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JOHN PEERS

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Kooyong's John Peers (pictured right) made a brave run all the way to this year's Wimbledon Doubles final with partner Jamie Murray. The dream run ended at the hands of fourth seeds, Frenchman Jean-Julien Rojer and Romania's Horia Tecau, who won the final in three tight sets 7/5 6/4 6/4. It was a fantastic tournament for Peers and Murray, who endured two five set epics including one against last year's Wimbledon Doubles Champions Jack Sock and Vasek Pospisil.

"Reaching the final of the men's doubles was an amazing experience. It was great to be able to play out on centre court and have a lot of friends and family there supporting me," said Peers.

"The Wimbledon Championships is an amazing event. It is the last Slam left on grass and the home of tennis. To have success there is what you work so hard for," he said. Seeded thirteen, the tournament started with a regulation 6/1 7/6 6/2 win over British pair Luke Bambridge and Liam Broady before running into America's

Nicholas Monroe and New Zealand Davis Cup player Artem Sitak and after going down two sets to one, Peers and Murray rallied to win in five sets 7/5 4/6 4/6 7/6 6/4.

The next challenge was the defending champions and they got off to the perfect start by winning the first two sets 6/3 7/6 but then the challenge came as Sock and Pospisil won the third in a tiebreak and the fourth set 6/3. The deciding set, played to advantage, was another huge battle despite Peers and Murray leading all the key statistics but it was the opportunities they created throughout the match that eventually wore their opponents down. Jack and Pospisil faced sixteen break points to just two for Peers and Murray and it was the one that they converted in the fifth set that made the difference in the end as they moved into the quarterfinals and into a showdown with Alexander Peya and Bruno Soares. Again they created more opportunities and were able to convert two of their seven break points while their opponents failed to convert any of their four as Peers and Murray broke through to win 6/4 7/6 6/3 and reach their first Grand Slam

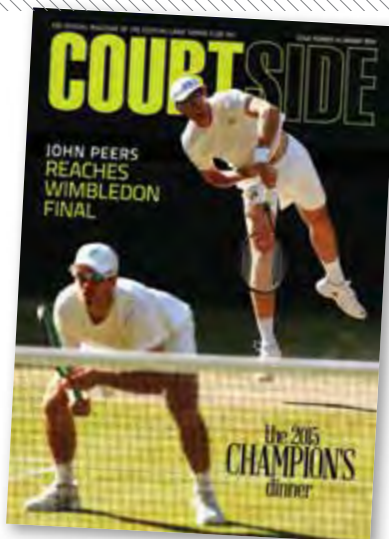
Doubles semi final. The unseeded pair of Philipp Petzschner and Jonathan Erlich awaited them and jumped away in the first set after making the most of one of their four break point opportunities.

This was the last break point they would convert while Peers and Murray worked their way back into the match as they converted all four of their opportunities over the next three sets to reach their first Grand Slam Doubles final in impressive fashion. Despite losing the final, Peers and Murray can be very proud of their efforts and are sure to be back in the future as they continue to take strides on the tour and their rankings have continued to climb to career highs of 19 and 20 respectively. "Playing in venues like this makes me want to work harder and harder so I can give myself more opportunities to do this. It was always a dream of mine to win a Slam and now I am trying to turn that into a reality," said Peers. It's been an amazing year for Peers as he also recently got engaged so we send him congratulations and best wishes for continued success from everyone here at the Club.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Masterplan

Over recent months the Board has been reviewing and updating the master plan with our architect Bruce Henderson. It is intended that the master plan will provide not only a blueprint of improvement to Kooyong facilities in the years to come, but importantly will meet the most immediate needs of the Club and Members. Noted among the priorities is providing additional car parking for Members and it is the intention of the Board to give that due attention.

Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic

The Club has been engaged in a major review of the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic with IMG. This year will see a number of major changes to the way the event will be run to ensure that we are positioning it as the most prestigious event of the Australian tennis calendar leading up to the Open. We look forward to showcasing some of the best tennis talent in the world and in particular some of our up and coming young Australians. This is your opportunity to be up close to the action in your favourite environment and I encourage all Members to give the Classic the support it deserves and plan your holidays around being at the event and supporting your Club.

Tennis & Squash

Kooyong Members have continued to enjoy success on the world stage in both tennis and squash. It was particularly pleasing to see one of our Members John Peers make the Wimbledon Doubles Final with Andy Murray's brother Jamie. John is the son of Members Bill Peers and 14 times women's club champion Liz Peers and on behalf of the Club I extend our congratulations to all of them for such a fine achievement. Omar Jasika has just broken into the world's top 300 after winning ITF titles in Korea and Canada, while Marc Polmans won the doubles title at the junior lead-in event to Wimbledon at Roehampton. Destanee Aiava, at just 15 years of age, reached the quarterfinals of the Junior Wimbledon Doubles and will spearhead Australia's quest to win the Junior Fed Cup later this year in Madrid. Top Australian junior Codey Gunn won the 14's Singles title at the Victorian Championships, while Jeremy Taylor recently won the Queensland Championships 16's Doubles title, as well as being runner up in the 16's singles. Kooyong's Head Coach Glenn Busby defended his 55+ World Seniors title, while Leanne Scott and

Eddie Myers also won the 55+ World Mixed Doubles title.

In squash, Sam Ejtemai is the Australian 19's champion and is currently touring through Europe to improve his world squash ranking while Christine Nunn was successful in winning the Tasmanian Open. The squash section also held another very successful Kooyong International tournament and it showcased some excellent squash on our home courts ahead of the Victorian Open. We can be pleased that the opportunities provided by the Club, and of course the important support given by the Kooyong Foundation, is combining to produce talented people across a range of sports and allowing them to excel in their chosen disciplines.

Club Groups

At the last AGM, the Club adopted new Rules, and the Board is reviewing various governance issues of the many sporting and social groups within the Club, to bring them in line with those changes. I encourage all Members to get involved in these groups within the Club, as they offer a variety of significant opportunities as you will see below. The Kooyong Bridge Club has grown significantly over the last twelve months and has a programme to introduce newcomers to the game. Bridge is regularly held on Mondays during the day, and on Tuesday nights for Members to enjoy. The Kooyong Members Wine and Food Society recently held the "1 Chef and 3 Sommeliers" dinner which showcased our fine food and wine. The night identified how privileged we are to have Chris Goulding, Patrice Renaudin and our entire food and beverage staff looking after our food, wines and service. The Royal Children's Hospital Committee held another successful "Christmas in July function" and the group raised much-needed funds for the Royal Children's Hospital on the day, while sporting legend Kevin Bartlett entertained the crowd. The Young Members will team up again with their counterparts from Royal South Yarra to host the very popular annual "Yarrayong Ball", which will be held at Kooyong this year on 22nd August. There is also a black tie dinner dance organised by the Kooyong Social Committee, to be held on the 29th August that promises glamour, glitz and dancing. I bring these to your attention because they are run by members for members, and participation will guarantee you an even greater enjoyment of Kooyong.

Peter Carew
President

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

With the onset of winter, tennis has moved to the en tous cas courts, and attention has turned to the annual maintenance program on the grass courts. Grass court conditions at the end of season were very encouraging, and it is considered that this year's maintenance programs should provide good recovery when warmer weather returns. With less need to replace turf than in past years, efforts are being made to instead encourage regeneration, to achieve stronger growth than possible from newly laid turf. There are many sporting successes of Members outlined in the pages of this Courtside, both locally and internationally. Among the notable achievements was the Wimbledon final appearance of John Peers, partnering with Jamie Murray in the doubles. John and Jamie have established themselves as a force in recent times, and we offer congratulations and wish them every success in the future. Executive Chef, Chris Goulding has introduced a number of changes to lunchtime dining in the Racquet Club, including the addition of several popular bistro dishes for Members to enjoy along with seasonal offerings. I encourage Members to book in and enjoy the comfort of the Racquet Club and the excellent food, wine and service on offer. Our hardworking club group committees have planned a number of sporting and social activities for the months ahead and I encourage all Members to take the opportunity to enjoy the many opportunities provided. In addition to events outlined here in Courtside, further information will be available in Member communications, on the website and notice boards closer to the dates.

Chris Brown
CEO



Graeme Hubbert, Line Hansen, Ryan Cuskelly, John & Annie Link at the presentations after another successful Kooyong International.

THE KOOYONG INTERNATIONAL

The Australian International squash season kicked off in earnest at Kooyong in the last weekend of July with the Kooyong International acting as a prelude to the Victorian and Australian Championships

With the support of sponsors John Link and Graeme Hubbert, the Kooyong International, now in its fourth year, continues to grow in stature and is gaining recognition around the world. Players invited to the Kooyong International, a round robin event, are currently in Melbourne preparing for the Australian Squash Championships.

This year's event attracted players from around the globe including India, South Africa, Denmark, Pakistan and Scotland as well as our home grown stars. Two time champion and former world number 1 Rachael Grinham was the top seed in the women's event with Denmark's Line Hansen, the current Danish and Wales Champion seeded number two.

Last year's Commonwealth Games gold medallist Joshana Chinappa was seeded three while current South African champion Siyoli Waters was the fourth seed. In the men's event, Australia's world number 35 Ryan Cuskelly was the top seed and Pakistan's current Junior and Open champion, Nasir Iqbal was seeded two while Scotland's Greg Lobban was seeded three and Australia's Rex Hendrick was the fourth seed.

The event kicked off with the first round of matches being played on Friday night and the men's event saw the top seed, Ryan Cuskelly kick off his campaign in style with a win over fellow Australian Rex Hendrick who sustained an injury and was then replaced in the draw by Steven Finitsis. Greg Lobban

started with an impressive win over Nasir Iqbal three games to one in a high quality contest. The women's matches began with Siyoli Waters, arriving directly from the airport, taking on top seed and two-time winner Rachael Grinham and it turned out to be an epic encounter as both players fought for every point.

Waters overcame any jetlag she might have had to defeat the former world number 1 in five games to set the tone for the event. The second match saw Denmark's Line Hansen defeat Commonwealth champion Joshana Chinappa three games to one in another close match.

Saturday's matches saw Ryan Cuskelly live up to his top billing with another impressive performance as he defeated Greg Lobban in three games to all but wrap up top spot with one match to play while Nasir Iqbal got a win on the board when he defeated Steven Finitsis three games to one as he displayed his vast shot making arsenal.

The women's matches continued with Line Hansen again showing her consistency as she defeated Siyoli Waters three games to love while Joshana Chinappa won comfortably over Rachael Grinham to complete the second round. Sunday's third and final round of the round robin saw Ryan Cuskelly complete a clean sweep of the Kooyong International despite having to fight tooth and nail with Nasir Iqbal in what some believe was the highest quality squash match to be played at

Kooyong. Cuskelly's endurance and ability to retrieve opposition shots and turn the rally back in his favour were incredible as he won three games to two. It was another great match to finish the men's competition as Greg Lobban defeated Steven Finitsis three games to two to finish in second place just ahead of Iqbal.

The women's matches were completed with Line Hansen winning her third match of the weekend when she defeated Australia's Rachael Grinham to win the event for the first time while Joshana won her second match to wrap up second place after defeating Siyoli Waters in another entertaining match.

Congratulations to all the players involved for putting on such a wonderful tournament here at Kooyong and we look forward to hosting a bigger and better event in 2016!







A huge crowd made the 2015 Champions' Dinner the biggest and best yet as we celebrated the Club's sporting greats for another year.

Nearly 200 Members and their guests packed the Kooyong Room in May for a fun and entertaining evening featuring the presentation of trophies from the Club Championships across tennis, squash and bridge. The night also saw Greg Champion, fittingly, from the Coodabeen Champions sing some of his best football sing-a-long favourites which included plenty of Collingwood bashing as a highlight. Another highlight was MC

Darren James' interview of Decathlete Steve Cain who placed fifth at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games was fantastic. Steve provided the many Kooyong Scholarship holders in the room that night with plenty of inspiration for their own journeys in both tennis and squash over the coming years. It was great to see Annabelle Andrinopoulos collect her first Club Championships trophy on the night while David Bidmeade stood proudly to receive the trophy for the third time in five years. Men's squash Club champion Mike Corren was an apology but it was great to see Sarah Cardwell there to take home the trophy for a second time. The Club's Bridge champions including Jill Shirley, Maria Campbell, Louise Strauss and Judith Varlamos were all on hand to receive the plaudits from the crowd.

Other highlights included the two very impressive Under 21's winners taking home their first major trophies at the Club. Katerina Valos and Jeremy Taylor won their respective events in impressive fashion and continue to improve as players. 14-time Club champion Elizabeth Peers also collected another trophy in the 50+ Singles while Ian Anderson won his 50+ title before heading off to the World Seniors Championships in France. In the end it was another fantastic night spent with the champions of the Club and we look forward to another wonderful year ahead.



the 2015

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**Preserving the Past
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Kooyong's rising star Destanee Aiava has continued her fantastic run of form by leading the Australian Junior Fed Cup team to a resounding win in the Asia/Oceania qualifying event held in Shepparton in April. Needing to finish in the top four to qualify for the finals in Madrid later this year, the Aussie girls, seeded one, were more than up for the challenge with Destanee showing the way. The Australian girls dominated the group stage with comfortable wins over Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and New Zealand to reach the quarterfinals. The match against Indonesia was another comfortable win with Destanee again dominating in her singles rubber. The semi final against the fourth seeds from Japan was the toughest test so far but the Australian girls again dominated by winning all three rubbers in straight sets to move through to the final against Chinese Taipei. The final was a thrilling encounter as both singles matches went to three sets. Seone Mendez fought back from being a set down to defeat Taipei's Yang Lee 3/6 7/5 6/3 while Destanee won a tight first set before losing the second set in a tiebreak against Pei-Hsuan Chen. The final set was dominated by Destanee as she ran away with the match to secure the win 7/5 6/7 6/1. Jaimee Fourlis and Seone Mendez also won the doubles to continue the girls unbeaten run throughout the event. Australia's Junior Davis Cup team, seeded two, of Blake Ellis, Alex De Minaur and Matthew Romios defeated the top seeds from Japan in the final to make it a clean sweep for the home team. Congratulations to all involved and we wish them well for the finals in Madrid later this year!



**DESTANEE AIAVA
LEADS AUSSIES TO**

**JUNIOR FED
CUP FINALS**

Kooyong's Codey Gunn lived up to his second seeding and then surpassed it by winning the 14's Singles at the recent Victorian State Championships.

Envisaged to meet his Kooyong teammate and top seed, Connor Di Marco, in the final, Codey had to do battle with Victorian number six seed, Joshua Spaul, in the final after he upset Di Marco in three sets in the semi final 4/6 6/1 6/4. The final was another great match as both players looked to win the prestigious title and it was Spaul that shot to the lead after taking the first set 6/3. Gunn fought back to take the second set via the same scoreline and from there he was never headed as he took control of the match to win 3/6 6/3 6/1. Di Marco went on to reach the final of the doubles with his partner Jack Clements and they unfortunately lost in a match tiebreaker. Kooyong's Mike Vaughan had a great tournament in the 16's singles as he reached the semi finals before bowing out to Tasmania's Daniel Groom 6/3 6/3. In the Girl's 16's Singles it was Samyuktha Rajagopalan that stood out with her impressive run to the semi finals. Unseeded, Rajagopalan defeated Queensland's number four seed, Daniela Kovacevic, in three sets before knocking out the sixth seeded Jessie Mount in straight sets to make the final four. In the semi final Rajagopalan found Aleksa Cveticanin too strong as the Queenslanders ran out a 6/4 6/0 victor. Rajagopalan also made the semi finals of the doubles with Kooyong's Stephanie Serafidis where they were unfortunately beaten by the top seeds 7/5 6/2. The 12's boy's singles saw David Qariaqus reach the quarterfinals before falling to the third seed, Enzo Aguiard, 6/3 6/2 while also reaching the final of the doubles with his partner Alex Bulte. Congratulations to all the Kooyong players involved in the recent Victorian State Championships!

KOoyong's CODEY GUNN WINS STATE TITLE



Codey Gunn in action at Kooyong.



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We are grateful that so many Members appreciate the great enjoyment that our sport and our club have given to them and choose to give something back to promote the up and coming youngsters.



The Chairman of the Kooyong Foundation, Peter Quinn, has praised Kooyong Members for their ongoing financial support which has enabled the club to provide scholarships for so many promising and deserving young players in recent years. Peter pointed to some remarkable success by scholarship players in the past 12 months:

- Omar Jasika claimed both the Junior Singles and Doubles titles at the US Open in September last year.
- Marc Polmans was part of the winning Junior Doubles combination at the Australian Open in January.
- John Peers teamed with Scot Jamie Murray to reach the Wimbledon Doubles Final in July, going down in three hard-fought sets.



Earlier this year the Foundation decided to recognise the donations made by Members by publishing their names in Courtside, the Club's Annual Report and on the Kooyong website.

"Many of these names are familiar to us because they contribute every year to the work of the Foundation," Peter said. "We are grateful that so many Members appreciate the great enjoyment that our sport and our club have given to them and choose to give something back to promote the up and coming youngsters." Much of the money raised by the Foundation is

directed to the scholarship campaign and other programs to help the juniors, including the regular Hot Shots coaching sessions conducted for the children and grandchildren of Members. But the Foundation also helps Kooyong's promising young squash players and directs resources to the acquisition of tennis memorabilia for display in the clubhouse. This Courtside is publishing the 2014 donors but those who make a donation any time this year will be listed in an edition of the magazine early next year, as well as on the website and in the Annual Report.

How you can help

Many Kooyong Members choose to make a tax-effective donation to the Foundation (via the Australian Sports Foundation) on the form provided when paying their annual subscriptions. However, you can donate any time via the ASF website or by requesting a form from the club (phone 9822 3333, email cbrown@kooyong.com.au or collect at reception). The Foundation has also been assisted by Members making bequests in their will. If you wish to help or would like further information about the Foundation's work please contact Kooyong CEO Chris Brown 9822 3333 or Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn 0418 396 999.

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Eddie Myers, Leanne Scott and Ian Anderson were at the Champions' Dinner before heading to France

Seniors World Titles

— for Kooyong Members —


Kooyong coach Glenn Busby has again won the World 55's Singles title while Leanne Scott and Eddie Myers have won the 55's Mixed Doubles crown at the World Championships held in France recently.

The Club was well represented across the various age groups with close to 20 players taking part in the event. Glenn Busby's dominant performance in the 55's singles, losing just 12 games in six matches, shows his superiority to everyone else competing at this level. In the final it was all one way traffic as he defeated Mike Tammen, from the USA, 6/2 6/2 to win the title. Eddie Myers was impressive in all three events in the 55's age group as he reached the fourth round of the singles followed by a semi final performance in the doubles having defeated the top

seeded pair of Busby and New Zealand's Paul Smith in the second round before losing the eventual champions. Myers then teamed up with Leanne Scott in the 55's Mixed Doubles and some would say the match made in heaven as the pair dominated their opponents all the way to the final before playing the third seeds, Wanda Howes and Paul Smith, and they got over the line in a tightly fought contest 6/3 3/6 10/7. Other Members to perform well included Martin Warwick who reached the semi final of the 50's Doubles after

making it to the fourth round of the singles while Leanne Scott also teamed up with Wendy Harrison to reach the semi final of the 55's Doubles after they both reached the second round of the singles. Andrew Rae reached the quarterfinals of the 60's singles while Fiona Medina and Rosemary Davis reached the quarterfinals of the Doubles in the 50's and 60's respectively.

Congratulations to all of our Members on another fantastic campaign at the 35th Seniors World Individual Championships!



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KOoyong Lawn Tennis Club 50 YEAR MEMBERS INDUCTED



A recent lunch featuring nearly 200 guests ushered in the 2015 class of 50 year members at Kooyong. The lunch included a fantastic interview with 5 times world squash champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald as well as a wrap up of recent significant results achieved by scholarship players from Foundation Board member Terry Fraser. This esteemed group grew by 26 this year, with 20 on hand to receive their new gold membership card along with their Club tie or scarf. Neville Bird, Robin Bourke, John Bowden, Adrian Cohen, Geraldine Dillon, William Dubsy, Anthony Graham, George Haddon, Noel Holland, Ross Kent, Patrick

McNamara, Jill Mirams, David Prior, Jim Ryan, Geoffrey Star, George Story, Bernard Teague, Margaret Wheelahan, Barbara Willis and Susan Young came forward and were congratulated by Vice President Brian Capp and reminisced about their long association with the Club. Anthony Emerson, John Hobson, Robert Lancy, Peter Milne, Margaret Sahhar and David Willersdor were also inducted this year. There were some very familiar names in the abovementioned group with former National Party leader Patrick McNamara down from Nagambie for the occasion while former President and Patron of the

Club, J.P. Young's daughter, Susan, was also inducted. The Club's recent 700 squash game milestone player, Bill Dubsy, joined this illustrious group as did former A Grade Pennant players Noel Holland, the 1956 Schoolboy's champion and David Prior, the 1965 Schoolboy's champion. Former Family Court Judge Anthony Graham has been heavily involved in advancing blind tennis over recent years and continues to enjoy his time at the Club.

Congratulations to all of Kooyong's new inductees and wishing them many more years of enjoyment at the Club!



Omar Jasika's mum and brother were on hand to receive his award

TENNIS VIC AWARDS

Kooyong's Junior Development programs were again on display at the recent Tennis Victoria Championships Dinner held at the MCC Dining Room. The first night of Wimbledon sees the annual awards dinner on show and it was great to see the Club have some success through the winning of several awards as well as having other finalists. Kooyong's Omar Jasika won the

Junior Player of the Year award after his breakout year that included the singles and doubles titles at the Junior US Open while Kooyong's Marc Polmans, who had won the last two Junior Player of the Year awards, was also a finalist. The Female Junior Athlete of the Year award was won by Kooyong's Destanee Aiava for the third straight year to again highlight her huge

potential in the sport while Kooyong's Danielle McIntyre was again a finalist. The Most Outstanding 35+ Senior saw Kooyong's Glenn Busby and Andrew Rae nominated as finalists for the award but unfortunately they lost out to Nola Collins on the night. Congratulations to all our members on the recognition of their efforts over the past twelve months!

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A Legend Retires

Just a few of Bert's achievements & statistics

- Played over 400 games with the South Yarra Club
- President of SYC squash section for many years during the 1970s
- South Yarra merged with Kooyong in 1987 when Bert was only 47 years old
- Kooyong squash committee for 25 years & chairman for 10 years
- Won premierships in all of club circuit's 5 decades
- Played 600 Kooyong pennant matches, all played after his 46th birthday
- Awarded the Jim Lambert medal for services to squash
- Presented with Kooyong's distinguished member award
- Donated trophies that include the Chairman's A Grade, Vicki Cardwell & Sarah Fitz-Gerald Junior Champions, Kooyong Classic



The spirit of squash at Kooyong has retired from Pennant Squash. Bert Armstrong has hung up the boots and will not play pennant squash again. He's had a pretty good run and still holds his own against people half his age but for everyone their comes a time when the competitive boots need to be hung up. Bert will still have a hit with some of his mates including Dicko, Barnsy & John Link and others who care to ask. Bert will continue to support squash at Kooyong like he has for decades. Thanks Bert and well done! You are a true legend of the game and of our great club.





2015 Wayne Arthurs Cup

The Kooyong Foundation was proud to again host the Wayne Arthurs Cup at Kooyong in April.

Played on the same weekend as Tennis Victoria's Premier League finals, this 10 & under mixed teams event brought together some of Victoria's most talented junior players. Sixteen teams of two boys and two girls came from all over metropolitan and country Victoria



to play in the two day round robin event. Kooyong's Roisin Gilheany was selected to play for Bayside Moorabbin and went through the event undefeated in singles. The semi finals saw two big metropolitan Associations go head to head with Eastern Region taking on Waverley while in the other semi final it was North Suburban Junior playing Western Region Waverley won a very tight encounter over Eastern Region by just five games while North Suburban

Junior defeated Western Region four rubbers to two to move into the final. The final was another great match but Waverley proved to be too strong for North Suburban winning four sets to two. The Waverley team consisted of Marko Pavicic, Mudiwa Munyimani, Aarmaya Chandran and Zoey Daggmarr. Congratulations to all 16 teams on their participation in the event and we look forward to hosting the Alicia Molik Cup at Kooyong in December!

David Bidmeade (second from left) captained our side to the title as well as making the Star Performance Squad



The 2015/2016 Asia Pacific Tennis League will again see some changes to the competition which is set to ick off in November. Tennis Australia continues to adjust the competition and this season is no different with major changes being made to the conference setup across Australia.

Victoria now becomes part of the South Conference which will be made up of two groups. Group A will contain four Victorian teams while Group B contains two South Australian teams as well as one from Western Australia and one from Tasmania. Each team will play the other teams in their group twice and



Asia Pacific TENNIS LEAGUE

then the top two teams from each group will crossover to play semi finals against the top two teams from the opposite group. Both teams that reach the South Conference final will qualify to go through to the National Finals to be played in the second week of the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. Kooyong is the current titleholder from the men's Victorian Conference and the team will no doubt be looking to repeat their brilliant performance from last

year while in the women's competition we will be hoping to improve on our fourth place finish in last year's Conference play. This exciting competition, which uses the Fast4 format, will again travel to North East Victoria for matches in Yarrawonga to promote tennis across the state. The finals will be held at the National Tennis Centre in early December. Keep an eye out for all the details after teams are announced in late August.

► **MEN'S PENNANT**

YOUNG TEAMS MAKING PROGRESS



► *Grade 1's James Gardner and David Hough in action at Kooyong*

Kooyong's Pennant season is looking promising on the men's side of things as most teams are in contention for a top four finish as we pass the half way point in the season.

James Gardner's Grade 1 team sit in fourth spot on the ladder while Matthew Nickels' Grade 1 team is just outside the top four.

Both teams feature plenty of younger and talented players but they have taken a big step forward in their development this season and a top four finish would be a great reward for their efforts.

In Grade 2, Codey Gunn's team is looking good for a fourth place finish after a strong first half of the season and would be confident they could take it up to the best sides in the competition.

Luka Cancar's Grade 2 team has suffered from injury and unavailability but the boys that have played so far have gained some important experience against some very good teams.

Elliot Payne's Grade 3 team is in contention for a top four finish in a very

close section while Josiah Roach has his Grade 3 team sitting on top of the ladder at this stage.

The club has four teams in Grade 5 this season and all four have the chance to make the finals in their respective sections.

Dean Seeley, Bryce Mitchelson, Sam Liebelt and John Amato have their teams sitting anywhere from third to fifth and well within sight of a finals position.

In Grade 7, James Goller's young team is working hard against their older and more experienced opponents and learning plenty along the way while Peter May's Grade 9 team have been in great form this season having only dropped two matches and sitting in second spot on the ladder.

The Club also has a team of juniors playing in Grade 10 and Harry Gell's team is having a great season so far and they are all but guaranteed of a finals spot with four matches to play.

In the Men's Open Doubles, the Club is fielding two teams and it's Ric

Mitchell's team that currently sits on top of the ladder while Chris Straford's reigning premiers are poised for another run at the title in third position.

The team on top of the ladder at the end of the season goes straight through to the grand final so we may see an all-Kooyong final if things go to plan.

In the Masters 45+ competition, Gordon Hammet's Grade A team is currently in fifth spot on the ladder while Doug Bell's Grade C team sit in exactly the same position on their ladder.

With only a handful of rounds remaining we wish all of our teams the best of luck for the rest of the season and hopefully finals!

► **WOMEN'S PENNANT**

TEAMS SETTING SIGHTS ON FINALS

► *Stephanie Serafidis has helped her Grade 1 team finish in the top four this season*



Kooyong's women's Pennant teams are setting their sights on a 100% strike rate in terms of reaching the finals across the Club's 9 teams.

With five matches to go all 9 teams will be hoping to have their strongest teams available for the run to the finals.

In Grade 1, Kate Antosik's team is looking to win consecutive flags and are strengthened by the return of Belinda Woolcock from College at a crucial stage in the season.

Annabelle Andrinopoulos, Molly Polak and Vivian Fidantsis have been in great form throughout the season so they are sure to be tough to beat.

They will, however, need to get past Laura McNamara's team which is cruising at the moment having only lost one match and seem to be set for a big semi final showdown with the other Kooyong team.

Georgiana Ruhrig, Samyuktha Rajagopalan and Stephanie Serafidis have shown their continued improvement across the season while

the 'veterans' in the team have provided a steady influence over their younger teammates.

Also in Grade 1, Kat Valos has been doing a fantastic job in keeping a strong team on the court with several players having heavy travel commitments this season.

Currently in second spot, the team has unearthed another potential star in Jasmin Starr while also having fantastic contributions from the captain, Kat Valos, and Binasa Beslogic as well as some emerging talent getting the opportunity to gain some experience coming up from Grade 2.

It's no doubt that this team will be well placed with the return of Alana Parnaby and Danielle McIntyre across the final part of the season.

In Grade 2, the Club also has three sides and all three look to be on the verge of a finals run.

Madeleine Bailey's team is sitting in equal fourth position while Kate Francis' team is sitting on top of their section.

Gemma Seeley's team is just outside the top four but well within reach of Guy Turner Reserve who currently hold down fourth spot.

Renee Sheary's Grade 3 team is just outside the top four with just four points separating them and Hepner Place whom they beat earlier in the season while it is a similar tale for Jessica Cox's Grade 5 team who sits just outside the top four and will need a few good results over the last few matches to sneak into the finals.

In Grade 6, Angela Woodruff's team sits in third spot on the ladder at the halfway mark of the season and look to be capable of making the finals this season.

A few fresh faces have definitely helped to lift this team back into finals contention. We wish all 9 teams the best of luck for the final few rounds and finals!

: JUNIOR COMP NEWS

FIVE FLAGS IN SUCCESSFUL SEASON

In what must have been one of the best seasons in recent memory, Kooyong had 15 teams reach the semi finals before seven teams represented the club in grand finals resulting in five premiership flags.



James Goller's Sunday Section 1 team



Nick Lester's Saturday Section 2 team

Kooyong's Junior Competition teams had a very successful season that was recently celebrated at a fantastic Presentation Night. In what must have been one of the best seasons in recent memory, Kooyong had 15 teams reach the semi finals before seven teams represented the club in grand finals resulting in five premiership flags. More than 150 people attended the Presentation Night to celebrate these great results. On Saturday mornings, the Club fielded four teams with two in Section 1 and two in Section 2. Olivia Douglas' Section 1 team reached the semi finals by finishing third but went down to the eventual premiers Port Melbourne 1 while Tom Langford's team finished a very respectable sixth considering their age and experience. In Section 2, Nick Lester's team had a fantastic season including finishing on top and going all the way to the grand final after beating Tom Palazzo's team in the semi final and then they went on to win the flag with a tough win over Royal South Yarra. On Sunday morning, Kooyong's three Section 1 teams all made the semi finals but unfortunately Charlie Geason's team and Kristofer Hyde's team were both knocked out at this stage. James Goller's Section 1 team finished on top of the ladder and won their semi final and played against Beaumaris CC in the grand final and it went right down to the wire but the Kooyong team prevailed by just one game. In Section 4, Gabriel Lennon's team finished third on the ladder and won their semi final to reach the decider where they lost a close match by just three games Kooyong had two teams in Section 5 and it was Angus Cosgriff's team that made it through to the grand final after finishing third and they made the most of their opportunities by winning the flag in impressive fashion against Hampton. In Section 6, the Club's two sides both made the finals but

unfortunately they were beaten here with Campbell Eade's team going down to Tennis World and Alex Hick's team going down to Dendy Park 2. The Club had two sides in Section 7 as well and they both performed extremely well and unfortunately had to play each other in the semi finals. Martin Buttery's team came out on top of Patrick Wraith-Bell's side and then went on to the grand final where they defeated Mentone in a very tough match that was decided by two tiebreakers after it was drawn at the end of the match. In Section 9 and 11, Kooyong's teams captained by Olivia McGrath and Hugh Benyon respectively both finished in seventh place. Section 12 saw the Club field three teams and two of them reached the finals where they played each other in the semi final. Emily Harvey's team finished on top of the ladder and they defeated Matthew Sweetnam's team to reach the grand final. Despite losing the two doubles rubbers to Kings Park, Emily's side came back by winning all four singles matches to take home the flag in a fantastic effort. In Section 14, Lachlan Main's team nearly went all the way having finished on top of the ladder they played Murrumbena in the grand final but unfortunately they lost by just two games. Caroline Marcel's young team in Section 18 finished the season in seventh spot on the ladder. Congratulations to everyone involved and we wish everyone well for the July to November season!

Cedric Mason Cup

Kooyong will be hoping to return the Cedric Mason Cup to the Club when we host this prestigious and fun event against Royal South Yarra in mid October.

The round robin event, which is held between the teenage kids from both clubs, will be held on Sunday the 18th of October so keep an eye out for entry forms that will arrive in the post over the next few weeks.

If you want any information about this day please contact Daniel O'Neill on 9822 3333.



Emily Harvey's Sunday Section 12 team

PENNANT PROFILES

JEREMY TAYLOR

AGE 15



Grade: 2

Australian Ranking: 226

Play L/H or R/H: Right handed

Tennis Achievements:

Runner up in 16U Qld State champs, winner of 16U doubles. Runner up in 14U NSW State champs (2014), winner of 14U doubles. Playing Pizzey Cup for Victoria in Tasmania, May 2015. APS representative team for Scotch (March 2015). Under 21s Kooyong Club Champion (2015)

► **Most admired sportsperson/why?**

David Ferrer – he flies under the radar a bit but he is an amazing player and I love the way he trains and when he plays the way he keeps on fighting

► **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?**

I have been fortunate to have really great enthusiastic coaches, privately and in squads and teams I play in.

► **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?**

The greatest sporting moment I have witnessed was in the match where Wawrinka beat Djokovic in the semi-final then went on to win his first major in the 2014 Australian Open.

► **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?**

American College tennis? To become a professional tennis player and to play in the Australian Open, play Davis Cup for Australia

► **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?**

It is great playing as part of a team. I really enjoy the mix of playing doubles as well as singles

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

AFL footballer

► **What do you do outside tennis?**

Not much! Play table tennis with my brothers (3rd of 5 kids). I used to enjoy watching Carlton play.

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

15 hours per week

► **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?**

After I broke my arm playing school footy I made decision to give up footy because of injury risk. I am now doing cross country for fitness but I miss playing in a team with my mates. I don't get many sleep ins!

LUKA CANCAR

AGE 17



Grade: 2

Australian Ranking: 327

Play L/H or R/H: Right handed

Tennis Achievements:

Winner – 2012 Tennis World OJT Bronze 14 Boys Singles and Doubles. Winner – 2013 Bendigo Junior Open and Association Championships 16 Boys Singles. Winner – Margaret Court Cup 2015 16 Boys Singles and Doubles. Winner – 2015 Victorian Junior Grasscourt Championships 16 Boys Singles and Doubles. Winner – 2015 Victorian Country Championships 16 Boys Singles. Kooyong Club Championships – Winner in 2014 – 16 Doubles with Alex Bielinski & Winner in 2015 – Grade A Doubles with Alex Bielinski

► **Most admired sportsperson/why?**

Roger Federer because of all his magic on court. He is a true sportsman as well as a showman. I believe he is the greatest tennis player ever.

► **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?**

My parents have been my greatest influence on my tennis career. They have been there for me every step of the way, good or bad. They have driven me to every training and every tournament, paid for all my fees and believed in me.

► **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?**

Roger Federer's Wimbledon win in 2012 beating Murray in the final when he reclaimed the No. 1 ranking and achieved a tie with Pete Sampras for the most Wimbledon titles in history.

► **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?**

I'm not very big on setting goals. I do what I can to improve and advance my game. Setting goals restricts me from being relaxed and enjoying the ride.

► **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?**

Pennant tennis is special because you play in a team environment, you get to meet new people every week and the food at the end of the day is usually good! There is no other competition like it.

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

I'm not exactly sure what I would be, but I am almost certain that it would involve some sport and physical activity.

► **What do you do outside tennis?**

Studying (I am in Year 11), going out with friends and just chilling.

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

I currently train every second day, which equates to 8 – 10 hours a week, plus every second day I have strength and conditioning training.

► **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?**

With tennis and studying there is not much time left for other activities. I don't have the time to relax as much I would like to and go out with mates.

PREMIER LEAGUE FINAL WASHED OUT

Kooyong's two Premier League teams suffered a rare double in Tennis Victoria's Premier League grand finals in April.

Both teams were in a position to be able to win their matches when the 5pm cut-off time was declared to end the day.

Having played through rain to both win their semi finals on the Friday night, the four teams were told they must reach a result by 5pm on the day due to four courts being used or the top team from the home and away rounds would be declared the winner. After rain interrupted the first two hours of play, reaching a result became an impossibility and the matches went through the motions until the referees ended the day to hand the top sides from the home and away rounds, Grace Park and Beaumaris Lawn, the winner's trophies.

Both Kooyong's men and women did everything in their power to play and win on their own merits and the women even held a two rubbers to nil lead at the 5pm finish time. Sally Peers and Alana Parnaby got off to a slow start but found their range in the second set to send the match to a match tiebreaker which they were able to secure to get their noses in front.

Kate Antosik and Kat Valos then mirrored their teammates when they won the first set before losing the second set to also send their match through to a match tiebreak. It was a tight and tense affair but the Kooyong girls were able to hold on for another great win and put themselves in a fantastic position heading into the four singles rubbers. At the 5pm cutoff, Kooyong was leading three of the four singles matches and were well on their way to victory.

The men's match was extremely close as both teams had split the doubles as Daniel Byrnes and Marc Polmans won in impressive fashion while Andrew Whittington and Andrew Coelho had their

chances to win the second set before going down in straight sets.

All four singles matches were in their infancy and delicately poised as the cut-off time approached. It was an unfortunate way for the elite competition to finish and the Kooyong were fantastic in their conduct despite the disappointment of the day.

A review of the competition rules is now underway by Tennis Victoria. Congratulations to Grace Park and Beaumaris Lawn on their victories and to our players on another wonderful campaign for the Club! We look forward to the upcoming Asia Pacific Tennis League to be played in late November.



Andrew Coelho in action for the final at Glen Iris

Mandy Morgan's victorious
Wednesday Section 1 team



MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT

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The Winter season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (M.E.M.R.L.T.A.) is at the business end of the season, with just a few weeks remaining until finals. In an even Section 1, Kris Tulloch's side currently sits fifth but is equal on points with 4th placed Eaglemont.

Steph Fry's team is finding Section 3 of M.E.M.R.L.T.A a little tougher than Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) Tuesday Section 1, currently in eighth position. However, a healthy percentage relative to teams around them demonstrates their competitiveness.

Sally Addison's team has struggled a little in Section 4 with injuries and availability and are currently tenth on the ladder but a win or two would see them jump up the ladder quickly.

Unlike M.E.M.R.L.T.A, BRTA and Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA) have February-June and July-December seasons. Mandy Morgan's BRTA Wednesday Section 1 team capped off a stellar season with a two rubbers all, five

sets to four victory over Parkdale in the Grand Final! Congratulations to the whole team: Mandy Morgan, Fiona Medina, Linda Dohnt, Jane Cash, Carol Thompson, Sheryl Kerwick and Caroline Wright.

Detje Marcel's Section 2 team also enjoyed a successful season, finishing third on the ladder. Unfortunately they lost the Preliminary Final to Black Rock.

Merryn Olive's Section 4 team rounded out an unbelievably successful season for Kooyong's BRTA Wednesday teams. They defeated Kings Park three rubbers to one, six sets to five in the Grand Final! Congratulations to the whole team: Merryn Olive, Cate Noonan, Jacqui Morris, Tricia Gorman and Di Guiney.

Kooyong also has three teams in BRTA's Thursday competitions. Kris Tulloch, who will take over the captaincy from Jo O'Donoghue, will be looking for a return to A Grade after being relegated to Section 1. Hopefully they will have a bit more luck this season with injuries and availability.

Anne Forbes' A Grade team will be looking to improve on their 4th placed finish last season so they can play finals.

Jo Seeley's Section 1 team will also be searching for improvement in the

July-December season after finishing near the bottom of the ladder.

Onto WDTA's Thursday competition now, where Jo Rush will be looking for a return to A Reserve 2 after being relegated to B Special 1. Hopefully they continue to adjust to a new day and association after playing in BRTA's Wednesday competition for the July-December 2014 season.

Kooyong's other team in A Reserve 2, led by Alita Davis, finished in 6th position. Heather Anderson will take over the captaincy and will be looking for a top four position and place in the finals.

Finally, Mardi Andrew's B Special 1 team was undoubtedly the hard luck story of the season. They finished 5th, missing out on the finals by a solitary point! To rub salt into the wound they had a higher percentage than 4th placed Willison Park.

Sometimes our midweek ladies teams struggle for numbers. If you are free on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning and feel you up to the challenge to act as an emergency player, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club.

We wish our midweek ladies teams all the best for the months ahead!

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CRÉCHE NEWS



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KOORYONG INTERNATIONAL TENNIS ACADEMY

Tennis has been in the news a lot recently and what a great result for the Australian Davis Cup Team. When tennis is in the news, many players get excited and think about their own game and questions then arise about tennis coaching and player development. People wonder why elite players still need to work with a coach and they ask things like: 'What is left for them to learn and why do they still need a coach?' Even the best tennis players in the world still need a coach. Technique is always being modified and improved; attitude can always be sharpened, training development addressed and monitored with specific goals and everyone needs a motivator. A good coach has the ability to work with a player's game style and technique and to develop understanding of their strengths and weaknesses; to give them a competitive advantage that can make a real and meaningful difference. This can and should be done at every level and with anyone wanting to improve their game. This is what KITA is all about; helping you to accelerate your progress, no matter where you are in your game. We have a great coaching team consisting of high level local and internationally accredited coaches, ready and willing to help you keep developing. We have already started Term 3 of our programs and we are gearing up for a big summer. Our team is excited and we are currently reviewing and developing our player and coaching programs to provide an innovative approach and some completely new packages; these will range from beginners to elite athletes, for children and adults as well as other groups. We have also been busy off the court renovating the Pro Shop and upgrading our administration processes as well as engaging our staff in a comprehensive training and

development program to improve our business. In the next few weeks we will be sending out a survey to you, asking for some feedback about what we could improve to focus our training efforts on your needs more effectively; we look forward to your valuable input. Not only have the coaches been working hard over the last couple of months, so too have the players. The Kooyong Foundation Future Champion's Squad and the Kooyong Elite and High Performance Squads have continued to have players represented well in tournaments and showing some great results for which both players and coaches are to be commended. Glenn Busby, our CEO, has also had an impressive year so far defending his title. He has won the Italian and Turkish Championships, the Oceania Seniors Claycourt Championships and has just returned from France where he won the World 55 and over Championships; this is only the first half of the year; he is now set to hold his World No. 1 title for another year. Glenn is a shining example of the commitment and dedication involved to get to the top and maintain the position; he has been the World No.1 player for 9 out of the last 10 years in his age group now. Glenn has recently returned from China where he was invited to explore the fast developing world of tennis in that country. On his journey he visited the very beautiful Nanjing Tennis Centre, shown here, which is the tennis venue for the Asian Youth Games. The Centre houses a variety of hard, clay, outdoor and indoor courts and is a very impressive venue. We look forward to seeing you on court or in the Pro Shop to discuss improving your game, viewing the latest in racquets and attire, booking a lesson or getting involved in one of our new programs.



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Carole Davis; Jill Scott; Megan Ridgway; Heather Macfarlane



PENNANT SQUASH

Our Autumn season finished early June while the Spring pennant season commenced August. Results from the Autumn season did not live up to previous years, only one Blue Flag from Club Circuit. Fortunately the Southern Squash League ladies, who we now claim as our top squash team, won the SSL League A Reserve Grand Final.

The interesting result was that they defeated our second Kooyong team in SSL. Well done to team captain Heather Macfarlane and all of those who participated. Our two A Reserve SSL teams will have a crack at A Grade next season and they commence a week earlier than Club Circuit (Aug 3) which also includes a B grade team to add to our two A grade teams.

Congratulations to Alex Warhurst's Club Circuit B3 team who took out the blue flag. In the final Alex lost the first two games but fought back to win in five resulting in all players lifting.

Alex was carried from the court on the team's shoulders, beaten in the Spring grand final in 2014, this team was not going to let that happen again.

Congratulations to the team of:

Grant Lubosky
Anthony Langford
Alex Warhurst (C)
Gavin Zeitz

Emergency on the night was Carlos Da Silva who assisted the team thru out the season. Kooyong had many other teams in the Grand Finals/Semi Finals and although not disgraced we were short of players due to overseas travel/team changes/etc. The Spring season is shaping as being our best for a long time with the Squash Matrix for team selection now being adhered to by all clubs. State Pennant, Kooyong's Premium team is currently on top.

State League plays a different schedule to Club Circuit and will finalise finals prior to Club Circuit kicking off. Kooyong are the current pennant holders of State Premium and there's no reason why that can not be retained. The final will be held at MSAC.



JUNIOR SUCCESS

Kooyong Junior Scholarship players Tate Norris (left) and Joshua Boyte (right) can be seen displaying trophies from the recent MDA Junior Age Squash Championships. Tate was the winner with Josh the runner up. Kooyong Scholarship Juniors Joshua Boyte (left) Jason Holmes (right) can also be seen wearing their medals as runners up in both the under 17 and under 19 South Australian Junior Squash Championships. Jason Holmes was also part of the winning team at the Southern University games held recently in Adelaide.

EUROPEAN TOUR

We recently held a fund raiser for Sam Ejtemai at Bert Armstrong's place. The exhibition match between Sam and his coach, Cameron White, saw some exceptional squash played with Sam winning 12/10 in the fifth. Sam will be competing in the World Junior Squash Championships in Holland later in the year and Bert will be chaperoning Sam through Europe.



MILESTONE MAN

Kooyong Squash Legend Bill Dubsy reached a milestone of 700 pennant games for Kooyong in the same week Club Circuit Secretary, Tony Nash, also reached that milestone. They celebrated together after another hard fought match.



BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

By Alistair Macindoe



INTER-CLUB COMPETITIONS

The Inter-club Competitions have run their course for the first half of the year. The A Grade snooker team finished in fifth place out of six teams, but well short of the finals. The team won three matches and lost sixteen. Most of the players are pictured in the team photograph, which was taken 19 months ago. The highlight of the season was a scintillating 106 clearance by Charlie Chafe. However, in general the team lacked fire-power if not artistry.

The A Reserve Billiards team finished in last position, managing two draws and sixteen losses for the season. The captain and outstanding cueist David Pitt played every game, while a roster of nine other players filled the other positions. These included most of the Chigwidden family (David, Luke and Kane) and Martin James, who had a couple of good wins.

There will be two teams playing in the second half of the year: an A grade billiards team, and a lower grade mixed billiards and snooker team. Anyone interested in playing in these teams or in the annual social match against Sandringham should drop me a line at whammyjuice@gmail.com

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The game of billiards has destroyed my naturally sweet disposition.

24th April 1906 by Mark Twain (1835–1910).
A photograph of the great writer is shown below.



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BRIDGE CLUB

Louise Strauss and Judith Varlamos won the 2015 Borin trophy, an event played over three consecutive Tuesday evenings in May. Their score of 93 IMPS was the highest in their two best sessions.



Evidence of the increasing popularity of Bridge was clear when 60 Kooyong members began the Beginners' class in April. Stephen Lester, assisted by Lyndy Hickman, ran an excellent series of lessons supported by a comprehensive text, which enabled the students to revise and practise each week. The majority of the students persisted and graduated to attend the celebration party on May 18.



We now have at least 30 members regularly attending the supervised duplicate classes held on Monday mornings. The Bridge Club plans to conduct further Beginners' Bridge Lessons in April 2016. A team of 20 KLTC bridge players had an impressive win over their RSY counterparts in a teams event played at RSY on June 29. Our best team for KLTC was Garry and Maria Campbell and Louise Strauss and Judith Varlamos with an outstanding 61 points, followed by Constance Bruce and Jill Shirley and Susan Everist and Fiona Trescowthick with 37 points. KLTC has a narrow 8-7 lead over RSY in all matches played between the two clubs.

The Bridge Club looks forward to the Kooyong Congress to be held on Sunday November 15 and then to our Christmas functions on December 7 and 8.

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RSY v KLTC Social Tennis Challenge.

The weather was particularly inclement on the 19 April. It was at the last minute that we got the all clear that the match would proceed but on the hard courts instead of the grass. Thanks to RSY and KLTC members for being such great sports for turning up to play in such unpleasant weather conditions. The rain stayed away in the afternoon, apart from a few light showers and there was a lovely rainbow that appeared near the end of play. It crossed my mind then, who was going to take home that pot of gold? As it turned out it was to be KLTC this year. The results were 3 groups to 1 in favour of KLTC (KLTC 14 sets to RSY 10 sets).

Longest Lunch

This was a new function for the Social Committee and it proved to be a resounding success. With perfect weather the Presidents Room, Davis Cup and Sir Norman Brookes rooms shone brightly. Members' and their guests enjoyed the balcony for pre-lunch drinks followed by a sumptuous 3 course lunch with music accompaniment by jazz guitarist, Emilio. We look forward to hosting this event again in 2016.

Mixed Doubles Round Robin

We had a fabulous turnout for the Mixed Doubles and were possibly the last group to enjoy playing on the grass before closure and maintenance for the season. David and Paula Francis took home the goodies being the overall winners on the day.

Grand Slam Glitz & Glamour Dinner Dance

Please join us at our Gala Event for the year, Grand Slam Glitz & Glamour Dinner Dance on Saturday 29 August. Mike and the Party Band will once again keep us dancing into the wee hours.

The last events for the year will be the JJ Tennis Tournament on Sunday 11 October and our Christmas function on Sunday 6 December.

May the fun continue and we look forward to seeing you on and off the court!

Cindi Damian
President

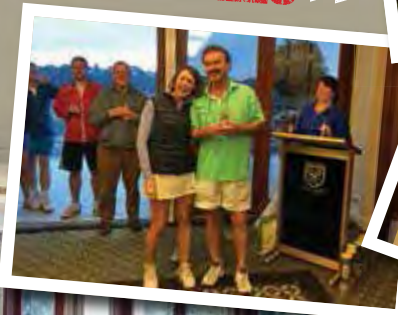
LONGEST LUNCH >>



RSY v KLTC >>



MIXED DOUBLES >>



Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



The **Royal Children's**
Hospital Melbourne

The first half year of 2015 has proved very successful in fundraising for our Committee and we look forward to achieving a grand total for our great Children's Hospital. Following on after the very popular Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament,

the first Card Day in April netted a profit of over \$2000 including raffle monies of \$800, a great result.

I do wish to make a special mention and congratulate Mrs Phyllis George for her presentation and well-stocked stall of preserves and hand crafts which raised a grand total of \$500, a wonderful effort. As this report goes to press, the Committee has just finished our Christmas in July Buffet Luncheon. Our special guest speaker was the great Richmond legend Kevin Bartlett. Denise Cosgriff, our hard working ticket secretary, reports good numbers of around 130 guests attending so we anticipate enjoying a great day. I do thank all our members and friends for their great support and especially my hard working Committee, not forgetting the wonderful staff at Kooyong, who contribute so much towards the success of our functions.

We are indeed very fortunate to have such a great venue as Kooyong to hold our functions.

Marie Devereux,
President



2015

**DIARY
DATES**
for 2015

**Monday 15th
September**
Second Card Day

**Friday 16th
October**
Trivia Night

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Wine & FOOD SOCIETY



Melbourne Savage Club - Friday 29 May

In recent years we have included one of our events at other private clubs, including the Melbourne Club, Athenaeum Club and this year at the Savage Club. Members and guests were treated to canapés in the intimate club lounge downstairs then walked up the stately staircase to the main dining room for dinner, enjoying the array of paintings and artifacts on each floor. It was a very memorable night - everyone enjoyed the ambience of the club located in an historic 19th century mansion right in the heart of Melbourne.

One Chef Three Sommeliers - Friday 17 July

This special event was superb from start to finish. The Kooyong Room was an impressive sight with centerpieces of large silver KLTC trophies; candles, 7 shining glasses for each person, filled with wine of different varieties from Australia and around the world.

Chris Goulding and his team created delicious canapés followed by an amazing 4-course menu. The whole night was a showcase culinary display of the finest quality and presentation.

We enjoyed 9 wine varieties chosen by the 3 Sommeliers: James Fien - Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, John Macauley - University House and our own very talented Patrice Renaudin. The function was entertaining and informative with each of the Sommeliers sharing their knowledge and experience.

On behalf of members and guests, our heartfelt thanks to Patrice Renaudin, Chris Goulding, Rachael Whitelaw and their teams for all their efforts prior to and during the night with exemplary service. It was an impressive and memorable function - Congratulations to all concerned!



Future Diary Dates:

Thursday 22 October - Elyros Restaurant - Burke Rd, Camberwell

Saturday 12 December - Lanson French Champagne End-of-Year Celebration Dinner at Kooyong

Monday 8 February - AGM and Wine Tasting Function at Kooyong

We look forward to welcoming you to our future events with fellow members, guests and friends.

Christine Johnson
President



One Chef Three Sommeliers Dinner

KLTC Executive Chef:

Chris Goulding. 3 Sommeliers: Patrice Renaudin - KLTC, James Fien - RSYLTC, John Macauley - University House

Canapés

Classic blue swimmer crab tartar with pickled cucumber, dill, avocado cream in brik pastry tuile sweet potato pasties with Moroccan flavours

Sparkling: Patrice - N.V. Airlie Bank by Punt Road Chardonnay/Pinot Noir, Yarra Valley - Victoria

Entrée

Smoked sashimi grade tuna with poached scampi, pickled baby fennel, steamed kipfler potatoes, horseradish aioli, sauce vierge and wild cresses

Wine 1: John - 2014 Louis Jadot Chablis Chardonnay, Burgundy - France Wine 2: Patrice - 2013 St Leonards Vineyard 'Lumière' off Dry Semillon, Rutherglen - Victoria Wine 3: James - 2013 Villa Wolf Gewürztraminer, Pfalz - Germany

Middle Course

Ballantine of duck and quail, apple jelly, petite Waldorf salad, pan fried quail egg and crisp pancetta

Wine 4: James - 2013 Pierre Amadieu 'Grand Romane Blanc' Clairette, Rhône Valley - France

Main Course

Boned and roasted baby chicken with an herb and bread stuffing, heirloom vegetables, tarragon and chicken jus

Wine 5: Patrice - 2010 Pierre Amadieu 'Les Piallats' - Vinsobres Grenache Blend, Rhône Valley - France Wine 6: James - 2013 Dal Zotto Sangiovese, King Valley - Victoria Wine 7: John - 2013 Poliziano Rosso de Montepulciano, Tuscany - Italy

Side Dishes

Steamed mixed green with new season truffle butter

Dessert

Classic crème caramel, baked quince, baklava tuile and pistachio ice cream

Wine 8: John - 2013 Dourthe 'Grands Terroirs' Sauternes Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc/Muscadelle, Bordeaux - France

Health club **NEWS**

Stronger, fitter, faster...more and more tennis players, from Maria Sharapova to Andy Murray, are incorporating fundamental strength training exercises (Squats, Dead lifts, Power cleans) for optimum performance, endurance, recovery, and speed on the tennis court. Also an increased number of Members are utilising the facilities at the Kooyong gym, and getting great results in the area of strength & conditioning, weight loss, sports specific training and sports injuries. Our heavy duty, custom made chest press has arrived, and Members seem to be more than happy with the machine. Here is an overview of the new talent that is joining the Health Club team, to assist Members in achieving greater results.



Jessica Kaufman

Meet Jessica, our most recent addition to Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club's Health Club team. Four years ago Jessica received a full scholarship to study and play Division 1 basketball in the United States. She attended St. Francis College in New York City where she became a starter in her freshman year for the Lady Terriers – a modest team at the time that soon went on to become St Francis' most successful team ever. The Terriers went from only two wins in the season before Jessica's arrival, to a record 21 wins in a season. Jessica was an important part of their success and in her

final year ranked second in the league for shooting percentage. Amongst the intense, fast-paced lifestyle that came with being a college athlete, Jessica managed to graduate Magna Cum Laude in her Bachelor of Arts Degree where she majored in Psychology and topped the class for best thesis of the year. It should be noted that on top of incredible achievements on the basketball court, Jessica was amongst a basketball team that were accomplishing unprecedented academic achievements as a Division 1 sporting team. The Terriers ranked number one in the conference for achieving the highest Grade Point Average. Jessica arrived home to Melbourne in September of last year where she took no time to start pursuing a career in the Health and Fitness industry. Finishing as a Master Trainer, at the Australian Institute of Fitness, Jessica once again showed her academic prowess by achieving the award for Dux of the course. Harbours a passion for sport and fitness her whole life, Jessica now has the opportunity to share her passion with others, and the Club. She looks forward to meeting new faces and hopefully helps Members in achieving their health and fitness goals!



Katie Long

Katie is one of the new personal trainers to join the Kooyong gym team. Having recently completed certificate 3 & 4 in Fitness, she joins the gym with great energy and enthusiasm to apply her theoretical knowledge in a practical setting. Her mission is to change people's attitudes and behaviours to healthy living with her passion for exercise and nutrition. As a coach she

very much favours cross training by including cardio, strength work and flexibility to create a balanced program. Outside of the gym she is an avid fun runner, weight lifter and newly converted yoga and Pilate's lover. Katie strongly believes in a holistic approach to healthy living by working hard and being consistent inside and outside of the gym. Exercise should be challenging but also fun so if you are interested in taking steps to a stronger, healthier and happier you so please come and see her.



Gillian Brown





Gillian Brown is a qualified remedial therapist, with a passion for fitness and wellbeing. After many years of middle and long distance running and hours at the gym, she decided to begin a career that would allow her to help others relax, recover and rehabilitate. Next year, she will continue her studies to become a Myotherapist and she is excited to bring new treatment techniques such as dry needling, cupping and prescriptive exercise to Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. She is truly passionate about helping people deal with injury recovery, chronic pain and stress. You can expect an individual treatment plan based on a health screen, lifestyle and postural analysis. She looks forward to working with you in achieving optimum health and fitness.

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

DIARY DATES

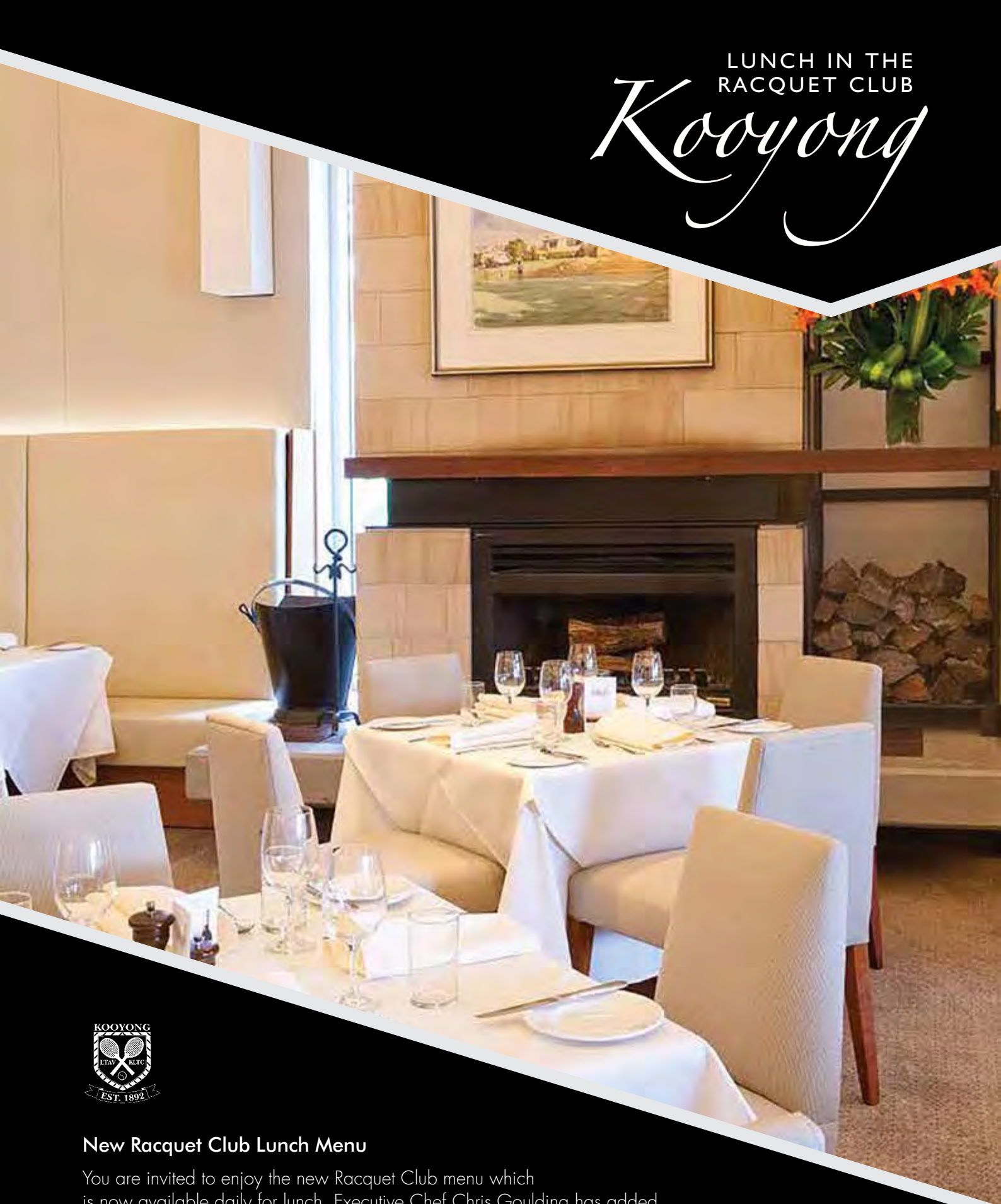
KOOYONG LAWN TENNIS CLUB

DIARY DATES 2015

	MONDAY	FRIDAY	FRIDAY
	<p>3rd</p> <p>•</p> <p>KLTC New Members Night</p>	<p>7th</p> <p>•</p> <p>Social Committee Happy Hour</p>	<p>21st</p> <p>•</p> <p>Year 8 Disco</p>
SATURDAY	SATURDAY		SUNDAY
<p>22nd</p> <p>•</p> <p>Young Members Yarrayong Ball</p>	<p>29th</p> <p>•</p> <p>Social Committee Dinner Dance</p>		<p>6th</p> <p>•</p> <p>Father's Day Buffet Lunch</p>
MONDAY		SUNDAY	SUNDAY
<p>14th</p> <p>•</p> <p>RCH Card day</p>		<p>11th</p> <p>•</p> <p>Social Committee JJ Mixed Doubles Round Robin</p>	<p>18th</p> <p>•</p> <p>Cedric Mason Cup</p>
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEDNESDAY	
<p>22nd</p> <p>•</p> <p>Wine & Food Society Function at Elyros Restaurant.</p>	<p>23rd</p> <p>•</p> <p>President's Lunch</p>	<p>28th</p> <p>•</p> <p>KLTC AGM</p>	
SUNDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	
<p>15th</p> <p>•</p> <p>Bridge Congress</p>	<p>29th</p> <p>•</p> <p>President's Day. Junior Presentation Night.</p>	<p>30th</p> <p>•</p> <p>KLTC New Members Night</p>	

LUNCH IN THE
RACQUET CLUB

Kooyong



New Racquet Club Lunch Menu

You are invited to enjoy the new Racquet Club menu which is now available daily for lunch. Executive Chef Chris Goulding has added several of the Bistro's most popular dishes to compliment the choices offered. Lunchtime diners can enjoy the comfortable surrounds of the Racquet Club, great food and matched wines.

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