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Membership cards and ID will be required during the week of the event to access both the car park and the Clubhouse. Members' guests must be escorted to gain access the Clubhouse.

CAR PARKING: Security will be in place from Tuesday 4th April and signage and security staff members will direct members.

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Normal dinner arrangements apply and bookings can be made.

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THE CRÈCHE will be closed until the 11th of April.

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... a word from the CEO

The sight of the stadium stands full for the AAMI Classic final between Andy Roddick and Tommy Haas was a wonderful sight, completing a great four days of tennis and our most successful tournament in many years.

With that success behind us, attention turns to Davis Cup, which returns to Kooyong after a break of thirteen years. With the Australians bolstered by the return of Lleyton Hewitt, the team looks strong and set to take on the might of Belarus, led by Max "The Beast" Myrni from the 7th to the 9th April.

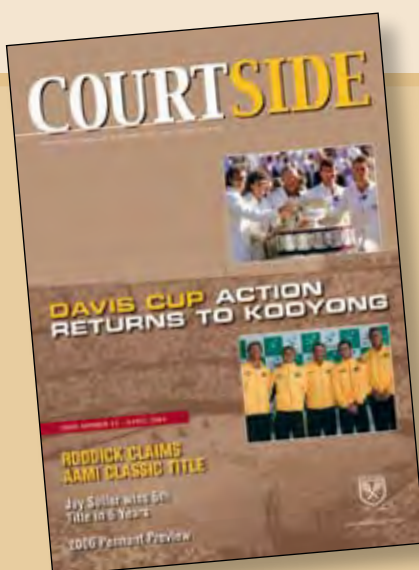
Around the grounds, we are drawing towards the end of our grass court season and we will shortly commence our annual maintenance program. Works to laser level and returf sections will again be undertaken to ensure court conditions are improved.

Our hard court surrounds reflect the benefit of work done over summer. Newly laid garden beds have beautified the court surrounds and pathways and paving works have provided improved seating and viewing areas.

After strong competition over three weeks, the Club Championships have drawn to a conclusion and our congratulations go out to all section winners. We look forward to acknowledging all winners at the Champions Dinner on 19th May. Of special note is Adriana Szili who took out her first title as Women's Club Champion, which contrasts with Jay Salter, who won his fifth title in the Men's event.



Chris Brown
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club



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President's Report



DAVIS CUP

Davis Cup tennis returns to Kooyong on April 7, 2006 for the first time since 1993 with Australia to take on Belarus in what is sure to be an enthralling quarterfinal match up.

Lleyton Hewitt will lead the team again with support from several Victorian boys who will be hoping to get the Aussies past a determined Belarus team to be led by Max Mirnyi.

We are thrilled to host the Davis Cup here again and to continue our long history of involvement in this prestigious international event.

AAMI CLASSIC SUCCESS

The 2006 AAMI Classic was another fantastic event with Andy Roddick defeating Tommy Haas in a high quality final in the lead up to the Australian Open.

Colin Stubs again did a wonderful job in enticing the world's best players to grace Kooyong's centre court this year and with our new major sponsor, AAMI, involved we look forward to the 2007 AAMI Classic with great anticipation.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Rain never seems to miss the Kooyong Club Championships and again it turned things

upside down but we were lucky enough to get the event finished inside the allotted weekends.

Congratulations to all those who competed in the event this year and especially to all who won any of the 37 events played over the three weekends in late February and early March.

Congratulations to Jay Salter, who returned to play in the Club Championships after missing the event in 2005 and won the Open Men's singles event for the fifth time in six years, and also to Adriana Szili, who won the Open Ladies singles title in impressive fashion when she conceded only one game in the final.

Congratulations also to David Bidmeade and Jay Salter on winning the Men's Open Doubles and to Emily Arnott and Lucy Mercuri on winning the Ladies Open Doubles.

David Bidmeade also teamed up with Adriana Szili to win the Open Mixed Doubles after a marathon final under lights on the final day against John Peers and Emily Arnott.

VIC CLAYCOURT CHAMPS & U/16 NATIONALS

Kooyong will host two important events in April with the Under 16 National Claycourt titles followed closely by the Victorian Claycourt Championships.

This is the first time these two events have been played alongside each other and will provide a quality field for both events and we should see some top class tennis action. These two events will run from April 18th to the 23rd and would be well worth a look if members get the chance.

GOOLAGONG TERRACE & GROUNDS WORKS

The Goolagong Terrace will soon be sheltered from the elements with a roof to bring better protection to members dining on the balcony.

Members will also have noticed the work that has recently taken place on the pathway to the pavilion.

This area has been revamped and includes further paving and improved seating behind the courts.

FOUNDATION NEWS

Glenn Busby returned from another successful trip to the Orange Bowl with some great results from some promising Australian juniors including Kooyong's Andrew Whittington.

This was another step in Andrew's development and his opportunities through the Kooyong Foundation will hopefully continue to help further strengthen his international tennis experience so he can compete with the best in the world.

This event showcases some of the best junior players from around the globe and it was good to see so many Australian kids featuring in this event.

We hope to see these kids go on to become Australia's next batch of rising tennis stars.

Peter Quinn

President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

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FOUNDATION NEWS

Where has the year gone? The trip to Florida during November/ December with the Australian U12 Team seems so long ago.

What came out of the USA trip was that our Australian boys showed that they are right up with the rest of the world with regard to talent and results.

We had 3 of our 4 boys reach the quarter finals of the Eddy Herr, the first major International tournament, (including Kooyong's Andrew Whittington) with 2 of them being well in front of the eventual finalists but just couldn't close out the match when needed.

In the next tournament, the Prince Cup, we again had 3 players in the quarterfinals with Andrew playing one of the other Australians Joey Swaysland.

Andrew had set points in the first set losing 7-5 and was 5-2 up in the second set and after one of the best matches of the tour lost 7-6, (10-8 in the tiebreaker).

Joey unfortunately had to forfeit the semi final after being up 4-1 in the first set due to a nose-bleed that wouldn't stop.

Andrew and another Australian, Ben Wagland, won the doubles beating along the way our other Australian pair, a team from Russia, Canada and in the final a team from Belgium, which was a great effort.

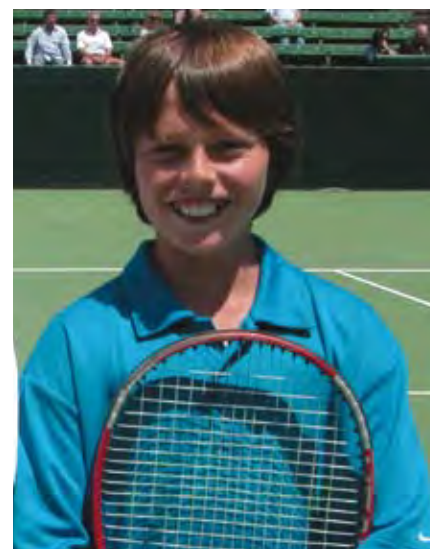
The size of all these draws are enormous, for example the next tournament the Orange bowl had a 256 qualifying draw with a totally full 256 main draw.

Anyone who had to qualify had to win 5 matches and 7 matches to win the tournament.

Andrew unfortunately drew the top seed first round and lost 6-4,6-3 and performed very well.

Overall the 5 weeks away was a very successful tour with regard to what the players learned and to realise, 'yes, at this stage of our tennis career we are as good as anybody in the world and now it is up to us individually as to where we take our tennis to in the future'.

Glenn Busby *Tour Manager/Kooyong Head Coach*



Head coach Glenn Busby and one of Australia's top U12 players, Andrew Whittington, who recently travelled to the United States to play in several of the world's most prestigious junior tournaments including the coveted Orange Bowl.

ADDITION TO THE FOUNDATION BOARD

Tony Ryan has joined the Board of the Kooyong Foundation.

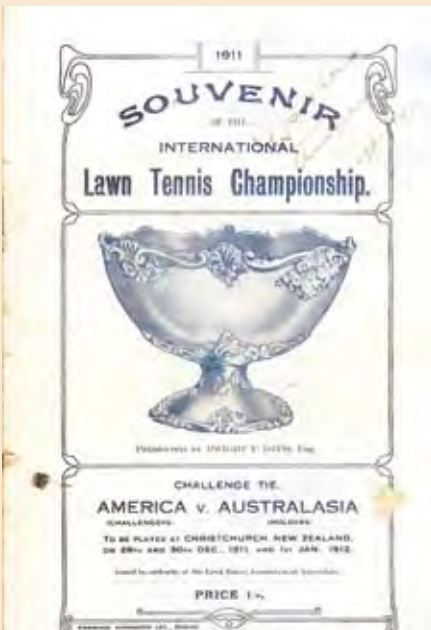
Tony is a former Victorian representative and State Grade player and won the Victorian Hardcourt Championships in both singles and doubles.

He was on the Tennis Australia Board for 27 years and was a member of the MCC Trust and brings a wealth of sports administration experience to the Kooyong Foundation.

Kooyong archives

The Club is grateful for the following donations to its archival collection:

Norman & Jillian Gengoult Smith: 1911 Program of the Davis Cup Challenge Round held in Auckland; Pat Strugnell: LTAV Pennant Handbooks (1958 - 1970), LTAV Annual Reports for the years 1954 - 1965 together with 25 issues of Victorian Tennis News 1954-1955 (a unique record of LTAV Pennant results and Club news for those years); James Brear, five photos of 1938 Country Week from his late mother Beatrice's photo album (see photo below); Peter Coupe: photo of 1953 flood, media posters, 1980s tennis almanacs, and Davis Cup and Australian Open programs; Sylvia Eady: seven tennis books, medallions, Kooyong newsletters and member photos, and newspaper clippings; John Dean: Australian Open and Wimbledon Programs and the Souvenir Ford Australian Open book; Hayward Lewis: Australian Open programs 1973 and 1974; Meredith Middleton: Spalding tennis racquet with Alice Marble crest.



COUNTRY WEEK PHOTOS



Beatrice Brear's photo is unique as the only photographic record we currently have of women competing in Country Week before World War 2.

Older members will remember this popular event, which was held annually at Kooyong in February from 1925 till 1979.

The other photo comes from the February the 1955 issue of Victorian Tennis News showing two youthful competitors at Country Week who are still formidable playing members. Their names are available below.

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DAVIS CUP action returns to KOOYONG

Another chapter will be added to the long Davis Cup history of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club when it hosts the quarter final tie against Belarus from April 7th to 9th.

Hosting its first tie since 1993, Kooyong will add to its long association with one of the greatest sporting events around the world.

The long history of Davis Cup and Kooyong are synonymous and you only have to look back to those famous finals in

1983 and 1986 against Sweden to see the significance of this venue in Australia's Davis Cup history.

On both occasions Australia defeated the Swedes on grass 3/2 and our current Davis Cup captain, John Fitzgerald, was part of both of those winning teams.

Optus Australian Davis Cup captain John Fitzgerald said, 'It is great to be able to return to Kooyong for a Davis Cup Tie as the venue holds so many great memories for tennis fans.

'This promises to be a hard fought quarter final battle which I'm sure will be a fitting addition to the rich history of Davis Cup matches at Kooyong.'

To be played on rebound ace inside the 8000 seat stadium and to feature Lleyton Hewitt and Max Myrni, this looks to have the makings of a tough and exciting tussle between two countries who are desperate to reach the semi final.



Several Victorians are also likely to feature in the team after impressive performances in the first round tie against Switzerland where Peter Luczak, Chris Guccione, Wayne Arthurs and Paul Hanley all contributed to the win.

Luczak and Guccione were both instrumental with singles wins and Wayne Arthurs and Paul Hanley paired brilliantly to take out the all important doubles rubber.

This next assignment poses bigger problems with 'The Beast' Max Myrni likely to be a thorn in the Australian's side as he hopes to guide his country to an unlikely victory.

Belarus not only won their first round match but beat the highly rated Spanish



outfit featuring Tommy Robredo, David Ferrer and Feliciano Lopez 4/1 leaving most in no doubt that this Belarus team means business.

Myrni's Davis Cup partner is Vladimir Voltchkov who will play both singles and doubles with 'The Beast' and has an imposing record considering his ATP ranking.

Voltchkov has beaten some big names in Davis Cup action and will be hoping to do the same against the Australians.

The doubles is sure to be a key and Myrni and Voltchkov will be hoping to take control of the tie on the Saturday.

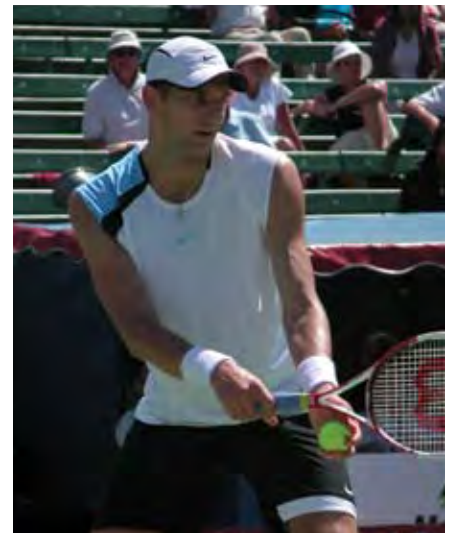
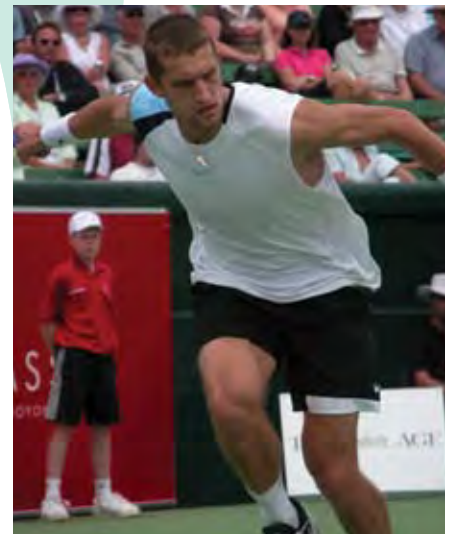
Lleyton Hewitt will be a key and it will be great to see Australia's most successful Davis Cup player in action at Kooyong.

Hewitt's record is second to none in Davis Cup and he will give everything to make sure his country reaches the semi final.

With just 13 wins to get to draw level with Adrian Quist as Australia's most winningest player in Davis Cup history, Hewitt is the ultimate competitor who needs no motivation other than to win for his country.

This is sure to be an interesting encounter and will provide Melbourne's tennis fans with the chance to see a new chapter in Kooyong's Davis Cup history.

We look forward to a fantastic Davis Cup spectacle and hopefully we see another fantastic win for the Australian team at this historic venue.



Tickets are available through Ticketmaster on **136 100** or at the gate if not already sold out.

Australia was served superbly in the recent Davis Cup Tie in Switzerland by (from left) Wayne Arthurs, Peter Luczak, captain John Fitzgerald, Paul Hanley and Chris Guccione. Above: Max 'The Beast' Myrni in action at Kooyong in January.

Roddick

Big hitting American Andy Roddick thrilled the huge crowd at Kooyong in January when he won the AAMI Classic for the first time.

Joining names such as Federer, Agassi, Sampras and Chang, to have won the title here at Kooyong, Roddick wrote his own chapter in the history of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

In a perfect preparation for the Australian Open, Roddick was able to overcome the in-form Tommy Haas, who had defeated Roger Federer earlier in the week, in a seesawing match.

Roddick had to fight his way out of several precarious positions in both sets before finally clinching the match and the title in a tie-breaker 6/3 7/6 (8/6).

Facing several games where he was 0/40 down on his own serve and also being down 2/5 in the second set, Roddick was able to dig himself out of several holes before eventually overcoming the dangerous Haas.

'You know, you come to this event hoping to get some matches in, they have a great environment to play matches in with the crowd and the ball kids and the umpires. You can't really simulate that in practice, so it was

From left: AAMI Classic winner Andy Roddick, Tommy Haas, Roger Federer, Max Myrni and Guillermo Coria.



claims **AAMI** Classic title

a good week and I'm glad to have gotten a couple of good matches in,' Roddick said.

Earlier in the week Haas had defeated Roger Federer in a close three set match to move within one match of the final when he won 3/6 6/4 6/4 while Roddick had begun his AAMI Classic tournament with an impressive 6/2 6/2 win over the exciting French teenager Gael Monfils.

In other Day 1 matches Guillermo Coria defeated Ivan Ljubicic in style when he won 6/2 6/2 while Nicolas Kiefer was leading when David Nalbandian unfortunately had to retire with an illness 6/3 3/2.

Day 2 action got underway with the semi final between Tommy Haas and Guillermo Coria and it was a tightly contested affair between two determined players.

Haas, however, continued to show why he was being seen as a threat for the Australian Open when he went on to win the close semi final 6/4 6/4 and move straight into the final.

Roger Federer was then on court against the big Croatian Ivan Ljubicic and the world number one started to show the form that everyone expects from him as he began

to display his trademark groundstrokes and exquisite touch as he went on to win 6/4 6/3 and build towards the Australian Open.

Belarus giant Max Myrni stepped in to replace David Nalbandian and played French youngster Gael Monfils in an entertaining match.

Myrni was impressive as he continually rushed the net and signalled his fine form with a 6/2 7/5 win over Monfils.

Day 3 was another fantastic day's play despite the unfortunate ankle injury to Nicolas Kiefer in his semi final against Andy Roddick.

In just the second game of the match Kiefer innocently rolled his ankle in the middle of a point and was unable to continue the match.

This moved Roddick directly into the final against Tommy Haas on Day 4.

Roger Federer then had to face the talented Max Myrni and the crowd was treated to an exciting match as Myrni attacked the net and Federer used his superb passing shots to great effect.

There was nothing between the two for the entire match but Myrni was able to sneak in front after winning the first set tie breaker 7/1

but Federer was in a fighting mood and he was able to level the match when he took the second set 6/4.

Myrni wasn't going to lie down and he continued to attack the net and pressure Federer into making the big shots but when a tie breaker was needed to decide this match it could have gone either way.

Federer, though, had another gear and produced all the shots in the breaker to eventually win a highly entertaining match 6/7 6/4 7/6.

In the last match on Day 3 Ivan Ljubicic geared up for the Australian Open with an impressive win over Gael Monfils 6/3 6/1.

Preceding the final between Roddick and Haas was the playoff for third and fourth between Guillermo Coria and Max Myrni, who stepped in to replace the injured Nicolas Kiefer.

Coria rounded out his impressive showing at Kooyong with some magnificent passing strokes as he defeated the Belarusian 6/1 7/6.

The AAMI Classic was a wonderful success and the huge crowd for the final was a great indication of the fantastic talent on show over the four days at Kooyong and we look forward to the 2007 event with great anticipation.



Jay Salter wins 5th title in six years

After missing the 2005 Club Championships while travelling to tournaments, Jay Salter has won his fifth Men's Open singles title in the last six years with a straight sets win over Club coach, Glenn Busby.

Salter was the stand out performer at the Club Championships as he breezed through to the final with little effort and lifted a gear whenever required.

After defeating last year's winner, Alasdair Graetz, in straight sets in the quarter final and then getting past new State Grade recruit Paul Arber in convincing fashion in the semi final, Salter waited patiently for his opponent as things got interesting in the bottom half of the draw.



Five time Club Champion, Jay Salter

With Kooyong's State Grade number one, Lee Pearson, unable to take his place in the event due to injury, players such as Matthew Coghlan, David Bidmeade, Glenn Busby, Paul Kleverlaan and Kenneth Prajoga began eyeing off a spot in the final.

The matches were highly competitive and frustrations began to show as David Bidmeade snuck past Paul Kleverlaan after losing the first set and then it was Bidmeade

who caused an upset as he defeated his State Grade captain, Matthew Coghlan, in straight sets to reach the semi final.

In the last quarter final Glenn Busby played one of his pupils, Kenneth Prajoga, and after losing the first set to his much younger opponent Busby showed why experience counts for so much, especially on grass, as he came back to win 3/6 6/3 6/4.

Busby and Bidmeade met in the semi final and again experience overshadowed youth and enthusiasm as the Club coach moved through to his first Club Championships final against the big hitting Salter.

The final was a close encounter but when it came to the crunch Jay just had too many weapons and again proved his class and ability as he went on to win his fifth Kooyong title 6/3 6/4.

In the Women's Open singles Kooyong's gun State Grade recruit Adriana Szili proved her class with a spectacular start to her time at the Club with some eye-catching wins.

Szili, a former Junior Australian Open Doubles winner, was only really challenged in the semi final when she faced our new State Grade captain, Emily Arnott, but in the end her experience got her through to the final in straight sets 7/5 6/2.

Arnott had to fight hard for her spot in the semi final as she finally outlasted the hard hitting Despina Konstantinidis in three sets 7/5 2/6 6/4 while Jessica Collins also had a struggle on her hands as she defeated Danielle Kypreos 6/0 6/7 7/6 to get through to the semi final.

Meeting Collins in the other semi final was the ageless Jurate Hardy who continues to be underestimated against her younger opponents on the grass courts at Kooyong but it was Hardy who continued to win and she set up a final showdown with Szili after defeating Collins in straight sets 6/3 6/4.

Adriana Szili then showed why she has been ranked as high as 409 in the world on the

women's tour, and at only 21 years of age can still compete with the best players going around, as she won her first Kooyong title in impressive fashion 6/1 6/0.

In the Men's Open Doubles it was a case of the familiar names appearing come finals time after the top seeds, Lee Pearson and Matthew Coghlan, defeated two rising stars, Jason Lee and Alasdair Graetz, in the first semi final 6/2 6/4.

Meanwhile, Jay Salter and David Bidmeade overcame the talented doubles pairing of Steve Gay and John Peers after a tough first set to win 7/6 6/2 and moved into the final against the number one seeds.

The final was a fantastic match as the two talented pairings traded winners and put on an awesome display of grasscourt doubles in front of the Clubhouse.

In the end it was the big serving pair of Jay Salter and David Bidmeade who came out on top after a high-class match which finished in a huge tie-break 6/2 7/6 (15/13).

In the Women's Open Doubles final, Emily Arnott and Lucy Mercuri were able to overcome some familiar faces to take out the title 6/3 6/2.

Emily won her second consecutive Open Doubles title when she teamed with Lucy to defeat Sarah Brooks and Vanessa Frlan in the final.

The Open Mixed Doubles saw the number one seeds step up to play an unseeded but talented pairing in the final under lights on the hardcourts on the final day.

The top seeds, David Bidmeade and Adriana Szili, had cruised through to the final while John Peers and Emily Arnott had toughed it out in a three set match against Paul Kleverlaan and Danielle Kypreos.

This match turned out to be an epic as it stretched into the night and it was only the steady hand of Szili that was the difference in the end as she led Bidmeade through a tight encounter to win the title 6/3 5/7 7/6 in the toughest of matches.

A list of winners from all events can be seen on the next page.

Club Championships Winners List

MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Jay Salter (6/3 6/4)

MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

Jay Salter/David Bidmeade (6/2 7/6)

LADIES' OPEN SINGLES

Adriana Szili (6/1 6/0)

LADIES' OPEN DOUBLES

Emily Arnott/Lucy Mercuri (6/3 6/2)

MEN'S 50 & OVER SINGLES

Viktor Eke (6/2 6/1)

MEN'S 50 & OVER DOUBLES

Bryan Burrell/Hayden Rees (7/6 6/3)

MEN'S 60 & OVER DOUBLES

Maurice Broom/Alan Coleman (6/1 6/1)

MEN'S 100 & OVER DOUBLES

Maurice Broom/Cam Dickinson (6/3 6/2)

MEN'S A GRADE SINGLES

Luke McDonald (6/4 6/1)

MEN'S B GRADE SINGLES

James Rundle (6/4 6/4)

MEN'S B GRADE DOUBLES

Kevin Green/Mark Swindon (W/O)

LADIES' B GRADE SINGLES

Caroline Hassan (6/3 6/3)

LADIES' B GRADE DOUBLES

Caroline Hassan/Chris Sherman (W/O)

MEN'S C GRADE SINGLES

Paul Lidgerwood (6/2 6/3)

MEN'S C GRADE DOUBLES

Paul Lidgerwood/Julian Ralph (6/3 6/4)

LADIES' C GRADE SINGLES

Atlanta Eke (6/2 7/5)

LADIES' C GRADE DOUBLES

Linda Dohnt/Ros Smith (6/1 6/1)

MEN'S D GRADE SINGLES

Daniel Stuk (6/1 6/1)

MEN'S D GRADE DOUBLES

Ross Anderson/Wayne Tarrant (6/1 6/4)

LADIES' D GRADE DOUBLES

Cheryl Cottee/Jo Koffman (6/0 6/1)

MEN'S SOCIAL DOUBLES

John Humphreys/Paul Salter (7/6 6/3)

OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

David Bidmeade/Adriana Szili (6/3 5/7 7/6)

B GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Anthony Forster/Caroline Hassan (6/1 6/3)

C GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Trevor Dohnt/Linda Dohnt (7/6 6/2)

D GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Harold Coles/Dianne Coles (6/2 6/2)

JUNIOR BOY'S SINGLES U/21

Alex Cherman (6/2 1/6 6/4)

JUNIOR GIRLS SINGLES U/21

Jessica Collins (6/0 6/1)

U/14 BOYS SINGLES

John Meadows (4/6 6/2 6/1)

U/14 GIRLS SINGLES

Olivia Green (6/3 6/1)

U/14 BOYS DOUBLES

David Holland/John Meadows (6/3 6/1)

U/16 BOYS SINGLES

Toby Koffman (6/0 6/2)

U/16 GIRLS SINGLES

Sabrina Hoare (6/0 6/2)

U/16 BOYS DOUBLES

Zebe Haupt/Toby Koffman (4/6 6/1 6/1)

U/16 GIRLS DOUBLES

Sabrina Hoare/Olivia Green (6/1 6/0)

From left: Jessica Collins, Jurate Hardy, David Bidmeade and Adriana Szili.



The President's Lunch

Davis Cup captain, John Fitzgerald and former International Cricket star, Simon O'Donnell were guests speakers at the recent President's Luncheon.

With Davis Cup fever starting to grip Kooyong in anticipation of the upcoming tie against Belarus, John spoke about the special place Kooyong holds in Australian tennis' history.

He also spoke about the huge job ahead for his team who take on a Belarus team high on confidence after beating a strong Spanish side and the influence a full stadium could have on the outcome.

With Lleyton Hewitt returning to the team and several youngsters showing some fine form in Switzerland, the Australian team will be keen to win in the first tie to be held at Kooyong since 1993.

Simon O'Donnell spoke about several of his life's passions including his cricket, football and horse racing endeavours as well as his battle with cancer.

He gave great encouragement and entertainment to all those in attendance with some fantastic stories about his younger days involved in sport at the highest level.

Simon's current passion, horse racing, was also a topic many in attendance took close interest in and he passed on his love for the industry and the enjoyment that can be taken from the experience of being involved with horses.

His life experiences, including his personal battle with cancer, were extremely insightful and profound and most people were able to glean something from Simon's own stories.



Top: Simon O'Donnell and Darren James;
Bottom: John Fitzgerald.

Visitors from JAPAN



CEO, Chris Brown (centre) with Higashi Ogata and Michio Fujii.

During January Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club was host to several visitors from our sister Club in Japan, the Kyushu Lawn Tennis Club.

These guests came to attend the AAMI Classic and the Australian Open at Melbourne Park.

There were three guests at the AAMI Classic, all members of the Kyushu Club, the Shigematsu family comprising Takashi, Miwako and daughter Keiko.

The family spent six days in Melbourne, saw several matches at Kooyong, attended the President's Luncheon and visited the home of CEO, Chris Brown and his wife Cathy at Yarra Junction.

There were a further four guests at our Club later on in January who all attended some games at the Australian Open.

These were Higashi Ogata, Michio Fujii, Chikao Tokuhisa and Norio Kobayashi.

Higashi is now the Head Coach at the Kyushu Club where his elder sister is the Managing Director.

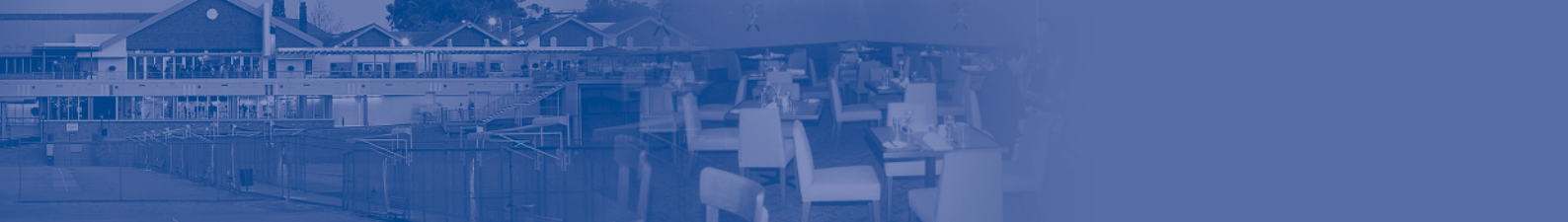
Their mother, Mrs Ogata, is the President of the Club and last year on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of this Club, our CEO presented a commemorative plate to her at Saga.

Michio is a former member of the Japanese Davis Cup squad and coaches tennis in Tokyo.

Chikao and Norio were guests of two of our members, Ray Fitz-Gerald, who is President of Tennis Seniors Victoria, and Ian Roberts, who has visited Japan on several occasions and has played tennis at the Kyushu Club.

These four enjoyed a vigorously contested game of doubles and once more our friends from Japan had a wonderful time at Kooyong.

Information courtesy of Jim Richardson.



Kooyong swimmers conquer Rottnest Channel

Kooyong members Peter Carew, Joe Dicks, Paul Devereux, David Cooper (left) and his son Charlie Cooper have conquered the brutal conditions in this year's Rottnest Channel swim.

This is a fantastic achievement considering more than 2,300 people started in the event and more than 500 people were forced to retire from the swim due to the 1 to 2 metre swell together with 15 knot winds which also gusted at times to around 30 knots.

During the swim there were several cases of hypothermia, a heart attack and a shark sighting just to liven things up.

A 1.5 metre hammerhead shark was spotted just 100 metres from swimmers but organisers said it didn't pose a threat to anyone at the time.

The 19.2 kilometre swim from Cottlesloe to Rottnest took the Kooyong members just over 8 hours and 9 minutes to complete as a team,

with each person rotating every 10 minutes.

The tough conditions eventually took a toll on the men as they battled through the last 7 kilometres swimming into the wind and they began rotating on a more regular basis.

Even marathon swimming legend Shelley Taylor-Smith found this to be the most challenging Rottnest Channel swim she has encountered in her ten attempts.

The men are all part of coach John Sugden's training group who are seen at Kooyong every Wednesday morning.

Each man can be proud of the monumental achievement they have accomplished in completing this gruelling event and it sounds like they're all intending on putting themselves through it again.

We wish them all the best in their future swimming adventures.



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Rules Reminder

Members are reminded that the following rules are to be followed at all times at Kooyong and Cory Thorsen and John DeMasi, the Member Liaison Officers, have been authorised by Council to enforce these rules.

Their role is an important one and members should respect the job they are doing in upholding the rules for the enjoyment of all members and their guests at the Club.

VISITORS

DINING AND HOSPITALITY AREAS:

Subject to these Regulations all Members except Junior Members under 18 years, and Absentee Members are entitled to invite visitors to the dining and/or hospitality areas of the Club;

The same visitor cannot be introduced to the Club more than twelve times in any twelve months period;

A Member inviting a Visitor to the Club must enter the visitor's details in and sign the Visitor's Book prior to such visitor entering the dining and/or hospitality areas;

Members must ensure that visitors comply with the Club's dress regulations (as set out hereunder), and accompany their guests at all times while their guests are on the Club's premises.

TENNIS COURTS:

Playing, Country and Junior Members may invite visitors to play on the grass courts at any time those courts are open for play **except** on Saturdays and **before** 1pm Sundays. A member may invite one visitor Monday to Friday and up to three visitors on Sundays after 1pm.

Playing, Country and Junior Members may invite visitors to play on the hard courts at any time those courts are open for play **except** Saturdays before 6pm and Sundays **before** 1pm. A member may only invite one visitor Monday to Friday and up to three visitors after 6pm Saturdays and after 1pm Sundays.

Restricted Members may invite a visitor to play on hard courts at times consistent with their own entitlements to use the hard courts. Only one visitor per member is permitted Monday to Friday, after 6pm Saturdays and 1pm Sundays.

The same visitor may not be invited to play tennis more than three times in any twelve month period;

A Member inviting a Visitor to the Club to play tennis must enter the visitor's details in and sign the Visitor's Book and pay the visitor fee as set by council, prior to such visitor commencing play.

Members with children and/or grand children aged 13 years and under may invite such

children to play on grass courts or hard courts as the Member's membership entitlements permit, **after** 6pm on Saturdays and **after** 1pm on Sundays. **No visitor's fee will be charged.**

BILLIARD ROOM:

All Members (**except Junior Members** under 18 years) may invite visitors to the Billiard room; No game of billiards or snooker can be played unless one of the players is a Member;

The same visitor cannot be invited more than three times in any 12 month period;

A Member inviting a Visitor to the Club to utilise the billiard room must enter the visitor's details in and sign the Visitor's Book and pay the visitor fee as set by council, prior to such visitor commencing play.

SQUASH COURTS:

Members may only invite one visitor at any time; The same visitor cannot be invited more than three times in any 12 month period;

A Member inviting a Visitor to the Club to play squash must enter the visitors details in and sign the Visitor's Book and pay the visitor fee as set by council, prior to such visitor commencing play.

GYMNASIUM, POOL AND SPA, AND SAUNAS:

Subject to the following sub-clause Members may not invite visitors to use the gymnasium, spa, swimming pool or saunas.

Members may invite their children and/or grand children aged 13 years or under to use the swimming pool between 10 am and 12 noon on Saturdays and Sundays, and between 10 am and 12 noon on public holidays **provided that** such children are supervised by that Member at all times whilst they are on the Club premises.

DRESS CODES

TENNIS COURTS:

Recognised tennis attire with collars on men's shirts; No football, running, jogging, cycling, board, Bermuda, boxer or walk shorts;

No advertising or lettering to be visible on clothing **excepting** for the official KLTC logo or a manufacturer's

logo less than 5cmx5cm (2 inches square);

No black or dark socks, or black shoes;

Only shoes designed for tennis. No ripple, running, jogging, cricket shoes or shoes with raised heels or studs.

SQUASH COURTS:

Neat sporting attire appropriate for squash with collars on men's shirts;

Only non-marking soled shoes may be worn.

No advertising or lettering to be visible on clothing **except for** the official KLTC logo or

a manufacturer's logo less than 5cmx5cm (2 inches square);

BILLIARD ROOM:

Smart casual clothing including men's shirts with a collar;

GYMNASIUM:

Neat sporting attire must be worn;

Footwear must be worn at all times;

Members must wipe down equipment with a towel after use.

SWIMMING POOL, SPA AND SAUNA:

Only apparel designed specifically for swimming must be worn.

Wetsuits are not permitted in the swimming pool and/or spa;

DINING AND HOSPITALITY AREAS:

The Racquet Club:

Smart Casual including men's shirts with a collar. No sporting or gymnasium attire permitted.

The Hopman Bistro, BBQ Terrace and Member's Bar:

Neat casual clothing or correct tennis attire and, in all cases, men's shirts with a collar.

The Kooyong Room and Seminar Rooms:

at a minimum smart casual clothing including men's shirts with a collar.

Note: No caps or men's hats, men's sandals or garments with advertising motifs (except as approved for tennis or squash clothing) are permitted anywhere in the Clubhouse.



John Demasi joins KOOYONG

Kooyong welcomes John DeMasi as the new Members Liaison Officer and, together with Cory Thorsen, John will be patrolling the Clubhouse and courts to ensure members are following the Club rules.

John and Cory will be especially interested in making sure members and their guests are correctly attired and have signed in and paid for all visitors before beginning play on the courts.

Members should familiarise themselves with both John and Cory as they roam the Club's grounds to make sure everyone gets the full enjoyment of the facilities with respect to the Club rules in place.

All members are reminded the rules are easily accessible via the Club's website or through reception.

GRASS COURTS UP-DATE

Our continuing program of levelling and returfing which has been successfully conducted over the past ten years concentrated last year on courts 19 - 22 and good early signs of new growth on the resurfaced courts provided us with great optimism about further improvement in our court conditions.

As the new growth continued to develop however our optimism was somewhat tempered as we discovered evidence of a finer grass within the body of the new court surface.

COURT CONTAMINATION

After consultation with our turf expert, John Neylan, we met with representatives of StrathAyr to identify the type of grass and the cause of contamination. After investigation, the problem was traced back to the source stock at the farm where it was grown.

Based on what was presented to us, a two-stage plan was developed and immediately implemented.

RECTIFICATION PLAN

To ensure firstly that this season saw the best possible outcome, the area was scarified, cut close and heavily rolled to provide a flat playing surface, with good even bounce.

This has continued through the season and while this has meant a great deal of additional work, the results have been very positive and the courts have played out the season well.

For the second part, we have negotiated with StrathAyr for supply of replacement turf and compensation for the costs to replace the whole court surface with uncontaminated Legend Couch during this season's maintenance period.

For the long term improvement of playing conditions this is necessary and John Neylan has identified suitable turf and confirmed supply. He will personally oversee the program in consultation with our staff.

As the seasons progress to winter we will also move forward with our annual maintenance and John is again overseeing the program. Significant work is planned on courts 11 to 14 to reset court levels with emphasis on the baseline areas.

Elsewhere around the grounds our program of maintenance is currently being planned with John's supervision and we will commit to all necessary works to ensure that the best court conditions are available for members when we open late in the year.



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MEN'S STATE GRADE PREVIEW

TWO TEAMS & TALENT TO BURN

Kooyong moves into historic ground as it attempts to successfully field two teams in this year's Men's State Grade competition.

With many talented juniors moving through the ranks and opportunities lacking in our top team with all of our players returning from last season, it was decided that the best way for these youngsters to gain any experience at this level was to field a second side.

Lee Pearson, Nathan Byrnes, Paul Arber, Matthew Coghlan, David Bidmeade and Paul Aitken will be hoping to make it back to the finals and reach that elusive pennant after several close misses in the past two seasons.

Arber is a valuable addition to this side having won the State Grade Player of the Year award last season and steering his Grace Park side to the top of the ladder at the end of the regular season but as Kooyong's boys found out last year the finals are a different story.

Grace Park and Kooyong were by far the best two teams in the regular season last year but both were unfortunate to run into good sides in the finals.

Lee Pearson continues to set the standard and will again be a key to this team's success.

Pearson possesses one of the best backhands going around and is hard to stop when on song and together with his solid doubles play he will steer this team in the right direction.

Nathan Byrnes may add the right ingredients to this team if he returns from College later in the year and could be vital to this team's chances.

Matthew Coghlan is as important as anybody to this team as he commits wholeheartedly to getting his team-mates over the line week in and week out and his value was no-more evident than in the semi final last year.

Coghlan's come from behind win against the red-hot Stephen Donald was nearly the catalyst for an unlikely win that could have led to a pennant title.

Former Kooyong number one Jay Salter, who returns to give Kooyong's juniors an opportunity to play at the highest level, will captain the second Kooyong team. Marinko Matosevic also joins Kooyong and is seen as a solid number two in this company

and will take the pressure off the younger players as they find their feet with the big boys.

Yan Levinski, Alasdair Graetz, Jason Lee, John Peers and Will McNamee are all likely to find themselves with an opportunity in this team during the season along with other young, up and coming players amongst Kooyong's ranks.

This is a fantastic chance for these kids to play against some of the best players this competition has to offer and will hold them in good stead for their future tennis careers.

From left: Jason Lee will get an opportunity to play State Grade this season while Paul Arber (right) will be a classy addition to Kooyong's State Grade team.

Editor's Prediction: Both Kooyong teams have the talent available to make the finals. Their best sides are both capable of beating anyone on their day and it could prove to be a highly successful season for the Club. Salter and Pearson are the keys to these sides but experience may see one side nudge out the other. Player availability and injuries could prove pivotal.



Young team ready to go

Kooyong will field a relatively new look team in this season's State Grade competition in the Tennis Victoria Pennant.

With Annabel Ellwood choosing to play at MCC and Karen Kleverlaan out for the season expecting her second child, the Kooyong girls have lost a lot of experience but have already gained a star to take up the number one position and several youngsters ready to take their chances in this side.

Adriana Szili will anchor the team this season, deciding to have a year away from the tour after reaching a world ranking of 409.

The former Junior Australian Open Doubles champion is a highly talented player who will prove to be great value to the younger girls on this team and will be tough to beat week in and week out.

This will take the pressure off the rest of the team as they'll be less likely to be playing out of position, which will give the team a more stable base with which to work.

Meryl Johnston and Danielle Kypreos will slot into the number two and three spots respectively when Bianca Acquistapace is travelling overseas and new captain Emily Arnott comes back into State Grade following a stellar season at number one in Grade I where Kooyong won the pennant.

The team also has plenty of depth in the talent department with Jo Morrison and Catherine Louis returning again this year and Despina Konstantinidis and Jessica

Collins getting their opportunities after outstanding seasons in Grade I.

Kooyong's girls will be hoping to match it with some of the more experienced teams in the competition like MCC, Grace Park and Dendy Park and to go one step further than last season after losing a heartbreaking semi final to the eventual winners Dingley by one game.

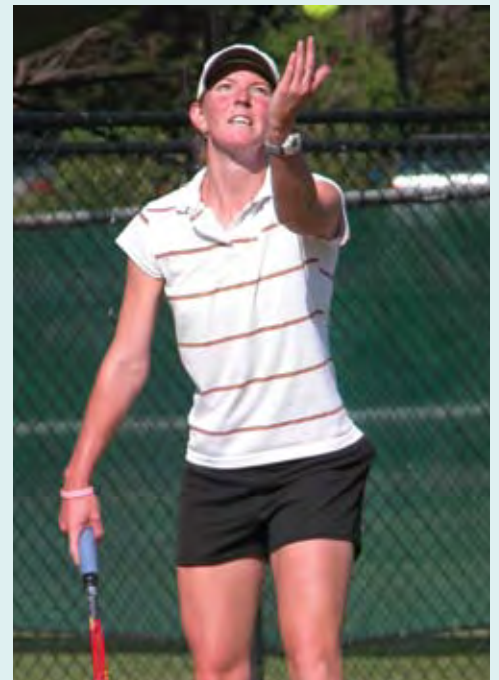
This team has the ability and if they can start to match some of these teams in the doubles side of the game Kooyong will be thereabouts again this year.

The star quality and solid doubles play of Szili and the continued growth of Acquistapace, Johnston, Kypreos and Arnott could prove to be the difference between challenging and not quite making it in the end.

Talent alone won't get the job done but this team can definitely be there when it matters.

As most people in this caper know, it's not who is around at the start of the season that matters but who is available come finals time and if the Kooyong girls are committed to winning the title then they are certainly capable.

Editor's Prediction: The Kooyong girls have all the makings of a great side and some of the girls have been together for several seasons now and in recent times have kept themselves within striking distance but without luck. Adriana Szili could prove to be the edge required to win in this company if it all works out.



From top: Adriana Szili will provide stability at the number one position this season and Emily Arnott comes back into State Grade and her experience will be a welcome addition to the team.



From top: Yan Levinski and Jason Lee continue to improve at a rapid rate.

Young stars continue to shine

Kooyong's youngsters continue to show their skills on the international stage with several posting impressive performances over the summer tournament season.

Yan Levinski, Jason Lee, Patrick Nicholls and John Peers were all involved in the Junior Australian Open in January and each of the boys acquitted themselves extremely well.

Patrick Nicholls and Jason Lee both drew tough matches first up and they fought gallantly to stay in the event with Nicholls playing the top seed and Lee playing fellow Aussie, Todd Ley.

Unfortunately both lost close matches but it was Yan Levinski who carried Kooyong's hopes right through to the last sixteen.

Supported by his cheer squad from Brighton Grammar, Yan won a tough first round match against the ninth seed, Antonio Veic, from Croatia 7/6 6/4.

After grinding out a tough win against a seeded player Yan faced the 88th ranked junior in the world from the Ukraine, Artem Smirnov, and this match proved to be another tight and tough match.

Smirnov closed out the first set in a tie-breaker but Yan was able to fight his way back to level the scores at a set all.

Another close set ensued but it was the Kooyong youngster who again came out on the top eventually winning his second round match 6/7 6/4 6/4.

One of three Australians to make the last 16, Yan actually had to face an Australian player in Nick Lindahl and this proved to be a huge hurdle.

This was a closely fought battle but Lindahl was able to get past Yan to win 7/5 6/4 and then went on to make the final where he lost to the number 3 junior player in the world, Alexandre Sidorenko 6/3 7/6.

In the girl's event Sally Peers and Kristina Pejkovic were both involved in the qualifying for the singles, which would have been a great experience for these 14 year olds.

Both Sally and Kristina still have several years ahead of them in this under 18 event and the exposure to the standard of world tennis will be great for their future development.

WHAT'S ALL THE HUSS ABOUT?



It was great to see the 2005 Wimbledon Doubles champion at Kooyong over the past few months as he prepared for the Australian summer.

Stephen Huss, who is a close friend and former doubles partner of Kooyong's State Grade number one Lee Pearson, spent time hitting on the rebound ace courts to ready himself for a busy time around Australia.

With upcoming tournaments in Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne, Huss worked hard in the warm conditions on centre court with Pearson in readiness for these marquee Australian events.

Huss played with James Blake in Adelaide, Jim Thomas in Sydney and Wayne Arthurs at the Australian Open.

We wish Stephen all the best for another big year in 2006.

KOORYONG'S Pennant Profiles



Jessica Collins

AGE: 19

GRADE: State

PLAY: R/H

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

2006 Kooyong Woman's State grade team, Represented Australia in the 2006 Kia Armature World Final, Winner of the 18/U Victorian School girl's championships



Alasdair Graetz

AGE: 18

GRADE: State

PLAY: R/H

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

Kooyong Club Champ 2005, Pennant Player of the Year 2005, Pennant winner 2002, 2003, 2005

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Roger Federer. I admire his ability to stay so relaxed under pressure and have such confidence in his own abilities while demonstrating great sportsman ship and class.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

My parents. Their support and encouragement has given me so many opportunities that has allowed me to set goals and achieve them.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Andy Roddick vs Younes El Aynaoui at the Australian Open.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

I believe that Kooyong is the most beautiful club in Australia, and probably the world. The history of the club is amazing and I feel inspired every time I play there.

What qualities do you admire in people?

I admire people who have the courage to aim high and are very positive about life.

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

Probably a surfer, considering my brothers and dad love to surf and I grew up in Torquay where surfing is just the way of life.

What do you do outside tennis?

I love relaxing with friends and family. I also have just started a Bachelor of Business Psychology and Management/Marketing at Monash Caulfield which takes up most of my spare time!

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

I try to train for 2 hours a day, for at least 5 days of the week. I also spend probably about another hour each day of fitness training, whether it is yoga, running or surfing

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

Considering the depth in our team this year anything is possible. If we can have a strong season and make the finals I think that the experience of some of the girls in the team will give us a huge advantage and hopefully we can experience success.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Weekend sleep-ins!!

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Anyone who is willing to make sacrifices in order to achieve individual goals or their potential in any field.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

Parents for the countless hours driving me to obscure parts of Victoria and anyone who has helped motivate me to be a better athlete.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

Aus Vs Uruguay World Cup Qualifier.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

Rich history, top-class facilities and the swipe card.

What qualities do you admire in people?

Sense of humour, common sense, self-direction and anyone who doesn't take themselves too seriously.

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

An undirected and unfit middle-class male.

What do you do outside tennis?

Go out with mates, play golf and several other sports, eat and sleep

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

2-4 hours a day, 5-6 days a week

Projected finish for your pennant team this season?

Finals without question, Premiers if need be.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Time spent socialising with friends, always choosing to be the designated driver and other general luxuries.

Top National and State Tournaments at Kooyong



From left: Lee Pearson and Bianca Acquistapace are two of Kooyong's top players likely to feature in the Victorian Hardcourt Championships.

From April 18th – 23rd Kooyong will host some of Australia's best junior players followed by some of Victoria's best Open players as two big tournaments take centre stage.

The 16's Claycourt Nationals take on a new format this year beginning on April 18th and will feature some of the best boys and girls from across the country who will attempt to win a wildcard into the Victorian Claycourt Championships which begin later in the week.

Several of Kooyong's rising stars are sure to take part in the event on home soil and we hope this provides a distinct advantage as they strive for the wildcard into the National Money Tournament to follow this event.

The Victorian Claycourt Championships also takes on a new

format with the event running across just one weekend and featuring the wildcards won from the 16's nationals earlier in the week.

This event is not new to Kooyong but the format is and this will still feature many of Victoria's top State Grade players as well as some of the State's most talented junior players.

Kooyong players likely to feature include Jay Salter, Lee Pearson, Yan Levinski, James Wong, Marinko Matosevic, Alasdair Graetz, David Bidmeade, Adriana Szili, Bianca Acquistapace, Jessica Collins and many more.

The tennis action will be non-stop and of a fantastic standard so if you get a chance during this event drop by and take in all that Kooyong, Victoria and Australia has to offer on the tennis front.

Hardcourt area cleaned up as winter season approaches

Members will have noticed the significant landscaping works recently completed on the path between the hardcourts.

This beautification program has continued the extensive works undertaken around the grounds over the past few years, which includes both the planting of the southern and northern embankments behind the grasscourts.

The works included significant paving and construction of permanent seating behind the courts as well as garden beds along the path leading to the John P Young Pavilion.

The Club is also seeking interest from any members wishing to be part of the history of the Club forever with a plaque to be placed on each of the new benches in this area in recognition of a member who wishes to support the Club by way of donation.

If you have any interest in this or would more information please contact our CEO, Chris Brown, in the office.





Junior Tennis round-up

After a tough winter season for Kooyong's teams, which yielded one pennant win in Section 8 on Sundays, the summer season is looking to be a dominant one for the Club.

Many of the Club's teams finished last season just inside or just outside the top four but the new year has brought some fantastic results for the Kooyong teams to this stage.

On Saturday morning Kooyong fields 8 teams and in Section 1 Lincoln Cottee's team is sitting just one point off the top of the ladder.

In Section 2 both Stefanie Holland and Charlie Atkin's teams are both acquitting themselves well in this strong competition but are currently in equal fifth spot on the ladder.

Kooyong is fielding three teams in Section 3 and Josh Rawlings' team is currently in third spot on the ladder while Cara Szwarcberg and Thomas Klemens' teams are in fifth and sixth respectively.

In Section 4 Kooyong's teams captained by Julia Harper and Chelsea Munday are in second and fifth on the ladder as we near the half way mark of the season.

On Sunday morning in Section 1 Kooyong's team captained by Bryn Hellier and consisting of the same players from last season has stepped up and are currently sitting just one point behind second spot on the ladder in third.

Charlie Stephens' Section 2 team are in second spot on the ladder and have had some good wins in the early part of the season.

In Section 3 Damian Terbiler's team is in third spot and are just 5 points out of top spot while Nicholas Baggott's Section 4 team is in second spot and travelling well.

Kooyong has two teams in Section 5 and Alistair Green's team is currently on top of the ladder and Alex Hayes' team has been highly competitive but are sitting in sixth spot on the ladder.

There are also two teams in Section 6 with Will Boyd's team, who won the Section 8 pennant last season, sitting in second and William James' team currently just three points out of fourth spot but sitting in sixth spot.


In Section 8 Nicola Shimmin's team is currently in third spot on the ladder and Samantha Sutton's team is in equal sixth place in the same section.

Lucie Buchan's team is currently sitting in seventh spot in Section 9 while Clarissa Blaufelder's team, after finishing last season on top of the Section 14 ladder, is now on top of the Section 11 ladder.

In Section 12 Simon Hardham's team is currently sitting in fifth spot and is just three points outside the top four and in Section 14 Kate Doery's team is also sitting in fifth spot on their ladder.

In Section 15 Kooyong is fielding two teams and Polly Kenna's team is just six points outside the top four in fifth spot on the ladder while Rosie McCann's team is currently in sixth place on the ladder.

Creche Report



A warm welcome is extended to all Kooyong Creche families who have enrolled for 2006.

The first term has been very promising. All children have settled in successfully with less tears and way more finger painting.

Unfortunately staff members Wendy and Giovanna are no longer with the crèche.

They have moved on to further their careers. We wish them the very best and thank them for a total of 16 years service. They will be missed.

Sue Edwards recently joined our Kooyong Creche family as a carer and has been accepted very well by the children. Sue and myself are in attendance five mornings a week, providing continuity for the children. We run a daily program to suit the needs of the children.

Our aim, as in previous years, is to provide a happy, safe and stimulating environment for the children and receive positive feedback from parents.

Craft activities are enjoyed by our children more than anything. As a consequence we are going to provide more craft and the work will be displayed within the centre for parents to view and comment on.

Here's to the remainder of 2006 – may it be happy and a great experience for the children and parents.

Creche resumes for Term 2 on Tuesday 11th April. It will close Good Friday (14th April) and Easter Monday (17th April).

Steffie Aivaliotis,
Creche Supervisor

Midweek Ladies Report

M.E.M.R.L.T.A

With finals set to get underway in late March in the Tuesday Ladies competition Kooyong has several teams set to take part in the action.

In A2 Rosie Kovacs' team finished the season on top of the ladder and will play Montrose in the semi final.

This is Rosie's teams last season in this competition as they have now moved into Section 1 of the Bayside Thursday morning competition.

In A4 Anne Sierakowski's team finished in fifth spot on the ladder and Moira Righetti's team finished at the bottom this season.

Kooyong also fielded a team in A5 where Kirsty Gregory's team finished just outside the top four in fifth spot, which was a similar story for Fleur Cameron's team in A7 who also finished in fifth.

Cathy Klemen's B4 team has finished the season well and will contest the finals after finishing in second spot on the ladder.

They will play Canterbury in the semi final who finished the season in third spot on the ladder.

BAYSIDE

The Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Mid Week Ladies Competitions have just begun and after 3 rounds most of Kooyong's teams are looking in good shape.

On Wednesday Lauren Dennis' Section 1 team are sitting in second spot after the first few rounds while Judy O'Connor's team in Section 3 are currently sitting in seventh spot on the ladder after winning their second consecutive pennant when they won Section 5 last season.

On Thursday Kooyong is fielding two teams in Section 1 with Rosie Kovacs' team currently sitting in fourth spot on the ladder and Jan Hayes' team sitting pretty at the top of the ladder in the early part of the season.

In Section 2 Angela Straford's team is in sixth spot on the ladder while Sarah Cudlipp's and Jan McLeod's Section 5 teams sit in first and second respectively at the moment.

In Section 6 Jayne Pitard's team has got off to a solid start and sit in sixth spot on the ladder while Anne Fitzpatrick's Section 7 team are just inside the top four early in the season.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the rest of the season especially those currently competing in finals in the MEMRLTA competition on Tuesdays.

WEDNESDAY LADIES ON A ROLL

One of Kooyong's newest mid week ladies teams has taken the Bayside Association's Wednesday Morning competition by storm over the past couple of seasons.

The team of Judy O'Connor, Sally Potter, Jenny Wade, Julia McNamara, Megan Keith and Jenny Murphy began in Section 8 two seasons ago and won the pennant with relative ease.

The team was upgraded to Section 5 and proceeded to win another pennant convincingly last season and on both occasions the team has been awarded the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Weekday Ladies 'C Grade Plate' for the most successful team of the season.

This season the ladies have been upgraded to Section 3 and early indications are they may not be far away from the top of the ladder come finals time.

Congratulations ladies and we look forward to more great results.

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Kooyong International Tennis Academy

With a very successful AMMI Kooyong classic and Australian Open and the coaching term going so quick because of the Commonwealth Games it's been hard to take a breath in between.

We have had a fantastic start to the year with the coaching, our programs being 99% full with a waiting list for specific days and this can only happen with a great staff and a lot of flexibility.

We have had a fantastic participation in our clinic program, which has been a great success. I know I have said it before but it is appreciated and fantastic to hear some of our long standing members, who have been playing tennis for a long time say, "isn't it great to see so many young children playing tennis rather than them being home on the computers or on play stations".

Our clinics always seem to be full with great feedback from parents; it is a credit to the coaches and their enthusiasm. All enrolment forms are always available from the coaching office or at the reception and hopefully from this next term onwards on our Kooyong web page.

Our ladies programs on a Monday and Wednesday morning are going really well with over 30 ladies participating in our 2 hour program on Mondays. It is great to see them working as hard as they do and show the improvement that has taken place.

The Wednesday ladies program is now beginning to fill, which is a 1 and 1/2 hour program. All information can be found either in the reception or by ringing the office. We are also doing quite a few ladies groups for an hour, so bring your friends along to improve your tennis or enjoy a social workout.

Any of the 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 make you work a little harder? Maybe you haven't played for a while and just want a refresher?

Our aim is to meet the needs of all members so please call Glenn Busby or Kurstie Jenkins in the office. No matter what age or ability we can assist your game. Term 2, 2006 will again see our supervised competition on a Friday from 4:00 – 6:00pm.

This will be for juniors who have either not yet started competition, just started, or don't get the chance to play on the weekend. This will be for all members whether being coached or not, the requirement is that you are up to serving the ball into the court and beginning to rally. If you are interested we will be taking expressions of interest from March onwards and will keep you informed.

At this stage we have some really good 10-12 year olds coming through and will be definitely putting in a lot of time into these talented juniors during 2006. We will keep you all informed of their progress.

On a disappointing note Steve Kralj who has been with me, coaching for nearly 6 years, has decided to make a career change and go and work in the building industry where the working hours are more during the day and guaranteed hours, especially when looking after a family in the future.

We wish him all the best and hope he enjoys it. He leaves big shoes to be filled.

Finally, I am not sure of the security situation at present, however if the opportunity arises come and watch the Davis Cup practice sessions the week before the tie which should provide some insight into the abilities our Australian boys and their Belarus opponents.

If there is anything else we can assist you with please contact the office where Kurstie will look after all your needs on 9824 6860.



Head Coach: Glenn Busby

Club Round-Up

Squash News

Barry Barnes and Peter Williams have achieved a milestone in playing 500 pennant matches for our club, whilst Ray Aspinal and Stuart Hammill have played 400 matches producing an enormous amount of sweat, plus consuming mega litres of after match refreshment and going through the odd Racket or two on the way.

Mark Ikin's junior program continues to expand with one of his pupils, Robert Templeton, being admitted to the VIS.

The Autumn pennant is about half way and of our 14 teams around 8 should make the finals.

Sara Fitz-Gerald, recent runner up in the world doubles, is having a tremendous season playing No. 2 in our Club Circuit A1 team and is undefeated.

Anthony Ricketts, the current British & Australian Open & World Doubles Champion, paid us a visit during the AAMI Classic.

Ladies State 2 squash has had a great start to the season and is on top of the ladder after Round 7.

Not every week has been a win but the team is a consistent standard and are hoping to be able to contest for a finals berth, which after advancing from State 3 only last season, would be a formidable feat.

Both Sarah & Vicki Cardwell are undefeated so far and Sarah is certainly setting and playing a very high standard at the No. 3 position. Good luck for the rest of the season girls.

Squash Eye Protection is now available from the Pro Shop.



From top: Kooyong's victorious Ladies State 3 squash team and below current British and Australian Open champion, Anthony Ricketts.

Wine & Food Society

When the Undertaker hit the headlines as one of Melbourne's newest and quirkier restaurants, committee member Susan Young investigated it on our behalf.

The name of the restaurant obviously reflected the previous use of the building and we were impressed with the slick makeover of the interior and the interesting approach to food presentation.

We were able to arrange for our members to sip their Moet and Chandon in the main bar adjacent to the general dining area so enabling our members to view the usual operation of the restaurant before proceeding to the private dining room, which we had booked for the occasion.

We adopted the restaurant's preferred style of presenting 3 entrees concurrently and these were followed by the excellent venison dish and the interesting cannoli desert.

We were delighted that Joe Sullivan agreed to talk to the wine and indeed the matching of the wine with the food.

Following the success of this function, the committee plans to hold further dinners in suitable boutique restaurants despite obvious limitations of space but also looks forward to further functions in the KLTC Clubhouse once the Commonwealth Games and Davis Cup Tie have left Melbourne.

Pamela Middleton,
Bacchus

From left: Peter Ebbels and Geraldine Nichols;
right: Ian Steedman.



The Undertaker

-MENU-

ENTRÉE

1. Tom Coopers smoked salmon with horseradish cream
2. Warm asparagus salad with blood orange, goats cheese and hazelnuts
3. Rabbit schnitzel, oregano, tomato and fetta melt

*T'Gallant Pinot Grigio 2004,
Mornington Peninsula, VIC*

*Dominique Portet Sauvignon Blanc
2005, Yarra Valley, VIC*

MAIN

Rare grilled venison with baby beets and pomme puree

*Mr Riggs 'Gaffer' Shiraz 2004,
McLaren Vale, SA*

*Vasse Felix Cabernet Merlot 2003,
Margaret River*

DESERT

Cannoli filled with Italian glaze fruits, almonds and fromage blanc



BILLIARDS & SNOOKER NEWS

Kooyong Runner-up in A Grade Billiards

Kooyong's A Grade Billiards team had a very successful season during the second half of 2005, finishing second to the very strong team from Brunswick.

With Brunswick comfortably on top of the ladder, the home and away matches featured a tight three-cornered contest for the two remaining finals spots between Kooyong, Yarraville, and Cheltenham.

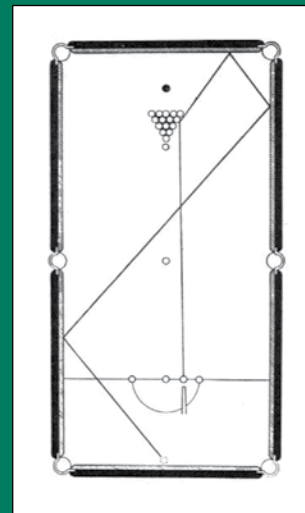
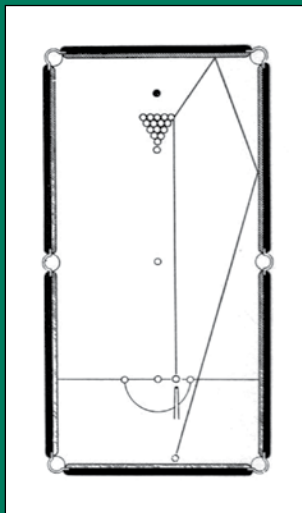
Kooyong won clutch matches against both opponents to finish the home and away stage of the season in second position.

Kooyong won an exciting Elimination Semi-final against Yarraville 4-2, and progressed to the Grand Final.

In the Grand Final we put in a very creditable effort. At one stage it looked as though an upset might occur, but Brunswick steadied and went on to win the match 4-2.

The feeling in the team was that justice had been done, and that sometimes it's OK to finish in second place – first among the losers.

The Snooker season has started recently, and your representatives are trying to keep their heads and bodies still on the shot, and to follow the great Walter Lindrum's advice in the following quotation.



SHOT OF THE MONTH

The break shot, at the start of a frame of Snooker

Most players place the cue ball near the yellow, and strike the white at moderate speed slightly above centre, to glance off the red furthest to the right, taking the white off the top and side cushions, with the plan to leave the white near the bottom cushion, hopefully leaving a snooker. (See figure 1) This break was favoured by the late Eddie Charlton.

A more aggressive break is to play the white with a moderate amount of right hand side (strike the cue ball a little to the right and above the centre). The white glances off the widest or second widest red, then zips around the table (as illustrated in figure 2), hopefully coming to rest on the bottom cushion, leaving your opponent in a snooker, or a difficult position at the very least. This is a spectacular shot when played well. However, it is very easy to make a mess of this shot, so do take great care with it.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Before you hit your ball you must look at it. But do not keep your eye on the cue ball when making your shot. Having decided on the line of your stroke, fix your eye on the object ball as your cue swings into movement and you are committed to decisive action."

Walter Lindrum in "Billiards" 1930



Club Round-Up



The Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



On Monday, 6th of March, we saw the Kooyong Auxiliary launch into the first of our fundraisers for 2006 with the very popular Tennis Day on the grass courts at Kooyong.

Over 200 players from our city and country clubs graced the courts and enjoyed a great day's tennis in perfect weather and with friendly competition with the winning pair on each of 23 courts receiving a Kooyong glass.

They also enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by our great Chef, Kevin and his great staff in the kitchen at Kooyong, and all the entrants very generously supported our raffle on the day comprising fourteen great prizes including a tennis racquet donated by Slazenger, a great bag of tennis goodies, plus tennis shades and socks donated by Sportsproof and Club Heart Australia courtesy of Heather in the Pro Shop.

We would also like to thank many of the Committee members who kindly supplied prizes and also to our dear friend, Phillis George.

My grateful thanks to all my Committee girls and their many friends who worked tirelessly who worked tirelessly all day to produce a very successful day together with Owen and all the Kooyong staff - well done.

Last, but not least, my congratulations to Edna and Thais for their smooth organisation of the tournament, we couldn't do without you both.

Before concluding, I would ask all our members and their friends to enter the following dates in their diaries for the forthcoming functions in 2006:

Monday 1st May - Card Day

Monday 1st July - Wimbledon Dinner

Monday 21st August - Card Day

Monday 25th September - Luncheon

Marie Devereux,
President

Bridge Bits

The Tuesday evening weekly Duplicate sessions are going from strength to strength and the monthly Thursday daytime relaxed Duplicate and social bridge is very popular.

Just to remind members – Tuesday evening bridge begins at 7.30pm every week, and daytime bridge is the first Thursday of every month at 1pm. (Daytime bridge is subject to change so please keep an eye on the noticeboard)

If you need bridge information then the noticeboard is a good starting point or the Kooyong website is another source of this information.

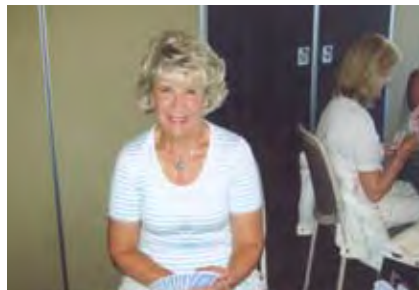
The 2006 program is very busy and exciting and offers a variety of challenges for all of our bridge players. Please see the website for full details.

We will be meeting Royal South Yarra Tennis Club and Eastern Golf Club at the bridge tables in the next few months.

Our biggest event coming up will be our second Congress on the 28th of May, which is a wonderful opportunity to earn red points, compete against players from all over Victoria and socialise over lunch. I urge all members to support this event.

During March several of our members will be playing in the Commonwealth Nations Bridge Championships, including our director, Cathie Lachman.

Leeron Branicki



The **Kooyong Social Committee** invite you to a **Wine tasting evening & buffet dinner** Presenting **Peter Lehmann Wines** on Friday 26 May, at 7pm

Malcolm Stopp, the National Sales Manager with Peter Lehmann Wines, will be guiding us through an exciting collection of wines, a night not to be missed! Malcolm comes with 27 years experience in the wine industry, both in Australia and overseas. Please check your emails and/or the club for details of the Wine Tasting, May 26. The social committee also invites any member wishing to increase their involvement in Club activities to join in our committee. Contact the club for details.

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club - Health Club News

On behalf of the Health Club Management I wish to welcome all members to a happy and healthy 2006.

It is such an exciting time for KLTC with many fantastic sporting events taking place. From witnessing the athletes in their pursuit for excellence at the Commonwealth Games to the growing anticipation of the upcoming Davis Cup, we are surrounded by a plethora of activities in the sporting arena.

With great athletes such as these, it is hard not to be motivated and inspired to be the best that we can be.

GYMNASIUM

Since the inception of the Health Club there have been years of meticulous gathering and analysing of survey data from members to assist in the most beneficial positioning of equipment in the gymnasium.

The Smith machine was relocated to open up the free weights area, an improved rubber-tiled floor created a partitioned stretching area and stylish storage units designed for better house keeping were introduced.

The equipment upgrades include three new treadmills, two new exercise bikes, a calf raise machine, two adjustable benches, two new flat benches and the latest streamlined cross-trainer.

A state of the art, precisely designed pulley machine has been custom built to suit the particular biomechanics of tennis.

Julian Roberts (Jules) continues his excellent effort in upgrading member's health appraisals. (Re-appraisals should be conducted every 12 weeks)

Jules or a member of the Health Club staff may be calling you in the coming weeks to inform you of when your re-appraisal is due.

AEROBICS

Naomi Pizzo deserves thanks for her inspiring, uplifting classes during the past four years. We wish her all the best in her new position

at 'Preggy Bellies' but she may still be seen intermittently filling in for aerobics and aqua aerobics classes.

AQUA AEROBICS

Pauline Kingsford has settled into her role as the Wednesday aqua aerobics instructor with a steady splash of reliability. Toni Moore is continuing in her Friday role as aqua aerobics instructor in 2006.

YOGA

Steve Georgiou has extended his role to include the Monday yoga class at 7pm. It is encouraging to see many of the members bringing along their partners. We hope you continue to enjoy this wonderful class.

PILATES

The Thursday 7.45pm class is continuing throughout 2006 and it is great to see many of the ladies bringing along their husbands to mutually enjoy the many benefits of pilates.

PERSONAL TRAINING

Members are receiving personal attention with specific health and fitness concerns that require monitored long term care to sustain progressive continuity.

If you would like professional support and guidance to maintain your fitness or to improve it call Michael Kull, Health Club Manager, on 0419 003 762.



The new custom designed pulley machine is designed specifically for the biomechanics of tennis and has proved to be popular since its recent installation in the gym.



Diary Dates

April 2006

Pennant Tennis Begins 29th & 30th

May 2006

Royal Children's Hospital Card Day 1st

Mother's Day Lunch 7th
See details below

Champions Dinner 19th
See ad on inside front cover

Social Committee Wine Tasting & Buffet Dinner 26th

Bridge Congress 28th
Keep your eye on the noticeboard for details

June 2006

Junior Tennis Presentation Night 4th

July 2006

Royal Children's Hospital Wimbledon Dinner 1st

President's Luncheon 19th
Guest Speaker to be confirmed

New Junior Members' Night 30th

New Members' Night 31st

Congratulations to **ALAN TRENGOVE**

Kooyong member, author, broadcaster and journalist, Alan Trengove was one of several journalists and broadcasters recognised recently at the fourth annual Australian Sports Commission Media Awards held at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Trengove was congratulated by Federal Minister for the Arts and Sport, Senator Rod Kemp, for his contribution to the sport of tennis.

'Alan Trengove is Australia's and one of the world's most respected tennis writers with the highest possible integrity,' Senator Kemp said. 'His elegant prose on the great game of tennis has graced the pages of tennis publications and newspapers throughout the world for more than 50 years,' he said.

Close friend, former AIS scholarship holder and one half of the world's most successful doubles pairing, Todd Woodbridge was also amongst the hundreds who gathered to pay tribute to Trengove's achievements.

Winners in the 2005 Australian Sports Commission Media Awards were selected from a record number of entries from television and radio stations, newspapers and magazines across the country.

Kooyong would also like to congratulate Alan for his continued work within the tennis community of Australia.

Mother's Day luncheon

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