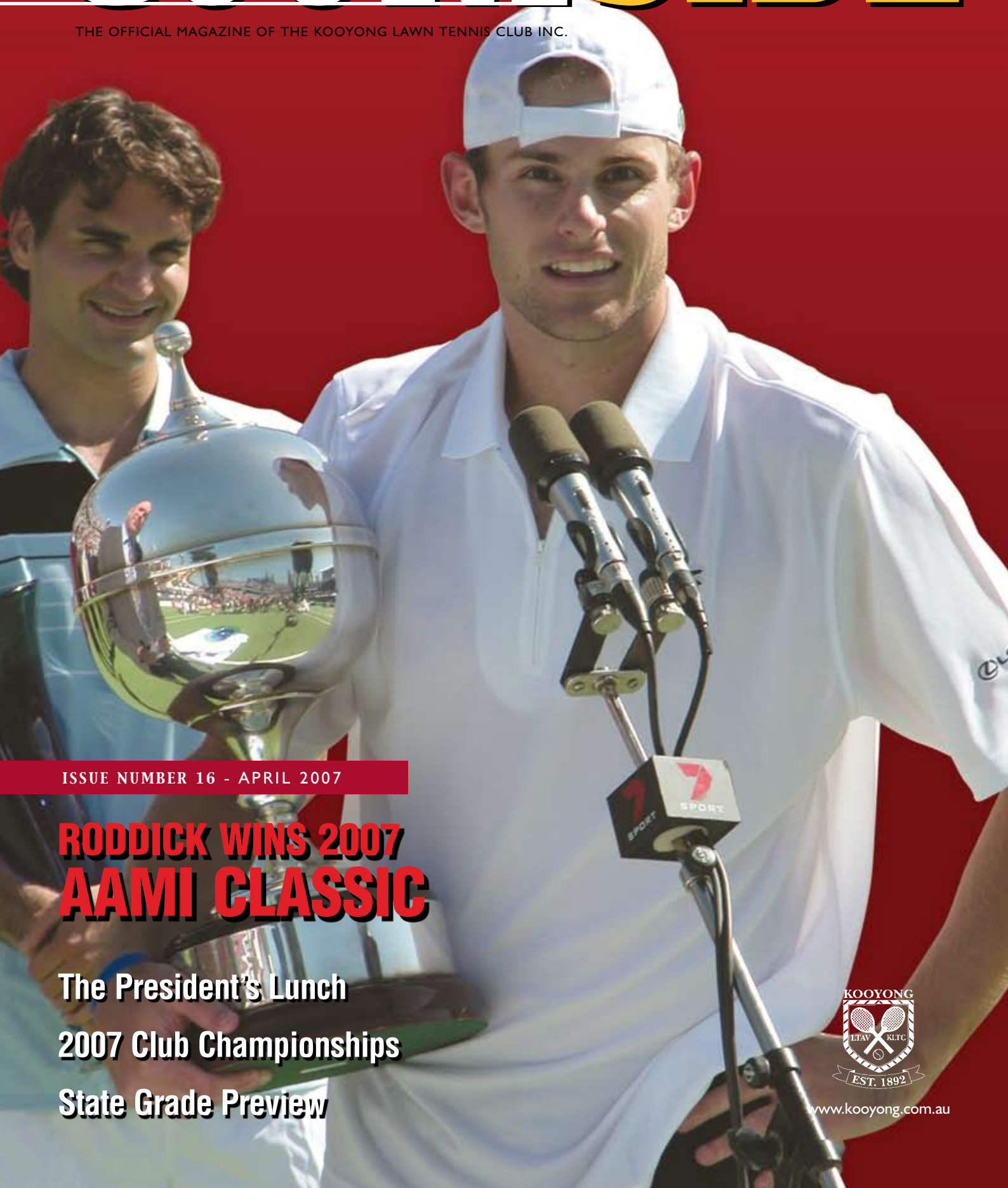


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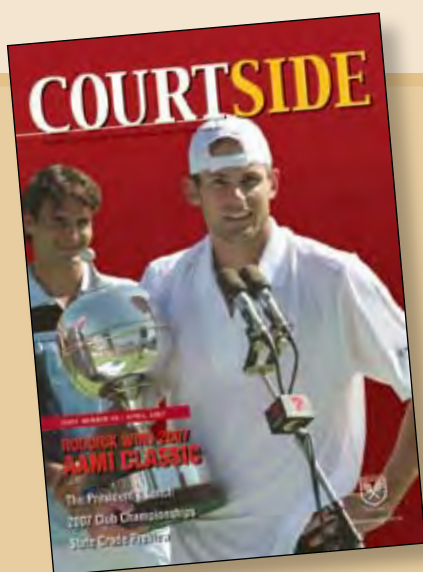
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... a word from the CEO

Big time tennis returned to Australia's spiritual home in January. The 2007 AAMI Classic proved to be our most successful event since the heady days of the Australian Open back in the 1980's and it was especially pleasing to see the stands filled to capacity with a final day field boasting Federer, Roddick, Safin and Murray.

Our Club Championships continued to highlight the quality and high calibre of our own players coming through our junior development programs. Young player Maddison Springall triumphed over Karolina Wlodarczak in a hard fought women's final while the up-and-coming Will McNamee pushed Jay Salter to three sets before Jay claimed his sixth men's title. We congratulate all winners on their success and thank Cedric Mason and his team on another great event.

The continuing drought has impacted severely on our ability to prepare courts. This edition of Courtside contains information about current initiatives to improve water efficiency around the property and reduce our dependency on potable water. We also detail our court maintenance programs designed to maintain the best possible playing conditions in increasingly difficult circumstances.

2007 is already presenting numerous challenges but, despite these difficulties, we begin with expectations of another wonderful year for Kooyong members.

Chris Brown
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Water Restrictions and Water Management

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is actively engaged in reviewing water management to deal with continuing drought conditions and resultant water restrictions aimed to:

- Improve the efficiency of water management systems
- Reduce dependence on potable water

WATER RESTRICTIONS

The Victorian Government has introduced Stage 3 water restrictions and storage levels will dictate future restrictions. Current restrictions for tennis courts impose the following limitations:

- Overnight watering of grass courts on only two nights per week.
- En-tout-cas courts may be hand watered only prior to play on alternate days

The Club made representations and has been granted exemptions to allow staff to undertake necessary watering of grass court baselines and some areas of en-tout-cas courts for maintenance of facilities.

Current practices comply with the approved water management system.

There is discussion regarding the possible introduction of Stage 4 Water Restrictions. The club will advise members further regarding any future changes, which would be likely to have major impact on the maintenance of facilities.

WATER MANAGEMENT

In addition to complying with all requirements, the Club has implemented a number of initiatives to improve water management systems and reduce dependence on potable water. These include:

- The use of reclaimed clubhouse water
- Regulation of water flows in change room showers
- Replacement of tap ware around courts
- Replanting gardens with drought tolerant native plants

The returfing program for courts has also delivered improvements in water efficiency. The Legend turf introduced on courts 19-26 over recent years has proven to be drought tolerant and require less water than other turfs to maintain good condition.

ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLIES

Hydraulic engineers were commissioned to review water usage on the site and provide a range of options for consideration by the Club to meet the short, medium and long-term requirements.

Council has established a working group to examine the alternatives and implement changes, which will achieve the objectives of water efficiency and lower dependence on potable water.

The options and status of the alternatives include:

- Use of recycled water (implemented)
- Drawing water from Gardiners Creek (implemented)
- Capture of clubhouse grey water for reuse (partly implemented)
- Implementation of bores for ground water (work in progress)
- Reuse of stormwater (under review)
- Capture of rainwater (under review)

Members will be further updated of the status of restrictions and implementation of changes designed to improve efficiencies and maintain facilities.



President's Report



RECORDS SET AT 2007 AAMI CLASSIC

What a wonderful week of tennis we saw at Kooyong in early January.

The sell out crowd for the final saw a magnificent match as Andy Roddick took out the AAMI Classic title for the second consecutive year.

The final was a fantastic way to finish the week as Roddick outpointed Federer in three tightly contested sets to win 6/2 3/6 6/3.

Congratulations to all involved on a wonderful event, which continues Kooyong's long association with world-class tennis action.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was fantastic to see the recent Club Championships completed in such a timely manner despite some stifling heat, en tout cas dust storms and some tight scheduling through to the finals.

Congratulations are in order for our now six time Men's Open Singles winner, Jay Salter, and to the newly crowned Women's champion, Maddison Springall, for their magnificent wins in two high quality finals.

It was also great to see so many juniors involved in the Club Championships.

WATER RESTRICTIONS UPDATE

The Club is progressing with the delivery of our water strategy plan which involves steps to significantly reduce our reliance on potable water.

Whilst short term actions have been implemented, a rigorous process is underway to evaluate the longer term options available to the Club.

The Club has commissioned expert advice from several quarters for evaluation by the committee.

Not surprisingly the grasscourts have thrived in the prevailing conditions, in particular the most recently laid 'Legend Couch' courts.

The ongoing 'Legend Couch' re-turfing program will see courts 10-14 relaid before next season.

KOORYONG BUZZING

The popularity of Kooyong continues to grow with strong nominations and waiting list numbers and the patronage of our restaurants at an all-time high.

The Club has a really vibrant feel with a significant cross section of members using the facilities.

Plans are also near completion to enhance the bistro and balcony areas to better serve the requirements of our members especially during peak times at the Club.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to all the social committees at the Club for their continuing contribution to the fabric of Kooyong and providing members with a fantastic choice of organized social and sporting activities.

COURTS UPDATE

Also a big thank you to members for accommodating the less than ideal condition of our en tout cas courts.

Through a combination of court rotation and maintenance we have been able to continue using our courts for the Monday and Tuesday night, and Friday morning competitions.

Hopefully we are able to continue to present these courts for use by members despite the tough conditions.

ALTERNATIVE COURT SURFACES

There is currently much discussion around Melbourne about court surfaces.

En tous cas has provided the tennis community with a suitable surface over many years when water was plentiful and remains a preferred surface for local conditions. Drought and water restrictions however have impacted recently and forced the closure of some clubs and threatened others.

Council considers it important to research the range of alternative surfaces and evaluate maintenance, playing characteristics and suitability for members.

Members will be informed about any options under consideration and asked to provide feedback. Any consideration of a permanent change would be referred to the members for approval.

Ian Hill

President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

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Kooyong Foundation

Kooyong Foundation

After 5 years of distinguished service the inaugural President of the Kooyong Foundation, Terry Fraser, has stepped down in favour of immediate past KLTC President Peter Quinn.

"Terry Fraser was an important part of the decision six years ago to establish the Kooyong Foundation aligned with the double purpose of promoting junior development and celebrating the rich tennis history of the club" Peter Quinn said in accepting his new role. "Terry's initial team - a small but enthusiastic group - rolled up their sleeves and the show is well and truly on the road with Members' bequests already earmarked towards funding Foundation projects."

Among the projects are two exciting opportunities for young Victorian tennis players in October and December. In line with its mission to foster Junior Player Development, the Foundation is supporting the Frank Sedgman Cup for Under-13 players in Bendigo in October and in December, Kooyong will host an Under-10 event, again with the support of the Foundation.

To improve further the work of the Foundation, working groups have been established:

- Junior Player Development
- The Sir Norman Brookes Bequest Society
- Major Fundraising to perpetuate Kooyong's place as the Spiritual Home Of Tennis in Australia

Peter said he was looking forward to reporting on the progress of the Kooyong Foundation to KLTC Members, particularly given the encouraging response from Members' bequests.

"We've got a thriving Club these days and we're going to make sure that the world of tennis, not just in Melbourne, knows that our movers and shakers are welcoming the chance to put back into the game in a practical way".

For further information about the way you can support the Foundation and its agenda, please don't hesitate to contact CEO Chris Brown at the Club.

THE PRESIDENTS LUNCH

It was another wonderful day of fun and frivolity at the recent President's Lunch featuring cricket identities Damian Fleming and James Sutherland.

Fleming shared his memories of playing for Australia including taking a hat-trick on debut in Pakistan and just missing another one via a dropped catch by his good mate, Shane Warne.

Fleming played 20 Test matches for Australia, took 75 wickets and made two Test half centuries in his career, which also involved playing in a World Cup winning team.

His very funny account of some of his glory moments as part of the Australian cricket side were fantastic to hear and made for a very entertaining time.

Cricket Australia CEO, James Sutherland, also provided everyone at the lunch with a look into the issues facing the sport of cricket at the moment, an especially hot topic as the Australian side was due

to depart for the World Cup after a disappointing finish to the finals of the one day series against England and the series in New Zealand.

His frank report on the team's form heading into the World Cup was of great interest after their recent run of losses.

This was a very entertaining lunch and many of the guests enjoyed the rest of the afternoon in the bar or on the terrace.

The next President's Lunch will be held on Friday the 20th of July and will feature Premiership Coach and Channel Ten commentator Robert Walls.

Former Australian cricketer Damian Fleming (left) and Cricket Australia CEO, James Sutherland.



Archives & Research Centre



The generosity of donors continues to enhance the Club's archival collection. From Bill Patterson we have received a remarkable photo (see below) of his father Gerald Patterson prior to his match with Bill Tilden in the 1922 Davis Cup Challenge Round.

Jenny Hoad has donated a large number of newspaper articles relating to the 1953 and 1954 Davis Cup Challenge Rounds, which fill an important gap in our collection.

Ann Quinn has given us twenty tennis books as well as Wimbledon and Australian Open Championship programs.

From Janet and Tyrrell Evans we have received newspaper clippings of Tyrrell's father, Tyrrell (Tibbie) Evans, a Vice-President of the LTAV who remarkably managed to play good competition tennis in the inter-war years despite losing his left arm in the first World War.

Fred Murphy has donated a program of the 1957 Davis Cup Challenge Round.

Bill Tilden (left) with Gerald Patterson before their opening singles match of the 1922 Davis Cup Challenge Round at Forest Hills, New York. The photo is currently displayed in the clubhouse in the passage leading northwards from the entrance foyer.

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CLUB TOURS

CAR PARKING

Recent improvements in car parking arrangements at Kooyong include marking out new bays for members and securing areas with boom gates to ensure member parking is always a priority.

Despite these initiatives, it has been necessary for some members to be spoken to regarding:

- Parking in non-marked areas.
- Blocking traffic flow.
- Failure to comply with allocated bay signage.
- Use of car parking for purposes other than club business.

Members are reminded of the need to comply with parking arrangements at all times when using the club. Breaches will result in registration numbers being recorded and the matter referred on to the committee for consideration.

It is hoped that members note this to avoid the need for further action, which could include the loss of parking privileges at the club.



Members Reminder

CHILDREN AT THE CLUB

Recent problems require us to remind members of some matters involving children at the club. Kooyong encourages families to enjoy the opportunities offered however it is imperative that children are supervised at all times, that their behaviour complies with rules and regulations and is always considerate of other members.

CHILDREN IN THE SWIMMING POOL

Members have the opportunity to bring young children to use the swimming pool at prescribed times on the weekends and are reminded that they must be supervised at all times to ensure their safety and control of their behaviour.

Children left unsupervised will be removed from the pool and member privileges for the family members may subsequently be reviewed.

CHILDREN IN THE CHANGE ROOMS

It is inappropriate for young children to be taken into the adult change rooms.

Parents must use the alternative facilities located near the squash courts, which include showers and large rooms. Young children should be taken to these rooms to avoid embarrassing situations in the adult change rooms.

Parents who continue to take children inappropriately into the adult change rooms will be subject of further action by the Club.

COURTS UPDATE

The drought and subsequent water restrictions have presented challenges beyond those that always exist in preparing and maintaining our tennis courts across the heat of the summer months. The additional burden of managing courts under significant watering restrictions has created further difficulties this season.

GRASS COURTS

The small amount of permitted watering has been supplemented with recycled water and also pumping water from neighbouring Gardeners Creek. This has provided sufficient ground moisture to promote new growth however baselines have on the hotter days dried out and incurred subsequent wear.

Despite these difficulties, it is pleasing to report that the grass courts have maintained relatively good condition.

It is additionally pleasing to note the successes achieved from the laser leveling of courts 19-26 and returfing with Legend Couch. As a result of this work, this bank of courts have a single grass with the most even cover, the best regrowth and the most even bounce. The Legend Couch also requires less water to maintain than other turf.

We are therefore encouraged to continue our program to other courts but that decision is pending as we await further information regarding possible escalations of water restrictions. There is a risk that restrictions may escalate in the coming days and that would affect both our ability to use potable water and possibly our ability to draw from other sources including Gardiners Creek.

Members will receive further information regarding any decision.

EN TOUS CAS COURTS

The en tous cas courts have proven far more difficult to maintain over summer due to the heat, wind and our inability to water during the day. Members will note signage on courts regarding restrictions.

Unlike the grass courts, which require only overnight watering, our en tous cas courts require water throughout the day to maintain their condition. Restrictions however permit watering only on alternate days and only prior

to play. The consequent water retention has been insufficient to avoid subsequent wear.

Periodic closures have been necessary and water has been drawn from Gardeners Creek to soak the courts. They have then been packed and rolled to allow consolidation of the sub-surface before resurfacing.

Our staff and maintenance contractors have been constantly reviewing court conditions and works programs are in place to maintain the courts under these difficult circumstances.

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AAMI CLASSIC 2007

It was a sell-out final day crowd that witnessed a brilliant match to top off a fantastic week of tennis at the AAMI Classic in January.

The record crowd for the AAMI Classic saw Andy Roddick defeat Roger Federer in a tight three set encounter in their last match in preparation for the 2007 Australian Open.

Roddick defended his 2006 title in impressive fashion against the number one player in the world, although he never had it all his own way.

Starting well, the big hitting American got away to a strong start and pushed on with two breaks of serve to take the first set.

Not to be denied, Federer lifted his intensity in the second set and took his chance to get back into the match as he leveled at one set all.

The third set produced opportunities for both players but it was Roddick who produced the crucial break and went on with it to take the match and the title 6/2 3/6 6/3.

In the playoff for third and fourth it was a battle of the old versus the new as Marat Safin played exciting youngster Andy Murray.

The first set showcased the emerging talents of Murray against the power and precision of Safin as both players attempted to stamp their authority on the match but in the end it took a tie breaker to separate the pair.

Murray came out on top 8 points to 6 and then proceeded to get a couple of early breaks in the second set to finish the match in straight sets and complete his preparation for the Australian Open in exciting fashion 7/6 6/2.

The event got off to a brilliant start on the first day with all eight players in action and Andy Roddick started well against Tommy Haas in a replay of the 2006 final at Kooyong.

Roddick opened his account with a comfortable 6/2 6/3 victory to set the tone for the rest of his Australian Open preparation.

In other first day results Roger Federer got off to a shaky start as blew the cobwebs out against Radek Stepanek as he finally triumphed 7/6 6/7 7/6, while Marat Safin eventually overcame the injured David Nalbandian 5/7 6/1 6/2 and Andy Murray defeated Ivan Ljubicic 6/4 6/2.

On day two of the promotion/relegation event Ivan Ljubicic cranked up his preparation for the Australian Open with a tightly contested 7/6 6/4 victory and Roger Federer moved into the final with a more impressive 6/3 7/6 over Marat Safin.

Radek Stepanek also got his first win of the tournament when he defeated Fernando Gonzalez, who stepped in to replace the injured David Nalbandian, but it was no way one street as Gonzalez looked in good form in his first match on centre court at Kooyong.

Stepanek finally won the match 6/4 7/6 in another close encounter and a great way to finish day three of the 2007 AAMI Classic.

On day three it was the two Andy's getting us started as Roddick battled it out with Murray for a place in the final alongside Roger Federer.

It was always going to be a big test for the young Scot as he took on one of the best players in the world but Murray took it up to Roddick throughout the match.

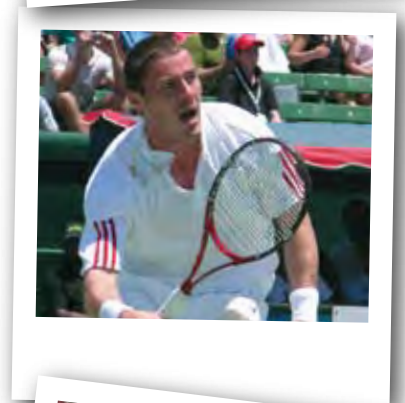
In the end Roddick moved into top gear to book himself a spot in the final against Federer with a 6/4 6/4 victory over the determined Murray who impressed at his first appearance in the AAMI Classic.

In the remaining two games on day three it was Radek Stepanek who showcased his good form going into the Australian Open as he defeated Ivan Ljubicic 6/2 6/2 while Fernando Gonzalez took his chance to get his first win at Kooyong with a tight 6/4 7/6 win over Tommy Haas.

The AAMI Classic was again a fantastic event for both the Club and the tennis loving public of Melbourne who continue to embrace this event and the stars it attracts each and every year.

It was fantastic to see the stadium filled to capacity and the corporate box holders enjoying what is a wonderful event each January.

Bring on 2008!!!



From top: Tommy Haas, Roger Federer, Marat Safin and Andy Murray.



// Roddick defended his 2006 title in impressive fashion against the number one player in the world, although he never had it all his own way //

2007 Club Championships

Six from six...it doesn't get much better than that but it wasn't just a walk in the park for Jay Salter in 2007 although he has successfully kept the streak alive.

After winning five of the past six Club Championships having only conceded one set and not playing in the event in 2005, Salter conceded two sets and played in a few very dangerous matches as he attempted to win number six.

It was a break out year for a few of the young guns as they lived up to the hype and put some pressure on the older and more experienced players at the Club.



Men's Open champion, Jay Salter.

There are a few new names coming through the ranks although they could be familiar to a few of the traditionalists in tennis at the Club.

It all started when the emerging Will McNamee, in a terrific three set battle, overcame State Grade star Paul Arber.

Leading 5/3 and serving for the match Arber was unable to finish the match as young McNamee stormed back into contention and force his way into a tie breaker to decide the winner.

McNamee got off to a flying start and, despite Arber leveling at the late stages of the tie break, he was able to hold on for a hard fought win.

In the top half of the draw Salter was in a battle of his own with the maturing David Bidmeade, who both have big serves and love the grass court surface, and it was the younger State Grade player who jumped out to a quick start.

Winning the first set helped Bidmeade to turn the pressure back on the five time champion and Salter looked to be struggling to get past his doubles partner but again he found that little bit extra when he needed it.

Salter's experience finally shone through but not before a huge scare went through the camp as Bidmeade took it right up to the number one seed.

So in the end we had McNamee, the rising star, up against Salter, the talented and experienced campaigner chasing his sixth title, in what was a highly anticipated final.

The final lived up to expectations with a thrilling three set match keeping everyone on their toes as they watched from the Sedgman Terrace to see who would eventually hold up the Frank Sedgman Cup.

Experience may have been the small difference in the end as Salter held on to win his sixth title over the impressive McNamee 6/3 4/6 7/5.

The Women's Open Singles was a very different affair as two familiar names around the Club took on two of the Club's newer players for a spot in the final.

The top four seeds all cruised into the semi finals with a minimum of fuss but the event really started to hot up at this point as one of the young stars of the Club upset one of Kooyong's most consistent grass court players.

Jurate Hardy faced the up and coming Maddison Springall in one semi final while Karolina Wlodarczak faced the experienced Emily Arnott in the top half of the draw.

Unfortunately for both of the older and more experienced players it was the young guns that prevailed in relatively comfortable circumstances.

Karolina Wlodarczak proved to be too steady for Arnott as she moved into her first Club Championships final since joining the Club with a 6/2 6/3 win and it was Maddison Springall who upset the determined Jurate Hardy 6/3 6/4 in a fantastic win for the youngsters confidence.

Going into the final it seemed to be a one sided match on paper with Wlodarczak ranked around 500 in the world and Springall still finding her feet as she begins to step out of the under age events but then again nothing ever goes according to the script and this match was no exception.

Both players worked hard to find their rhythm and timing on the grass in the first set and both tried to find a weakness in the others game but only a tie break could separate them and it was Springall who came out on top and looked confident of an upset.

The tide turned in the second set as Wlodarczak worked hard to get herself back in the match and she hoped to take the momentum into the deciding set but in the end the match turned again and it was Springall who took advantage of some early breaks of serve to go on and win 7/6 3/6 6/2 and take out the Evonne Goolagong Cup for the first time in impressive fashion.



From top: Jurate Hardy, Women's Open Champions
Maddison Springall, Catherin Louis and Will McNamee.

Club Championships Winners List

Men's Open Singles

Jay Salter (6/3 4/6 7/5)

Men's Open Doubles

Jay Salter/David Bidmeade (7/6 6/3)

Ladies' Open Singles

Maddison Springall (7/6 3/6 6/2)

Ladies' Open Doubles

Emily Arnott/Catherine Louis (7/6 7/5)

Men's 50 & Over Singles

Paul Meadows (7/6 6/2)

Men's 50 & Over Doubles

Glenn Busby/Graeme Heath (6/3 6/3)

Men's 60 & Over Doubles

Maurice Broom/Alan Coleman

Men's 100 & Over Doubles

Graeme Heath/Eddie Myers (6/4 7/6)

Men's A Grade Singles

Andrew Semmens (1/6 6/3 7/5)

Men's B Grade Singles

Ken Cooper (6/1 7/6)

Men's B Grade Doubles

Peter Owen/Steve Wood (6/3 7/6)

Ladies' B Grade Singles

Sabrina Hoare (6/0 6/4)

Ladies' B Grade Doubles

Lou Griffith/Lea Whyte (6/0 6/3)

Men's C Grade Singles

Daniel Stuk (6/3 6/4)

Men's C Grade Doubles

Jeremy Brown-Greaves/Matthew Brown-Greaves (6/4 6/3)

Ladies' C Grade Singles

Stephanie Daly (6/4 4/6 6/1)

Ladies' C Grade Doubles

Amanda Balfe/Gillian Ricketts (6/0 6/2)

Men's D Grade Singles

Tyson Kersley (6/1 6/3)

Men's D Grade Doubles

Ian Hill/Hal Hiramatsu (6/2 6/4)

Men's Social Doubles

Duncan McCulloch
/Jeremy Gruzewski (6/4 6/3)

Open Mixed Doubles

Emil Arnott/Cam Dickinson (6/4 6/4)

B Grade Mixed Doubles

Sue Ryman-Kiernan
/David Hayes-Brown (7/6 6/1)

C Grade Mixed Doubles

Rena Alves/Nick Alves (6/2 6/4)

D Grade Mixed Doubles

Karen Saunders
/Martyn Saunders (7/5 6/1)

Junior Boy's Singles U/21

Alex Cherman (4/6 7/6 3/0 ret)

Junior Girl's Singles U/21

Nicole Parkes (6/2 6/7 7/6)

U/14 Boys Singles

Andrew Grooby (6/1 6/1)

U/14 Girls Singles

Annabelle Atkins (3/6 6/2 7/5)

U/14 Boys Doubles

Daniel Badov
/Richard Meadows (6/4 6/4)

U/14 Girls Doubles

Kirsten Callander
/Annabelle Atkins (6/0 6/0)

U/16 Boys Singles

Callum De Crespigny (6/2 6/4)

U/16 Girls Singles

Maya Milosevic (6/2 6/1)

U/16 Boys Doubles

Charlie Maginness
/Henry Dick (2/6 7/6 6/4)

National Success

Congratulations must go to another of the Club's exciting young prospects, Stephanie Wiltshire, who recently won the Under 16 National Hardcourt title in Bendigo.

Playing a fellow Victorian, Ashleigh Richardson, in the final Stephanie prevailed in a tough match 6/4 5/7 7/5.

The win catapulted Stephanie into the Australian Open Junior event with a wildcard for the winning the national title.

Stephanie has continued that good form with another good win in the Gosford ITF Under 18 event where she won both the singles and doubles titles.

She again defeated Richardson, this time in the quarter final, and went on to win a tight three set match against Hayley Ericksen in the semi final before winning the final in straight sets 6/4 6/4.

In the doubles Stephanie teamed with Bonnie Pearson to defeat Searle and Stiller 7/6 6/3 in the final.

They also teamed together to win the Adelaide ITF a week earlier.

We are looking forward to seeing both Stephanie and Maddison Springall making an impact in Kooyong's State Grade Women's team this year.

Photo courtesy of David Jansz.



WEBSITE NEWS



The new website continues to evolve and members are now able to book both their tennis courts and squash courts via the website.

When logged in members have direct access to booking squash courts a week in advance as they do with the tennis courts.

The system is very simple to use and only requires the selection of a date and time for your booking to be placed. Members can also cancel their courts online too.

Members are also reminded that signing up to the website is the easiest way to keep up to date with all the latest news and events happening at the Club.

Make sure you have all the news as it is released by registering your details on the website at **www.kooyong.com.au**.

We will continue to add and develop the website over the coming months so members can make the best possible use of their Club by having all the information they may be interested in available 24 hours a day.

Things being investigated include merchandising, webcams, coaching tips and historical film highlights available for viewing.

Keep an eye out for all the improvements to come!!!



Jim Entink - RIP -

Our condolences go to the family of Jim Entink, who made his name in world tennis as a Federation Cup, Davis Cup and Australian Open match referee, has died recently in Melbourne at the age of 99.

Born in Middleburg in the Netherlands to a Dutch father, Dirk, and Belgian mother, Johanna, Jim came to Australia in 1924 when his father was transferred to Sydney.

After farming in Ouyen Jim returned to Melbourne, where he joined a communications company and when the firm closed, he bought its equipment and won a lucrative contract in Benalla, in country Victoria.

After studying electrical engineering, Jim set up his own business, which grew into Telephone Constructions Pty Ltd, and he retired as managing director in 1977 and became a director of Telephone Imports Pty Ltd.

After fighting in the Second World War he rebuilt his business and joined Caulfield Recreation Tennis Club, soon running it with military efficiency as secretary and president. He became the club's delegate to the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria and took up refereeing in the mid-1960s.

Jim's passion for the sport grew and his no nonsense attitude to refereeing became well known.

The rules were the rules and there was no getting around that with Jim as he interpreted the rules with meticulous strictness but with fairness to all competitors in mind.

He was involved in a number of touring Australian tennis teams that included such players as Fred Stolle, Judy Dalton, Margaret Court and Evonne Goolagong.

In the 1970s, he became a Federation Cup referee and later refereed several Australian Open and Davis Cup tournaments - the latter in France, England, Switzerland and Italy.

Jim was awarded the Australian Sports Medal in 2000. He is survived by his second wife Nancy, stepsons Paul and Mark Higgins, daughter-in-law Pam and two grandchildren.

Kooyong hosts *international guests* *over a busy summer*

Kooyong again hosted many famous visitors over the summer as the tennis big guns rolled into town.

With the Kooyong Classic and Australian Open bringing people in from around the world it was fantastic to see so many tennis enthusiasts taking the time to come out and visit our famous Club.

From England to America and Belgium to Japan, the Club hosted many groups of tennis dignitaries from all corners of the globe.

Included in this group were the CEO of Kyushu Lawn Tennis Club in Japan, Ms Urara Ogata, whose father founded the Club and her friend, Ms Tomoko Keira.

It was the third visit for Urara and the first for Tomoko. Both attended several matches of the Kooyong Classic, including the final, as well as the President's Luncheon.

Both also had the opportunity to attend some of the early matches of the Australian Open before returning home.

The Club also hosted several members of the All England Club, the USTA and members of the International Club of both Ireland and Belgium.

They spent time playing on our grass courts here at the Club before enjoying lunch in the Clubhouse.

We look forward to hosting our overseas visitors again next year.

KLTC CEO, Chris Brown with Urara Ogata and Tomoko Keira from Kyushu Tennis Club in Japan.



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Chef's Notes

tip of the day...

When melting chocolate, make sure you use a bowl that is clean, dry and free of any oil or grease.

It is better to use a stainless steel bowl, place it over a pot of boiling water and it's important that you don't get any moisture or even steam into the melted chocolate.

If you do get moisture in the chocolate it will become hard and completely inedible.

New Dessert Menu

Here is the new dessert menu now being served at the Club. Stay tuned for the new Hopman Bistro menu next month.

RACQUET CLUB

Dark chocolate, hazelnut and white rum parfait in a waffle basket with warm white chocolate sauce and caramel shards \$9.00

Hot baked pineapple rice pudding Brulée served with a spiced fig and pecan biscotti \$9.00

Vanilla bean and mascarpone cheesecake on a butterscotch biscuit \$9.00

Aussie plate: passion fruit pavlova, peach melba tartlet, lamington in choc sauce (for 2 people - \$ 16.00)

Camembert and Cheddar cheese platter with strawberry jelly, pastillo and King Island crackers \$12.50

April Wine of the Month - Paulett Wines -

Buy a bottle of the Paulett Riesling or Shiraz to go in the draw to win a special Paulett Wines prize.

Food & Beverage News

The winner of the Arlewood Wine of the Month promotion is Max Davis. He will receive a dozen bottles of Arlewood wine.

The cellar is getting bigger and some new wines have been added to our wine list. The by-the-glass list has also been changed with some carefully selected offerings from Eden and Clare Valley, New Zealand and France being added.

Some of the local producers, including some from the Yarra Valley, Bendigo and Mt Burnett, will also be featured.



Summer Competition Winners

Kooyong had some success in the recently completed Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Summer Competition with two teams taking home the pennant.

In Section 1 Men's rubbers Steve Avery's team won the final by three games against St. Pat's Mentone.

After finishing the season clearly on top of the ladder Steve's team went on to beat St Pat's who finished in third place at the end of the season.

Congratulations to the team of Steve, Bryce Mitchelson, Ronnie Gerendasi, David Hayes-Brown and Anthony Forster on a fantastic effort.

In Section 4 Mixed rubbers Andrew Hicks' team came away with the pennant.

The team of Andrew, John Vesely, Jan Howse and Fiona Reed came away with

the pennant after finishing second on the ladder and defeating All Souls who finished fourth but knocked off the top side in the semi final.

Congratulations to all of our teams on a successful summer season.



Summer Comp Winners: (Above from left) Andrew Hicks, Fiona Reed, Jan Howse and John Vesely.



(Below from left) David Hayes-Brown, Ronnie Gerendasi, Steve Avery and Bryce Mitchelson.



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MEN'S STATE GRADE PREVIEW

One Step Better



From top: David Bidmeade and Jay Salter

Kooyong's Men's teams were both heartbroken after last year's finals series in which Matthew Coghlan's top of the table team were upset in the semi final by the fourth placed team from Dingley and Jay Salter's team failed to live up to expectations in the final, also going down to Dingley.

Nothing seems to go right when the finals start for the teams from Kooyong but both assembled for this year's attempt on the title have claims on favouritism with both boasting impressive line ups.

Paul Arber will lead one of the Kooyong teams, which will feature all the familiar faces from the past few years with Lee Pearson, David Bidmeade and Matthew Coghlan all keen to take the ultimate step this season after some close losses in the semi finals over the past few seasons.

Adding to this team is the experienced Leigh Holland who returned from a long layoff late last season and will give this side a real boost with his knowledge and prowess around the court.

When in form this team is nearly impossible to beat and it has proved this time and time again over the past three years but it's finals time when things have unraveled for the boys but hopefully this won't be the case in 2007.

David Bidmeade has continued to mature as a player and could be a real key to the success of this team and with, 2006 Player of the Year, Matthew Coghlan sure to be firing again anything is possible.

Lee Pearson could tip this team over the edge if he can defeat most of his rivals at the number one position this year and Paul Arber is so reliable at this level that he'll very rarely be beaten.

This close-knit team can do anything on their day and hopefully they can stamp their authority on the competition early with some commanding performances.

Jay Salter is set to lead Kooyong's second State Grade team this year and it continues to be a breeding ground for some of the State's top juniors.

With Richard Fromberg and Salter leading from the front this team will never be out of a contest but their finish will depend largely on the continued development of the Club's top youngsters.

Alasdair Graetz, once he returns from College in America, John Peers, Jason Lee and Will McNamee give this side an exciting look and all of these boys will feel they belong at this level.

Gratez's return from America is an exciting prospect after his strong finish to 2006 and Peers and Lee made fantastic debuts in State Grade last year while McNamee showed his true form in the Club Championships where he knocked out a proven State Grade player and took it up to his captain in the final.

Salter's team will always give a great account of themselves especially with a former Davis Cup player, Richard Fromberg, at number one and you would hope the younger players would be firing at the right end of the season as they find their feet in State Grade and develop their doubles combinations.

Editor's Prediction: Two sides filled with this much talent should finish first and second but stranger things have happened. Look for Arber's team to finish on top of the ladder while Salter's team will improve as the season goes on. First and second finish is a distinct possibility and not particularly in the predicted order.

YOUTH THE KEY

An overhaul was required so that's what it got with Kooyong's State Grade Women's team taking on a completely new look for 2007.

Youth is the key and the team has added a 19 year old and two 16 year olds to add to the experience already amongst the group.

Karolina Wlodarczak has come into the team at the number one position and is currently ranked 464 in the world and together with Adriana Szili will form the backbone of this side.

Emily Arnott returns to again lead the side and she is one of only three members of last year's team returning.

Newly crowned under 16 national champion Stephanie Wiltshire and KLTC Club Champion Maddison Springall will also join the side to make their debuts for the Club this year.

Crystal Mahoney and Danielle Kypreos round out the team and both give an experienced feel to this young group and will be handy in helping the younger players feel at home in their first year against some tough opposition.

Crystal has come through the tough College system in America and knows all too well how to win at this level and her experience will be invaluable together with that of Adriana Szili and Emily Arnott.

The big improvement in this side is likely to come from the top but also how quickly the youngsters adapt to this level of tennis in both singles and doubles.

Stephanie and Maddison are both capable of making a massive contribution to this team and will be keen to make their mark

on the competition as they both continue to develop in the sport.

With some big recent wins under their belts both girls will be full of confidence and will bring some much needed enthusiasm to the older girls in the team.

As always doubles proves to be a huge factor in women's State Grade and with the addition of Wlodarczak and Mahoney along with the doubles ability of Szili and Arnott this side should have all bases covered.

It has been several years since Kooyong has seen an injection of youth like this and there's plenty of scope for improvement as the season goes on.

Arnott has plenty of talent at her disposal this year and depth will also be a key to success for this side with plenty of emerging talent starting to come through the Club creating competition for spots in this team.

From top: Stephanie Wiltshire, Emily Arnott and Karolina Wlodarczak.

Editor's Prediction: Finals should be high on the agenda with Wlodarczak playing at number one and Szili at number two. Don't be surprised if the youngsters make a huge impact on this team and fire them into title contention. Youthful exuberance can catch on and hopefully this will be the case in 2007.



Kooyong International Tennis Academy

As you will see we are now introducing a competition to test your knowledge, a coaching tip and information about new coaching programs, so get your thinking caps on.

This issues Question is:

What was the last year that the Australian Open was played at Kooyong? The first to email Glenn at gbusby@kooyongltc.asn.au will receive a Kooyong tennis ball key ring.

COACHING TIP

When volleying try to make sure that you contact the ball first, then land on your foot moving forward. This will ensure that your body weight is always moving through the shot. Too many players step forward land on the ground first and then make contact with the ball, which causes many volleys being dumped into the net or hit wide.

COACHING INFORMATION

We have introduced 2 new coaches into our programs Daniel Ahl who is a Level 3 coach from England who worked with the British LTA and is currently ranked no.1 in the world in the 35 and over age group.

The other coach is Tim Landwehrs who is a level 2 coach from Germany. Tim has been the head Coach at White City in Sydney and been a hitting partner for the likes of Jennifer Capriati. Both coaches bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our coaching program and have fitted in extremely well.

ADULT COACHING

Please note that coaches can be booked, not just for lessons, but also in our program 'Come play with a coach' which may be 3 people wanting to improve their doubles skills, people who have been playing

together for years and would like to have a new face or someone to make them work a little harder on their game.

Maybe you just want to play with someone who is going to hit a lot of balls back to you and give you a cardio workout while working on your skills? Maybe you haven't played for a while and just want a refresher? Maybe you want to improve your competition standard? We have the program for you....

For business people we have EARLY MORNING 6am - 9am lesson/hitting times available as well as flexible lunch time work outs and night time groups/privates.

COACHING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Ladies Monday and Wednesday mornings where we currently have over 70 ladies participating in the programs of different standards.
- Adult private, semi private and groups.
- 3-5 Year olds - includes co-ordination, agility, balance and skill activities.
- 5-8 year old group, private/semi private lessons.
- 8-18 year old private/semi private, group, squads, internal competitions.
- Hitting programs with coaches.
- Full and part time player programs.

Our aim is to meet the needs of all members and believe there is not a program we can't assist you with, so please call Glenn Busby or Kurstie Jenkins in the office on 98246860. No matter what age or ability we can assist your game.



KOORYONG'S Pennant Profiles



John Peers

AGE: 18

GRADE: State

PLAY: R/H

Tennis Achievements:

- Under 12 Australian Team
- Under 12 Victorian Team
- 2000 Victorian Sporting Blues Award
- Under 16 Victorian Team
- Winner of 4 ITF Junior doubles titles
- Played in the Australian Open Junior Championships
- Doubles Quarter Finalist, Melbourne Park Future 2006
- Member of Kooyong's Winning Grade 1 Team

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Lance Armstrong for his determination, commitment, passion and belief in not only himself but his team; and Rodger Federer for his charisma and ability not only on the tennis court but off it as well.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

My mother and uncle for their advice, wisdom and guidance.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Lleyton Hewitt beating Rodger Federer in the Davis Cup semi-final in 5 sets for his determination to come back from 2 sets to love down and looking like he was out of the match for sure. Also Marat Safin beating Rodger Federer in the semi-final of the Australian Open 2006 in 5 sets for one of the best if not greatest tennis match I have ever seen.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

The family history at the club and the opportunities Kooyong's facilities bring forth.

What qualities do you admire in people?

A person's honesty, commitment and loyalty shown towards others.

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

I would either be playing AFL football or cricket for Victoria.

What do you do outside tennis?

I coach juniors and I am getting ready to go to college in America. I also enjoy spending time with mates and family, watching AFL and cricket.

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

Approx 13 hours on court and 5 hours off court.

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

Winning the State Grade final this year.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

No other time to play other sports and amount of time partying must be restricted heavily due to early training commitments and matches the following day.



Karolina Wlodarczyk

AGE: 19

GRADE: State

PLAY: R/H (double handed backhand)

Tennis Achievements:

Currently ranked WTA 464 in singles and WTA 642 in doubles. Currently ranked number 1 in girl's aged 19 & Under in Australia. Recently reached the quarter-finals in singles of a US\$25,000 tournament in Melbourne in February.

Won the 2005 Victorian Open Claycourt Championships. Qualified and played in the 2005 Australian Open Juniors and made the second round, losing a close match to the number 4 seed from the Ukraine, Olga Savchuk. 2005 Victorian Women's State Grade Player of the Year.

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Roger Federer, obviously is the best in the game, but also brings good sportsmanship, history and care into tennis. He is very deceiving in that he is very quick, and also is quite strong and athletic. His variety of shots and mentality on court is superior.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

Loved anything to do with hand-eye co-ordination when I was growing up. My parents introduced me to several different sports, as did my brother, and after being at a state level in both athletics and swimming, I finally turned to tennis at around 10 years of age! In this regards, my parents (family) had the greatest influence and helped me become a tennis player.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Tennis related - possibly Roger Federer winning his fourth Wimbledon in succession. Also the marathon 5 hour match between Andy Roddick and Younes El Aynaoui at the Australia Open a few years ago, where Andy finally won 21-19 in the fifth set!

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

The prestige of Kooyong, its tradition, the people/members, its etiquette and generally because it is regarded as one of the best tennis clubs there are! It also has a variety of court surface.

What qualities do you admire in people?

Honesty, trust, reliability, determination, friendliness.

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

Not sure, either something to do with medicine or law.

What do you do outside tennis?

Training!

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

Aim to practice nearly every day, working on playing and fitness.

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

Winning the flag!

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Less time to do things, going out, and you have to be very organised and disciplined!

Mid Week Ladies Report

Our mid week ladies have started the year well with nearly all of our teams in the Wednesday and Thursday morning Bayside competitions sitting inside the top four.

In Section 1 on Wednesday mornings Caroline Hassan and Sally Addison's teams are currently sitting second and fifth positions respectively.

Judy O'Connor's team in Section 3 is sitting in second position.

On Thursday mornings Kris Tulloch's Section A team currently sits in sixth place while Linda Dohnt and Anne Kaiser's teams in Section 1 and 2 respectively both sit in third spot on the ladder.

In Section 4 Nancy Basset and Kathy Grant's teams are in equal third while Mandy Lugg's Section 5 team are currently in fourth spot on the ladder.

In Section 6 Anne Fitzpatrick's team are in fifth spot on the ladder.

On Tuesday mornings the season has just finished in MEMRLTA and our teams had mixed success with only one team making the finals.

In A1 Rosie Kovacs' team finished in fifth spot on the ladder while Moira Righetti lost the grand final after finishing in second spot on the ladder in A5.

Kaye Auty's team also played in A5 and they finished the season in seventh place on the ladder.

In A6 Fleur Cameron's team finished in sixth position while Cathy Klemens team just missed out on playing in the finals after finishing in fifth place on the ladder in B2.

Congratulations to all the ladies on Tuesdays for the completion of another season and good luck to all the ladies in the Bayside competition for the remainder of the season and the upcoming finals.

Junior Tennis Round Up

Kooyong's junior teams are proving to be highly competitive across all sections on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Club is currently fielding 25 teams over both mornings with 8 on Saturday and 17 on Sunday.

The standard of players coming through the junior programs at Kooyong continues to rise and we are seeing many more youngsters reaching the higher echelons of the junior competition at a much younger age at the moment.

There are several exciting young players coming through the ranks and we look forward to watching them continue their development from this competition to the Junior Pennant, where they represent their association, and then onto the senior Tennis Victoria Pennant competition where they again represent the Club.

If you feel your child is performing at a high standard for their age group please don't hesitate to contact either Cedric or Daniel for more information about the player pathway that may help in their continued development.

On Sunday mornings Kooyong has 17 teams across the 19 sections with most sides sitting inside the top four or just outside of it.

In Section 1 Andrew Grooby's team is well within striking distance as we near the half way mark of the season as they sit in fifth spot on the ladder.

In Section 2 Sam Murphy's team have been impressive and currently sit in second spot on the ladder while Daniel Badov's team of rising stars is just outside the top four and competing well.

Caroline Salter and James Lowe's teams are sitting in 5th and 6th spots respectively in Section 3 while Ben Clark's team is sitting in fourth position in Section 4.

In Section 5 Kirsten Callander's team is also sitting in fourth spot on the ladder while Sonja Mihelyi and Ben Robinson's teams are sitting in fourth and eighth respectively in Section 6.

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In Section 9 Will Sommers' team is well placed in third position and in Section 10 Simon Hardham and Will Hays' teams are currently first and fourth respectively.

Renee Sheary and Hamish Jones' teams are in second and seventh places respectively in Section 12 while Zoe Castran and Harry Atkins' teams are in sixth and seventh in Section 14.

In Section 18 Cindy Tamber's team of youngsters are currently sitting in third place on the ladder in their first season of competition.

We look forward to many of these teams making the finals in early June.



Crèche Report

Due to the popularity and success of the crèche there has been a huge demand for crèche places. We are happy to announce the Crèche is now registered to take a maximum of 20 children per session (an increase of 6) ranging from babies (6 weeks old) to children attending kindergarten.

Kooyong Crèche offers continuity of care as the same carers, Sue, Gill and Crystal are here every morning - Monday to Friday - providing a nurturing, safe and happy environment for our "Kooyong Kids" whilst parents are enjoying the facilities of the club.

If you are not familiar with the Crèche please contact the Kooyong Pro Shop for further

details and to arrange an appointment time to inspect the facility.

CRÈCHE SESSION TIMES:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15a.m. to 12 noon,

FRIDAY - 9.15a.m. to 12.15p.m.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

The Crèche Committee organises social events throughout the year for the enjoyment of crèche members, fellow club members and friends and to raise money for additional equipment, books and toys. These events will be advertised throughout the clubhouse.

NEXT EVENT: *Film Night - date and details to be advised.*



KOOYONG PRO SHOP

Kooyong Pro Shop offers members a wide range of tennis merchandise and services

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Club Round-Up

Social Committee

2007 has already taken off with a **Tennis Soiree** held Fri, 2nd March, which attracted 26 keen tennis players. It was a lovely night for tennis, barbeque dinner & drinks on the terrace.

The winners on the evening were Dianne Coles & Mark Wright and Runners up were Jane and Pat Lennon - congratulations! It was a great night with some staying till closing time!

OTHER FUNCTIONS FOR 2007

- Carvery/Disco - Saturday, 16th June
- 'JJ' John Jeffries Annual Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin & BBQ
- Sun, 14th October
- Christmas Party - Sat, 1st December

Please diarise these dates now!!

These photos were taken at our Xmas Party last December - another great night of entertainment by the Retro Bandits.

Let's relive the good old days!! Hope you can join us at our **Carvery Disco - a new function** - hear original hits from the 70's & 80's. Would love to hear your song requests - include with acceptance flyer from the Club.

Thanks for all your support.

Rosie Waite-Garrison
President



Young Members

Just a quick message...

You can really feel the buzz all around the club...

2007 is seeing Young Members come to fruition and on behalf of the committee we promise you some fantastic events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

30 June 2007 - Wimbledon Ball

22 April 2007 - Round Robin & BBQ

It is essential that the club has your email address, so you are kept up to date with all announcements - if in doubt, please make a quick call to the Club on 9822 3333 to register your address.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fabulous Young members I have met recently wanting to get involved in their club - If you haven't had time to catch up or get involved, we are always only a drink away!

In addition, thank you to the club and staff for such dedicated support.

Angela Aiken xx
Young Members President

Psst... upcoming events

22 April 2007 - Round Robin & BBQ

30 June 2007 - Wimbledon Ball

Golf Day, Drinks Night, Trivia Night

As you all know Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is seeing the formation of the official Young Members in 2007.

The committee would like to extend an opportunity for all members to become part of history.

CREATE THE NEW LOGO FOR YOUNG MEMBERS

The winning design will be used for ALL future Young Member events, correspondence and promotions.

The logo will be displayed in the next issue of Courtside, along with being shown proudly on the website and in the Clubhouse.

The winner will receive 2 tickets to the annual Wimbledon Ball

So getting thinking - and email your designs to: angela@vegas.com.au

YOUNG MEMBERS Tennis Round Robin & BBQ

Sunday 22nd April 2007 - on the grass courts
All standards welcome

1pm (sharp) start followed by drinks on the balcony, overlooking the grass courts and the option to enjoy a BBQ on the terrace

See the booking form on the back of the flysheet accompanying Courtside



The Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

A spectacular night was held by the RCH Auxiliary in the Kooyong Room on the 1st of December 2006.

Christmas decorations were put up by the Club and a black tie dinner dance for 134 people was in full swing with the Rathdowne Street Big Band giving their time for a wonderful cause.

We raised \$3069 that night and they have offered to play again for the RCH this year.

Members take note of the date: Friday 16th November

Celebrate your Christmas breakup in the Kooyong Room and help raise money for a great cause.

That night we handed a cheque to the RCH Representative for \$20,000 to buy 4 Dinamap Procure 300 Monitors for babies.

In December our 68th AGM was scheduled in the President's Room and Marie Devereux retired as President.

Thank you for a wonderful informative and excellent two years of leadership Marie.

Our new Patron of the RCH Auxiliary, Mrs Amy Hill, attended the lunch provided by the past President along with Phyllis George, who donates so much to this Auxiliary. We had a great day!

Madelaine Hall, a long serving Committee member retired but is still helping us at functions. Thank you for everything Madelaine.

On Monday 3rd of March our Annual Ladies Tennis Day was held and some ladies have been driving from Echuca for 30 years to play on Kooyong's grass courts.

We raised \$6252.50 in a wonderful result.

I would like to pay tribute to the hard working committee members who served the lunches on that day and I would also like to thank all the volunteers who come in on the day at all our functions and assist the staff and Committee. Thank you ladies!

A special tribute is due to the Fosters Group who donated and mixed 350 cocktails for the ladies after a long morning of tennis.

Our next functions will be a card day to be held on Monday 23rd April and a further card day on Monday 20th August.

Get your friends together and make up a table for a delicious lunch and cards. Everyone is welcome.

Any enquiries for the upcoming functions can be directed to Mrs Caroline Hill, Secretary, on 9857 9689.

Finally, no committee or function would exist without a wonderful venue such as Kooyong and its hardworking staff who contribute greatly to our cause.

Thank you.

Sandra Williams - President



Club Round-Up

Wine & Food Society

Our 'dinner with a difference' started in perfect weather with drinks and savouries served in the President's Room and on the balcony before we moved into the 'Chef's Kitchen' in the Kooyong Room.

Kevin and his staff were already working from the dais, plating and serving our entrées and we were able to watch the action close up, either as we entered the room or during the course of the evening.

Chris Brown was amongst the guests and both he and I were most impressed with Kevin's skill with the microphone - move over Jamie Oliver.

The food was of the standard we have come to expect for our special functions at the Club. In particular, the lamb and prosciutto main course was 'to die for', it cut like butter and the flavour of the prosciutto permeated with the meat to perfection.

This function took a lot of planning and organization and thanks are due to Patrice, Kevin and the staff who contributed so much to the success of the evening.

Pamela Middleton - *Bacchus*



- Menu -

ON ARRIVAL

Nv Seppelts 'Fleur de Lys' Sparkling,
Great Western, Vic

ENTRÉE

Kingfish and prawn ravioli in a pool
of chilli clam jus topped with a warm
salad of ginger, shitake and snow pea.

2006 Montgomery's Hill Sauvignon
Blanc, Great Southern/Margaret
River, WA

2005 Juniper Estate 'The Crossing'
Chardonnay, Margaret River, WA

MAIN

Roasted loin of lamb smeared
with fresh herbs and wrapped in
prosciutto with a pumpkin and
Persian fetta frittata

2005 Copse Hill Pinot Noir, Yarra
Valley, Vic

2004 Blackjack 'Chortle's Edge'
Shiraz, Bendigo, Vic

DESSERT

Baked pineapple rice pudding brulee
with spiced fig and pecan biscotti

Bacchus: Pamela Middleton

Executive Chef: Kevin Ley

Food and Beverage Manager: Patrice Renaudin



SQUASH REPORT

The Club Circuit Autumn season is midway and about half of our teams appearing certain finalists. Thanks to Vicki Cardwell we have been able to enter our first ever Ladies State 1 team and they also look a likely finalist.

The Kooyong Junior Squash Program is going strong with multiple programs now running for kids aged from 7 to 19.

There is the Kooyong Junior Squash Competition, the Development Squad and also the South East Junior Pennant competition.

The Kooyong Junior Squash competition has been successful with many kids participating each week. This program offers a fun and friendly competition with modified rules for kids aged 7 to 19.

The Development Squad has been a huge success with approximately 18 players attending each week. This program is designed for players to develop their skills in a group environment whilst under the supervision of a qualified coach. There are two sessions to cater for all abilities.

Kooyong is also represented in the South Eastern Junior Pennant Competition.

Kooyong was represented in the Spring season of South Eastern Junior Squash Pennant Competition.

We had two teams - B & C grade. Both teams' performances and sportsmanship was admirable. Our B grade team finished the season in 3rd position and the C grade team finished 4th.

Congratulations to Nicola Templeton, who was undefeated at #1 in the B grade team in the Spring season of the South Eastern Junior Squash Pennant competition.

Kooyong is also participating in the South Eastern Junior Squash Pennant Competition - Autumn season with three teams, A, B and C grade.

Many of Kooyong junior squash players have begun 2007 with a fierce on and off-court training schedule. Three players - Selena Shaikh, Robert Templeton and Harrison Sinatra participated in the December 2006 Kooyong Squash Training Camp.

The players experienced the long haul up the Memorial Kokada Trail (otherwise known as the 1000 steps) in Ferntree Gully, not just once, but 4 times! The training camp also involved three 2-hour on-court training sessions at Kooyong LTC.

This was a grueling camp where the players attitude and determination is to be commended.

Many of the Kooyong junior squash players participated in the annual High Performance Program/VIS Squash Camp at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre in December 2006.

Players had 5 days of on and off-court activities, including a squash training session and discussion with 5-times World Squash Champion and Gold Medalist Sarah Fitz-Gerald.

Also congratulations to Selena Shaikh & Robert Templeton who have both been accepted into the Victorian Institute of Sport!



BRIDGE BITS

The new year has started off very vigorously. Our excellent Committee has remained unchanged, our membership keeps increasing as we are such a friendly, vibrant group and the bridge standard keeps improving.

In fact, members will be interested that we are running several Red Point Tuesday evening duplicate sessions throughout this year.

Also, our Director, Cathie Lachman, will give a short lesson before duplicate from 6.45pm - 7.15 pm on the first Tuesday of each month.

For those more interested in social style bridge we have monthly sessions at 1pm on the first Thursday of each month.

The complete 2007 calendar of events can be viewed on our page at the KLTC website.

A most important date to note for our members and the wider bridge community is the Sunday Swiss Pairs Event, which includes lunch on the 27th of May.

By the time this report goes to print we will have held our first Visitors Night and Teams Match against Royal South Yarra Tennis Club/Bridge Club.

Don't hesitate any longer if you are thinking of bridging with us.

Just come along.

Leeron Branicki
Convenor



Photo: 2006 winners of the Kooyong Bridge Trophy for Best Players, Tek and Wilson Chan.

Club Round-Up

Billiards & Snooker Report

Kooyong regains the Sandringham-Kooyong Cup

A-GRADE BILLIARDS

The last few weeks of the billiards season late last year demonstrated the fickle nature of team play in sport. As mentioned in the last Courtside, our team needed some extraordinary performances to make the Finals during the last three weeks of the Home and Away matches.

These "heroics" were forthcoming, the team beating both Brunswick and Yarraville 6-0 in consecutive weeks. Alas, all this good work was undone by an indifferent performance in the Elimination Final, where we lost 4-2 to Cheltenham. And so the team finished the season in third position.

A-GRADE SNOOKER

The new snooker season is in its early stages, having started in February. The team is in seventh position on the ladder.

SANDRINGHAM-KOOYONG CUP

In early December the eight man Kooyong team travelled to the Sandringham Club to play the annual snooker match between the two clubs. Unlike in the previous couple of clashes, and aided by the warm hospitality of our hosts, the Kooyong players were in superb form, and could do no wrong.

Each player played one frame of singles and one frame of doubles. At the end of the match the frame score stood at 10 to 2 - a resounding victory.

The members of the team were Harry Andrews, David Pitt, Alistair Macindoe, Simon Fortune, Neil MacLachlan, John Fanshaw, Dick Grogan and Hayden Rees.

Alistair Macindoe

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To become a good snooker player you have to master three things: potting, positional play and safety play - in that order."

Géza Gazdag - three times cannon champion of Hungary.

SHOT OF THE MONTH

"Combination shots" or "Plants" By Alistair Macindoe

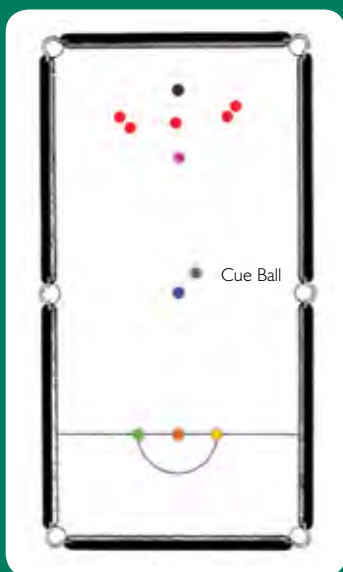


DIAGRAM 1

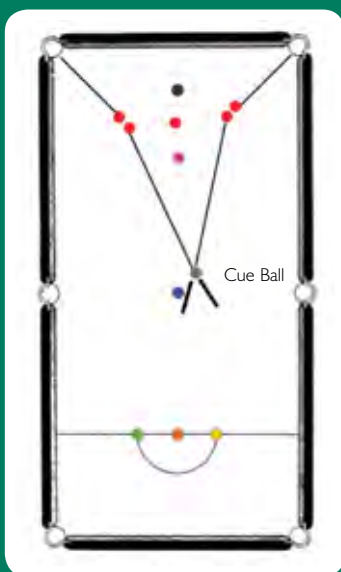


DIAGRAM 2

Imagine you come to the table with the balls placed as in diagram 1. Potting the initial red doesn't look at all easy - the pink covers the only loose red.

But look again! There are two easy "plants" ("combinations") available here. By playing either of the two shots illustrated in diagram 2, it is easy to pot a red.

You only need to strike the red that is further from the pocket fairly solidly; this knocks the other red into the pocket. When the reds are lined up perfectly for the pocket, it is actually hard to miss these shots, that is providing the red does not have to travel more than, say, a metre to the pocket.

In the next Shot of the Month, we will delve further into the mysteries of combination shots, and how it is possible to pot a red when the pair of reds is not lined up perfectly for the pocket.

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club - Health Club News

GYMNASIUM

What a great time to be part of Kooyong Health Club. There have been an increasing number of participants utilising the world class facilities of the gymnasium in 2007.

The peak times at the gym are between 6am-7.30am, 9am-10.30am, 12-1pm and 5pm-7.30pm. Those wishing for a quiet workout may opt for the off peak times at the gym.

HOT NEWS

Our Gym Supervisor, Shane Adams, is advancing his studies in the area of 'Fitness Therapy' in order to gain a nationally recognised qualification as a fitness therapist.

He is currently specializing in musculoskeletal exercise rehabilitation to enable him to provide exercise rehabilitation for individuals with shoulder, back and knee injuries and with arthritic conditions.

YOGA

It is now Steven Georgiou's 5th year as a yoga teacher at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and there has been a great deal of change in that time.

The greatest change and the most inspirational have been within the students themselves. The most obvious benefit the students have expressed has been the noticeable change within their flexibility.

This has increased and many students speak of being able to do things that they have not been able to do in a long time, such as finding it easier to turn their head when reversing the car, being able to walk without pain and being free of lower back pain for the first time in years.

The benefits of practicing Hatha yoga are plentiful and effects are cumulative and long lasting.

Each class is one hour in duration and Steve will take you through stretching of the body to release muscle tension and the practice of breathing techniques that will increase lung capacity and, in turn, increase energy levels.

Additionally, each of the 10 asanas (postures) that Steve leads his class through have been validated by western science to bring effective improvements to all areas of health.

So if you have been considering participating in a yoga class why not book at the Pro Shop for the average/beginners level class at 7.00pm Monday and Wednesday or for the advanced level at 8.00pm on Wednesday.

AEROBICS

Summer is over and it is time to settle into the rhythm of life and exercise.

Exercise can make us feel good on a physical and emotional level as well as being like an elixir of health for the body and soul.

Join Juliette for the 9.30am Fitball class on Mondays, Stephen for the Body Sculpting class on Wednesday with plenty of pizzazz and join Cheryl on Fridays at 9.30am for a very energetic Combo class.

These classes are suited to new participants and the aerobic exercise will definitely release those 'feel good' endorphins. A post workout coffee is also a great way to unwind and socialise after the class.

PILATES

Pilates classes with Margaret Scotti continue to be a highly attended class at KLTC. With classes running Mondays at 9.30am, Tuesdays at 10.30am and Thursday at 9.30am followed by Powerbar at 10.30am. The Thursday night Pilates class is back at 7.30pm in the Lifestyle Room.

AQUA AEROBICS

Acqua Aerobics has proven to be the most well attended and popular class at KLTC. We would sincerely like to express our thanks to the great instructors Lisa Mochkin and Toni Moore for keeping the Wednesday and Friday 9.30am classes pumping.

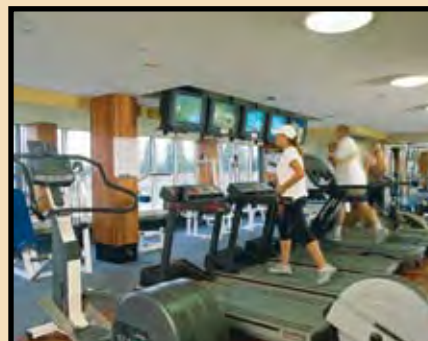
GREAT NEWS

We were extremely happy to see Leslie Thomas when she came to visit KLTC after making a full recovery from her illness. We look forward to Leslie filling in classes from time to time.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Cara Thorne has settled into her role as a Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer at KLTC. Cara has actively been updating member's reappraisals and program reviews, which are due every 12 weeks.

Cara has an efficient, no nonsense approach to achieving client's goals within their programs, ensuring long term results with her clients whilst being easy going and offering a premium, professional service.



TV NEWS

If you aren't completely tired of seeing my face around Kooyong then tune into Channel 7 at 10am Monday to Friday from the 19th of March for the new show 'Food For Life'.

I will be presenting Personal Training and Healthy Living tips on the show alongside the main presenter Cindy Sargon, who will be cooking nutritious food, and resident nutritionist Rachael.

I hope you can tune in and get some helpful hints on a healthy lifestyle.

Michael Kull
Health Facility Manager

Diary Dates

April 2007

Young Members Round Robin & BBQ <i>- See back of flysheet for booking form</i>	22nd
Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Card Day	23rd

May 2007

Mother's Day Lunch <i>- See ad below</i>	13th
The 2007 Champions' Dinner <i>- See ad on inside cover of Courtside for details</i>	18th
Sunday Swiss Pairs Event	27th

June 2007

Social Committee Carvery & Disco	16th
Young Members Wimbledon Ball	30th

July 2007

50 Year Members' Dinner	16th
President' Lunch <i>- Featuring Premiership Coach and Channel Ten commentator Robert Walls</i>	20th
New Members' Night	30th

EASTER & ANZAC DAY TRADING

Good Friday - 6th April 2007
CLUBHOUSE CLOSED

Easter Saturday - 7th April 2007
Reception - Closed
Pro Shop - Closed
Gym - 6.00am to 8.00pm
Racquet Club - Closed
Members Bar & Bistro - 12noon to 9.00pm

Easter Sunday - 8th April 2007
Reception - Closed
Pro Shop - Closed
Gym - 6.00am to 8.00pm
Racquet Club - Closed
Members Bar & Bistro - 12noon to 9.00pm

Easter Monday - 9th April 2007
Reception - Closed
Pro Shop - Closed
Gym - 6.00am to 8.00pm
Racquet Club - Closed
Members Bar & Bistro - 12noon to 9.00pm

Anzac Day - Wednesday 25th April 2007
Reception - Closed
Pro Shop - Closed
Gym - 6.00am to 9.00pm
Racquet Club - Closed
Members Bar & Bistro - 10am to 10.00pm

Mother's Day luncheon

Sunday 13th May 2007 in The Kooyong Room
12 Midday - 3pm • Gourmet Buffet • Drinks at Bar Prices

\$50 for adults, \$25 for children 13 years and under

Complimentary glass of champagne on arrival for all mothers



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