side in the grand final but it was the near perfect season from the Kooyong team while Jack Cannon's Section 1 team finished the season in fourth position on the ladder.

In Section 2, Isabelle Gough's team had a great season and finished the season in second spot on the ladder to go straight through to the grand final where they also met Carmelite and unfortunately the Carmelite side was too strong.

Walter Minc's Section 2 team finished the season in fifth spot on the ladder.

On Sunday mornings, Harry Gell's Section 1 team snuck into the top four but fell to eventual winners Coatesville in the semi final while Gabriel Lennon's Section 1 team had a very competitive season in that section finishing seventh.

Isabella Lucas' Section 3 team finished in fifth spot just eight points outside the top four while Martin Buttery's Section 4 team finished in sixth position.



Harry Mezger's Section 1 team was outstanding throughout the season...



▲ Harry Mezger, Alexandra McFarlane and Sarah Kaufman.

◀ Far left Koroush Raissi won best first year player for Saturdays.

Left Phillip Mann-Segal's Section 5 teams won the Best Performed team for Sundays.



◀ Far left Dustin Feldman won the Most Improved Player on Sunday. Middle Best First year Player on Sunday was Max Maccioli. Left Jack Ganly was the Most Consistent Player on Sundays.

▼ Nick Lester's team won the Section 7 flag last season

Phillip Mann-Segal's Section 5 team had a terrific season as they took all before them to win the flag against Beaumaris Lawn Tennis Club and they will be looking forward to the jump to Section 3 next season.

Alex Hick's Section 5 team finished in eighth spot but were more than competitive throughout the season.

In Section 7, Nick Lester's team won another flag for the club when they defeated the red hot favourites from Grace Park in a stunning result for the team.

The club had two teams in Section 8 and it was Sophia McGrath's team that performed extremely well to make the grand final before going down to a very strong Beaumaris Lawn Tennis Club side while Mia Geason's younger team had a strong season finishing in fifth spot just four points shy of finals action.

In another fantastic result for the club, Francis O'Callaghan's Section 10 team came from third spot on the ladder to win the flag when they defeated Beaumaris CC in the final.

In Section 11, Lachlan Main's team finished a very credible sixth while in Section 13 Lachlan Tingate's team came from the clouds in the semi final to defeat the top side Aspendale but fell just three games short of winning the grand final against Grace Park.

Caroline Marcel's team of youngsters finished a great season in seventh spot in Section 18.

The next season starts in mid July and the club will have 5 teams on Saturday mornings and 14 teams on Sunday mornings.

We wish everyone luck for the season ahead as well as the players that are representing the Association in Tennis Victoria's Junior Pennant competition starting in August. ■



METRO MASTERS WIN FLAG

Kooyong's Section 1 team in the Metro Masters

mid-week men's doubles competition finished top of the ladder for the 2016 autumn season.

In the finals the team lost the second-semi final against Kilsyth and regrouped to beat Grace Park in the preliminary final to reach their sixth successive grand final.

Represented by Neil Sebastian, Chiro Mukerjea, Peter Keller and Dennis Mihelyi on the day the team faced off against Kilsyth and in a hard fought encounter which included winning two tie-breakers the team eventually won 3 -39 to 1 - 24.

Congratulations to the whole team which also included Peter Gard, Grant Porter, Martin Sebastian and Ian Baker on their performances throughout the year and in winning the premiership, the team's 4th title. ■

CEDRIC MASON CUP

The annual Cedric Mason Cup will be hosted by Royal South Yarra this year and information will be sent out to players in due course.

Royal South Yarra have won the last few years so it's about time we won the trophy back.

If you have any questions about this event or anything else to do with junior tennis at the club please contact Daniel O'Neill at doneill@kooyong.com.au.





HARMONY MITSOS

Age: 14

Grade: 2

Australian Ranking: 291

Play L/H or R/H: R/H

Tennis Achievements: • Qualified for an ITF; • Made the Doubles final of Silver AMT; • Winning Shepparton Gold u14's; • Ranked 2nd in my age group for Victoria.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Novak Djokovic is my most admired sports person; as he has excellence in not only his tennis abilities, but also; fitness, flexibility, movement, strength, and mental aptitude. Not to mention, shows many attributes of a passionate determined player.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** No-one has influenced me to play tennis other than myself. I made the decision on my own to play tennis and put in the effort to hopefully make it a career someday.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** Thanasi Kokkinakis versus Ernests Gulbis Australian Open Round 1. Thanasi was only 19 at the time and showed so much self discipline and persistence to defeat a seeded player in a Grand Slam event.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** This year: • Have a world junior ranking; • Number 1 in my age group for Victoria and top 10 in Australia; Future: • Make it to the top 10 in the WTA rankings; • Become the best tennis player I can be.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** I very much enjoy the fact that you are not just playing for yourself, you're playing for the team, and surrounded by people supporting you.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** I would be some form of a sportsperson competing in either athletics or footy.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** Outside of tennis I would usually stretch or do long distance running. Otherwise I like to hang out with friends and shop for new clothes or nice shoes.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I spend around 17 hours a week trying to improve my tennis.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** I definitely have to minimise the amount of times I go out with friends, minutes spent on my phone, as well as decreasing the portion sizes of unhealthy foods.



MARY JAYAKODY

Age: 15

Grade: 2

Australian Ranking: 285

Play L/H or R/H: R/H

Tennis Achievements: • Selected to go to AIS; • Played Bruce Cup in Albury; • Played Nationals; • Played a tournament at the IMG Academy Florida reaching the semi finals; • Winning age group tournaments and competing in AMT and ITF tournaments; • Kooyong Scholarship.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Rafael Nadal would have to be my most inspiring sportsperson, he's an amazing tennis player that has made history and at the same time giving kids an opportunity to go and train at his tennis academy.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** My family because they are so supportive of what I do and always encourage me to do my best and they believe in me!
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** I loved watching Muguruza winning against Serena Williams in the French Open.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** To hopefully go to a US College and play on the WTA tour.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** I love the environment and my team is always so kind and supportive. They are the best!
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** If I wasn't a tennis player I would probably play basketball.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I like to do some boxing and I also learn music.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I spend about 20 hours a week training not including my fitness work.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** Not being able to catch up with friends as often as I'd like, missing school time for tournaments and having to be very careful with my diet.

Winter Season

As of July, midweek ladies competition will remain at 12 teams playing in three different associations across three days.

Firstly to Tuesday and the summer season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) finished in March. Unfortunately, Kris Tulloch's Section 1 side narrowly lost their Semi Final to Eaglemont, 3-33 to 3-38. In the winter season they are currently in sixth position but only one win from third.

Jo Rush's team, which played on a Thursday in the Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA) for the July to December 2015 season, is presently in Section 3 of MEMRLTA's winter season. The team is still adjusting to the new day and association, sitting in last position.

After finishing sixth last season, Sally Addison's Section 4 team clearly read the April edition of this report! They have indeed continued their improvement and are fourth on the ladder.

Secondly to Wednesday and a reminder that unlike MEMRLTA, Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) and WDTA have February to June and July to December seasons. Jane Cash's Section 1 team finished the February to June season as strongly as they started it. They won the Grand Final, defeating Parkdale 2-6-42 to 0-2-30! Congratulations to the whole team: Jane Cash, Sheryl Kerwick, Linda Dohnt, Fiona Medina, Mandy Morgan and Rosie Kovacs.

Unfortunately, Detje Marcel's team finished last in Section 1 and has been relegated to Section 2 for the July to December season. They will be looking for a repeat of their efforts from the July to December 2015 season when they won the Section 2 Grand Final.

Merryn Olive's team's rise to prominence is showing no sign of abating. February to June 2015: Section 4 Premiers. July to December 2015: last in Section 3. February to June 2016: Premiers! Congratulations to the whole team: Merry Olive, Tricia Gorman, Cate Noonan, Jacqui Morris, Kate Motteram and Di Guiney.

Thirdly to Thursday, where Kooyong also had three teams in BRTA's February to June competitions. The 12-team combined Section A/1 split into two six-team sections called A Grade and Section 1 in May. Anne Forbes' team finished in fourth position, unfortunately missing out on the A Grade Semi Finals by eight points and percentage.

Kris Tulloch's team improved enough to ensure a position in A Grade but unfortunately ended up last on that ladder.

Jo Seeley's team continued their domination of Section 2. After finishing 36 points and 108% clear on top of the ladder, they thumped St Finbar's No 2 3-7-48 to 0-1-22 in



▲ From left Cate Noonan, Merryn Olive, Jacqui Morris, Tricia Gorman and Kate Motteram won the Section 3 flag on Wednesday in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association.

the Grand Final! Congratulations to the whole team: Jo Seeley, Hiromi Bum, Caroline Faulkner, Angie Godwin, Sally McIlraith, Gillian Ricketts and Sue Thomas.

Anne Forbes, Kris Tulloch and Angie Godwin will all lead teams in a 10-team Section A/1 trial for the July to December season. After each team has played each other once, the top five teams and a bye will become A Grade, while the lower five teams and a bye will become Section 1.

There were two teams in WDTA's Thursday competitions. Heather Anderson's team found A Reserve 1 tough going after winning the July to December 2015 A Reserve 2 Grand Final. They have been relegated to A Reserve 2 after finishing second last and will be looking for promotion again.

Finally, Mardi Andrew's B Special 1 team continued to struggle a little through injury and player availability. They also finished second last and will be looking for an improved performance in the July to December season.

Due to unforeseen circumstances midweek ladies teams sometimes struggle for numbers. 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

A mini makeover at the Crèche

The Crèche has had a mini makeover - the baby room now has somewhere for mums to cuddle or breastfeed in private. Come down and take a look. We would love to see you.

We also have removed the overhead toy baskets and have a child level toy shelf with tubs, so children can access their favourite items freely.

For mums with children who still need a cot sleep there is also new bedding and a dedicated section- so no more wheeling in prams unless you want to.

The weather has been sunny the last week and we have been making the most of the undercover outdoor area for older children while some of our youngest members have enjoyed staying snugly indoors.

Open from 9.00 am to midday Monday to Thursday and 12.15 pm on a Friday - our Crèche only costs \$12.50 for the entire morning and you can use it casually or semi permanently as a term booking. Children enjoy craft, free play, role play and dress ups, fresh air outside in the sandpit or other outdoor activities.

Ring the Pro Shop on 9308 7141 to book and learn how to get started. Alternatively take a look on the club website or call in and see Marzia Hasan our wonderful Crèche manager. ■



▲ Jack Hubbard enjoying the crèche makeover.



KITA News

Once again, Glenn has won the ITF Seniors World Championship in Helsinki and holds his No 1 ranking for yet another year. He also played in the ITF Seniors World Team Championships and the Australian Team won as well. It's been a great year for Glenn as well as for KITA, where Glenn has been embedding the knowledge, passion, commitment and his deep love of the game of tennis into his tennis training academy. Students coming to Kooyong to learn and develop their talent with him and his team, reap the rich rewards of his long and successful career and ongoing dedication to player development and leaving a sound and valuable legacy in the tennis industry.

At KITA we are very inspired to have a leader who walks the talk of his craft so very well and we are very proud of Glenn's awesome achievements.

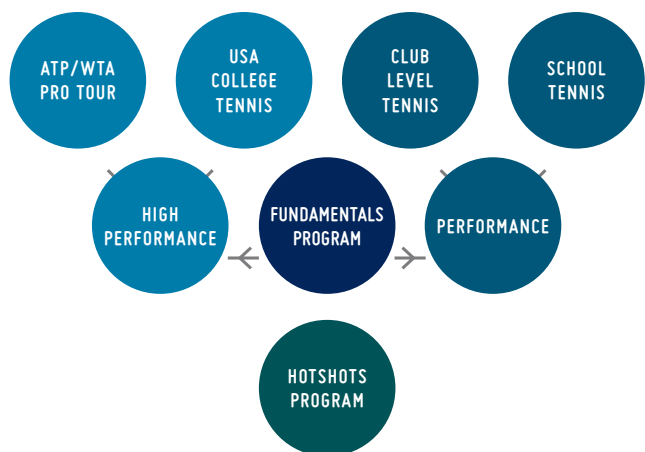
Glenn also travelled to Rafael Nadal's new tennis academy in Majorca; while he was there he met with Rafa and his coach Tony Nadal and talked about where tennis is heading in the future, the new facility and our work here at KITA.

Andrew Whittington's meteoric rise through the ranks is continuing; he is playing exceptionally well and in the last 5 months has gone from 510 to 237 in the ATP rankings. He has been playing and winning in Guam, Korea and Taiwan. He is currently in Korea and then going on to the USA for 3 tournaments and if he wins 2 more matches he will gain a direct entry into the US Open Qualifying. Go Andrew!

We have also continued to add new members to our team and would like to take this opportunity to welcome Steven Cheng. Steven (pictured above) is a Level 2 Accredited Coach from Taiwan; he has worked in China, Japan and the USA. He will be assisting with our Coaching Accreditation programs and working to expand the High Performance areas of the KITA business.

KITA Training And Development

Over the last twelve months we have been transforming from a primarily coaching focused outfit into becoming an International Tennis Training Academy, concentrating on player development strategies to produce top players using a leading-edge, holistic methodology. The diagram below shows the Player Pathways now available to our students and this month our new website will go 'live' to give you a clear understanding of what we are now offering.



NEW PROGRAMS IN TERM 3

A Senior's Match and Tournament Training

Program will begin in early August for all players preparing for the ITF Tour as well as the Victorian Seniors Championships at Kooyong in late October. Catering for all players aged from 35 to 85 of all standards from Grade 5 through to World Championship Level. This will be run by our High Performance Coaches with technical guidance and training support from Glenn Busby; currently No 1 in the world on the ITF Tour.

Our KITA Parent's Program will begin in August for parents who are keen to learn about how to best support young players chasing their tennis dream. A player's home environment and the people around them play a critical role and have a big impact on a young player; this course is designed to prepare you as a parent to be informed and able to provide the very best support.

Match and Performance Analysis sessions are now available for KITA students of all ages. We can provide Tournament Analysis and Match-Play Analysis Reports for players as well as Performance Analysis sessions including Biomechanical Movement and Slow-Mo videos of technique. ■

Autumn in Squash

With the new season set to kick off we look back on our successes of last season and one of our rising stars takes out a State title.



Squash Pennant Round-up

A very successful Autumn Pennant was finalised in June with Kooyong having six teams in the grand final and four teams managed to go the distance and win blue flags.

Congratulations to Mike Wilkinson, Yann Lancrenon, Grant Booker, Darcy St John, Selena Shaikh and Matt Aspland for winning the A2, Autumn Club Circuit Grand Final for 2016.

It was an amazing tie that went down to the wire against MCC, with 6 points needed in the final game of the last rubber for our team to take it out. They did it in style, ultimately winning by 3 points!

It was well deserved for a great team with a few of them experiencing their 3rd final in 4 seasons, with good efforts but no bluey till now. Finally they tasted victory after leading the grade, point to point for the season.

MCC were the other pace-setters of the season and were a worthy and gracious opponent on the night.

Our E Grade team also won the Autumn Pennant with Mark Howlett, Steve Murphy, Will Curlweis and captain Ken Day involved. Mark has only just returned to Pennant Squash after a break of 20 years while Will is in his second season after returning from overseas for a period of seven years.

The Club also won the F Grade flag with captain Jim Pappas, John Link, Paul Mitchell, Bert Armstrong, Peter Cook and Charlie Cheshire getting the team over the line. »



KOORYONG SCHOLARSHIP PLAYER DYLAN

MOLINARO WINS VICTORIAN STATE TITLE

I was both nervous and excited about playing in the Victorian State Junior Championship at Westerfolds with 17 other competitors in the under 15 boys age group.

We were divided into 4 pool groups. In my pool group I played 4 matches and won the matches easily. My next opponent was Jack Quinlivan and I got off to a slow start losing the first set however as the game progressed I got more and more confident and in the end I won comfortably.

Although I didn't know at the time I had actually won the championship as my next opponent did not qualify for the under 15 Age group.

Nevertheless, it was a great opportunity to play an older more experienced competitor.

Another highlight of this tournament was being selected to represent Victoria in the State team alongside Kooyong squash member Tate Norris in the upcoming Australian Junior Championships.

I want to thank Kooyong for their ongoing support and will continue to train hard for ongoing success.

Dylan Molinaro



◀ It was great to see the Club's E Grade team come through to win the flag.

Our ladies have done it again! 12 Months ago the same ladies team won the 2015 SSL Autumn A Grade pennant.

Runners up in the Spring they decided another bluey was within reach and coach Karon set the team some tough goals for the Autumn season.

Well done coach, the girls won again!

Congratulations to the 2016 Autumn Season A Grade Kooyong team of Coach & Team Manager Karon 'Chooky' Fowler, captain Heather Macfarlane, Megan Ridgway and Jill Scott!

Squash Presentation Night

The Squash Club Presentation Night was another fantastic evening as we celebrated some of the big achievements from the past year as well as recognising the large contribution some of our members make to our teams.

Karon 'Chooky' Fowler was recognised for her continued contribution to squash.

"I was surprised to receive this award and recognition for my contribution to squash from Capt. Colin Cruickshank of Kooyong LTC," she said.

The Sneddon family have a great history at Kooyong especially in the squash area of the club and Jeremy was recognised for recently passing the 700 game mark while his father, Barry, played 818 games.

Young Andy Sneddon has already notched up 92 games to give the family a remarkable total of 1621 games and counting. That is an amazing record!

John Piccolo (JP) was recognised at the Kooyong Squash Presentation night, having reached 495 games, for his continued funding contribution to junior squash at Kooyong.

The presentation was made by squash stalwart and team Captain John 'Matho' Mathieson.

Congratulations to everyone for a great night at the club! ■

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Kooyong joins the City Circuit Competition

In June KLTC joined the City Clubs competition for the first time. In the red photo are the smiling faces of first team - (left to right) Greg Baker, Don Richter, myself, and Simon Fortune (c).

They are in front of one of the many superb paintings at the Australian Club in William Street.

Little did we realise that we would fail to win a single frame of snooker or match of billiards for the entire evening!

The action photo shows Don Richter pounding in another break in the superb billiards room of the Club.

These matches are redolent of the “Old Days” when people were ‘clubby’ and the port was passed to the left while you enjoyed a smoke.

Well, those days are gone, but our hosts at the Australian Club put on a splendid evening of fine dining, good company, and not-too-competitive cue sports.

The matches are played with handicaps, so all skill levels are catered for. If you are interested in having a go, please contact Simon Fortune at afortune@bigpond.net.au ■



“It is all very attractive, the talent, the tears, the tantrums, the highs and lows, and all the so-called human stuff, but underneath there is a selfishness and ruthlessness that makes me look like a choirboy.”

The wild Alex “Hurricane” Higgins writing about six times world snooker champion Steve Davis.

OTHER TEAMS

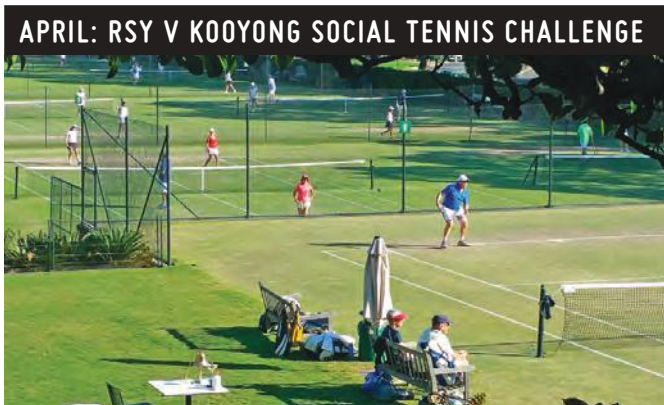
The Thursday night billiards team has been going well in their handicap competition, and are just outside finals contention getting towards the end of the season.

Likewise the Monday night A-grade billiards team is going well, and are a good chance to make the finals.

However the Ballarat team looks far too good for everyone else and are very likely to be premiers. My theory is that the freezing Winter conditions in Ballarat promote dedicated practice of indoor pursuits.

Fun & Games

by Cindi Damian, President KLTC Social Committee



▲ It was a perfect autumn day on Sunday 18 April for the RSY v KLTC Social Tennis Challenge. A memorable day was had by Members, enjoying themselves on and off the court with KLTC retaining the cup for 2016. The final tally being 165 games to 140. We look forward to hosting this event in 2017 and perhaps trying for a hat trick! Congratulations to all.



▲ Once again our Mixed Doubles Round Robin on Sunday 22 May was booked out. 64 Members and Guests hit the Grass Courts for a fun afternoon. Scores were very close in each group but the prizes went to Adriaan den Dulk and Greta Bolger for being the Best Winning Doubles and Naz Anthony, Best Female Score on the day. Adriaan also took home the prize for Best Male Score. Well done all.



▲ The miserable weather on Friday 17th June didn't hinder our Members from enjoying a fabulous few Happy Hours mingling and dancing together to 'Mike on the Mic'. The room was jumping! ■

BOOK NOW for our VIVA LAS VEGAS Black Tie Dinner Dance on Saturday 27 August in the Kooyong Room with music from Mike and the Party Band plus entertainment from Barb and the Vegas Belles.



Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

by Marie Devereux, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Christmas in July

It's that time of year again when we celebrate 'Christmas in July', and the Auxiliary are very busy organising the buffet luncheon at Kooyong on Sunday, 24th July, 2016.

Our very attractive flyers heralding this event have been available at reception and have proven to be very popular with members.

Since my last report in the April Courtside, we have been very fortunate to welcome two new members onto the RCH Committee namely Deb Elrington and Jenny Booth. I do congratulate them both for choosing to join our hard working Committee, and I look forward to working with them.

Our first Card Day for 2016 was very successful, catering for 136 card players, and including our very popular stall, with goodies supplied by our great helper, Phyllis George, in total we raised an amount of \$2,930, a wonderful result.

Forthcoming functions:

- Second Card Day - Monday 12th September
- Trivia Night - Friday 7th October

Flyers will be available at reception and online for both events. In conclusion, I do thank all members and their friends for continuing to support our Auxiliary. ■

Bridge Club

by Susan Douglas

Borin Trophy event

This year the Bridge Club Committee decided to hold the Borin trophy event on Sunday June 5.

Competitors played a morning and afternoon session and the day proved most successful.

The Borin trophy winners for 2016 are Constance Bruce and Jill Shirley.

Bridge beginners

Stephen Lester has conducted another successful Beginners course on Sunday nights.

This enthusiastic group has continued to attend our supervised sessions on Sunday nights at 6.30pm.

Bridge Club members should continue to peruse our website to source further learning opportunities and our Interclub competitions. ■



▲ Borin Trophy winners
Constance Bruce and
Jill Shirley.

Wine & Food Society

by Christine Johnson, President Wine & Food Society

Tastes of New Zealand - Racquet Club Friday 20 May

We crossed the Tasman to experience stunning signature dishes created by Chris Goulding and the culinary team. Each course was perfectly matched with a range of fine New Zealand wines sourced by Patrice Renaudin. Many thanks for the excellent service from all F&B Staff to create and deliver another very memorable dinner - everything was superb! A copy of the menu and wines is highlighted to tantalize your taste buds.

An Historical Journey of Food & Wine - Kooyong Room Friday 29 July with Special Guest Speaker, Geoffrey Blainey AC

Members and guests enjoyed an exquisite menu 'seasoned' with a touch of classic Australiana.

Dishes were matched with wines produced by some of Australia's most iconic family owned wineries, all established prior to 1890.

Our special guest speaker, Geoffrey Blainey AC, Australia's best-known living historian, delivered an entertaining and informative talk on this topic of great interest to everyone.

We look forward to welcoming you to our remaining 2016 functions - time to enjoy excellent food, wine and camaraderie with fellow members, guests and friends. ■



▲ It was great to see so many Members enjoying the recent Wine & Food Society function at the club.

TASTES OF NEW ZEALAND

Hawkes Bay crayfish slider, horseradish aioli & brioche bun; Stewart Island Venison tartar on Melba toast

- ▶ *N.V Deutz 'Marlborough Cuvée' Sparkling Chardonnay/Pinot Noir, Marlborough*

Four Tastes of the New Zealand's sea:

- Ora king salmon gravlax, crème fraîche
- Poached scampi with avocado & lime salsa
- Poached jumbo surf clam, sea vegetables, Champagne cream
- Crumbed & fried green lip abalone, tomato & saffron rouille
- ▶ *2015 Opawa Pinot Gris, Marlborough*
- ▶ *2013 Martinborough Vineyard Chardonnay, Martinborough*

Feijoa sorbet

South Island Saltbush lamb, braised & pressed belly, roasted lamb Wellington, smoked yoghurt, lentils, peri peri & lamb jus

- ▶ *2015 Nanny Goat Vineyard Pinot Noir, Central Otago*
- ▶ *2013 Craggy Range 'Gimblett Gravels Vineyard' Syrah, Hawkes Bay*
- ▶ *2010 Man O' War 'Ironclad' Cabernet Franc/Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon/Malbec/Petit Verdot, Waiheke Island*

Baby cauliflower, kipfler potatoes & kumara cooked in the hāngi style with garlic & chive butter

Pavlova: vanilla meringue, lemon curd, dried & fresh berries & mascarpone cream

- ▶ *2011 Konrad Wines 'Sigrun-Noble Two' Botrytis Riesling/Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough*

FUTURE 2016 FUNCTIONS

Thursday 13 October	Local Restaurant	To be confirmed
Saturday 10 December	Winemaker's Dinner	Kooyong Room



Health Club News

by Michael Kull, Health Club Manager

Winter is here and there is only one way to stay warm, not in bed or in front of the fire, working out in the gym. Here is an insight into the benefits of our group exercise classes, Aqua Aerobics & Yoga. Also, we welcome our new personal trainer, Cara Symons to Kooyong Health Club.

Kooyong Aqua Aerobics

- ▶ *Mary Langkilde*
- ▶ *Wednesday's & Fridays 9:30 AM*

Water aerobics is a variation of group fitness practiced in shoulder-deep water. In a typical class, participants will run through traditional aerobics exercises, calisthenics and motions that are only feasible while partially submerged. The classes are 45 minutes and are accompanied by music.

Water aerobics provides a cardiovascular burn and a light resistance workout. Cardiovascular exercise is especially important for all age groups because it directly reduces the participants' risk for circulatory problems such as heart disease! Resistance workouts help to maintain strength and stability in the muscles, which can go a long way toward preserving the balance, range of motion and mobility.

Hope to see you in the pool!

Kooyong Yoga

- ▶ *Diane Curtis*
- ▶ *Wednesday 7.00 PM*

Diane first started practising yoga over 15 years ago after experiencing lower back issues and hearing of the benefits yoga could bring to her back. Along the years she has practiced many styles of yoga and meditation deepening her training and experience.

Whilst working in the corporate world in stressful positions, she realised so many health benefits, and yoga gave her the balance that was much needed for her busy schedule.

"When she first started yoga it was for the physical benefits, but over the years the more she practiced, she gained balance in her life and yoga has taught her to be mindful and completely herself."



- ▲ The aqua aerobics class is always popular with members.
- ◀ Cara Symons joins the team as a Personal Trainer.

CARA SYMONS

Cara's passion for health and fitness stems from her own struggle with stress and weight management.

Cara believes that balance is the key to optimal health. She takes a consultative yet instructive approach to working with members and has experience training adults from ages 20 to 50+.

Cara's true passion is seeing people smile when they've achieved their health and fitness goals.

Throughout her life, Cara has been involved in sports. She's played netball and basketball at a social level and currently plays and referees Touch Football at an elite level.

Cara's goal is to continue her career in the health industry as a personal trainer and eventually an exercise physiologist focussing in rehab.

Talk to Cara for a personal trainer that helps make reaching goals easily achievable and most importantly, fun!

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

Kooyong Classic Thai Airways Winner

It was great to see Michelle and Fae Pugsley enjoy the spoils from their win in the Priceline Classic members' competition recently.

The pair were recently spotted enjoying the VIP treatment at Wimbledon courtesy of Thai Airways and Lanson. What a fantastic prize and experience! ■



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

August

- 1st New Member Night
- 12th Social Committee Happy Hour
- 26th Year 8 Disco
- 27th Social Committee Dinner Dance

September

- 4th Father's Day Buffet
- 12th Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Card Day

October

- 7th Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Trivia Night
- 9th Social Committee JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin
- 13th Wine & Food Society Dinner
- 26th KLTC AGM

November

- 20th Bridge Club Congress
- 25th President's Lunch
- 27th President's Day
- 27th Crèche Christmas Party Disco



VIVA LAS VEGAS

BLACK TIE DINNER DANCE

Saturday

27 August 2016

7 pm - Midnight

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