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John Peers makes Davis Cup debut

Kooyong Foundation Scholarship holder John Peers became the 106th player to pull on the gold jacket for Australia after being selected to play Davis Cup against the Americans at Kooyong from March 4th to 6th.

John, one of the first Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship players at the Club, joined his sister in being selected to play for Australia after Sally was nominated for the Fed Cup tie at Glen Iris Valley Recreation Club in 2011.

Peers' brilliant performances in doubles over the past twelve months saw him rise into the world's top 10 on the back of consecutive Grand Slam finals and he debuted in spectacular fashion against the mighty Bryan brothers.

The setting couldn't be any better with the match level at one rubber apiece and so much riding on the doubles rubber with the Bryan brothers standing on the other side of the net with an imposing Davis Cup record of 24 wins and 4 losses.

The match was an absolute epic as John teamed with Davis Cup captain Lleyton Hewitt and the pair, after dropping the first two sets, stormed back to take the third and fourth sets to level the match and give themselves a chance of an unlikely victory.

The Bryan brothers weren't to be denied as they again rose to the occasion for their country and took their opportunity in the last set to break serve and then staved off every effort by the Australian pair to claw back into the set.

The Americans eventually won the match 6/3 6/3 4/6 4/6 6/3 to give their team a commanding lead in the tie going into the final day.

"Once I got into it, it felt amazing out there but unfortunately we couldn't quite get ourselves over the line. Playing for the green and gold and playing for Australia is something that you cherish and I've been wanting to do for a long time and it's something I'll never forget. Hopefully I can do it many more times to come," said Peers.

"Once I got into it, it felt amazing out there..."

It must have been a bitter sweet moment for John after leaving everything on the court in pursuit of the vital win but he can be so proud of his efforts in representing himself, the country and also his home club.

Congratulations to John on a wonderful debut and to hopefully many more Davis Cup ties to come! ■



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The grand old Kooyong stadium returned to its former glory when Australia hosted the USA.



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Peter Carew, President

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CEO'S REPORT

The return of Davis Cup to Kooyong provided one of the more special moments of recent times and the sight of the grass court back in our stadium and crowds filling in each day brought back memories of the great Davis Cup matches of the past.

Around the Club in the weeks leading up to the tie, Members enjoyed the special opportunity to watch the Australian and USA teams training and see players up close on our courts, and the atmosphere reflected the importance Members place upon the Davis Cup. It was a very special opportunity to see Kooyong again a focus of attention of local and international tennis fans.

It followed on from the busy tennis months earlier in the year and in January the Club again hosted the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic. And while the weather provided challenges of all the seasons across the four days, the changes in competition format and new features on the Kooyong Common including the Kooyong Members' lounge, a variety of food vans, a range of activities for children and player interviews post match all proved very popular. The tournament played out to a great final and victory for David Goffin over Feliciano Lopez.

Our Club Championships attracted near record entries for both tennis and squash and saw wins again in the tennis Open events for previous champions David Bidmeade and Kate Antosik while Sam Ejtemai and Sarah Cardwell ran out winners in our squash section Open finals. Congratulations to everyone who competed in another wonderful event!

Our year has started with all club groups very active. Once again, our Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary hosted a magnificent tennis day and raised substantial funds for an excellent cause. The Social Committee have kicked off the year in style while the Wine & Food Society enjoyed a magnificent dinner at the Melbourne Club. The Young Members have also gathered their numbers for their first social event in April. Courtside details these and upcoming events for the months ahead.

Well into the season our grass courts remain in good condition and will continue to provide opportunities for a while longer. Plans are being made for the winter close during which time work will again be carried out to ensure they are in the best condition when the season rolls around again later in the year.


Chris Brown, CEO

The Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic

Several initiatives were introduced to this year's Kooyong Classic and they proved popular with both Kooyong Members and tennis patrons attending the event.

Brian Cooney and his IMG team did a great job working with our staff to create a wonderful tennis atmosphere, particularly on the innovative Kooyong Common. Members enjoyed the Kooyong lounge on the grass, and with the food trucks proving popular and the Priceline Pharmacy marquee offering manicures, massages, health checks and show bags, there was much to do and see.

Another great innovation was the interviews with the players post match on the Kooyong Common and of course the Members jazz night after play on the Thursday was very popular and well attended. Another innovation this year that was a lot of fun was the Peter Rowlands Eastern Terrace allowing great views of the tennis while enjoying a few refreshments with friends.

This year we had an expanded 12 player field which meant players played two matches and that allowed us to introduce some of the emerging younger players who acquitted themselves well against some of the best players in the world.

The weather went from one extreme to the other with 43°C on Wednesday and a windy 19°C on a rain delayed Thursday. We congratulate David Goffin on his win over Feliciano Lopez 6-4 6-2 in the final. The feedback was excellent for the new format and the ever increasing level of entertainment and we look forward to the next event.

The Club Championships

The Club Championships have come and gone and the courts were in excellent shape thanks to Nick Rennison and his team.

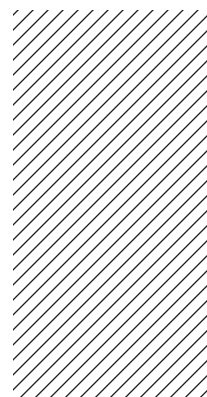
The tennis was played in near perfect conditions over the two weekends in February and it was great to see David Bidmeade winning his fourth men's singles title and Kate Antosik winning her 3rd women's singles title.

Congratulations also go to Sam Ejtemai winning his 4th title and Sarah Cardwell winning her 3rd title in the finals of the squash championships.

The Kooyong Foundation

The Kooyong Foundation does much to support junior tennis and is rightfully proud of the players that they have supported in their pursuit of sporting excellence. Recent results included:

- **Omar Jasika** received a wildcard into the Australian Open and played at Kooyong in the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic. He went on to record his first round win at the Open and his performance against Tsonga on the big stage in the second round was impressive. What was even more impressive was shortly after his win at the Australian Open he sent an email to the Board and the Foundation thanking us for our support on his journey!
- **Marc Polmans** – Won the 18's Nationals in three sets. Marc's doubles prowess continues to hold him in good stead and he received a wildcard into the Australian Open mixed doubles but bowed out in the first round against the number two seeds. Since the Open Marc has made the singles semi- finals in Port Pirie defeating Bolt, Jones and Whittington along the way as well as winning the doubles title in Mildura defeating former Australian Open quarter-finalists Bolt and Whittington in the final.
- **Andrew Whittington** – Drew a tough opponent in the first round of the Australian Open doubles and unfortunately went down despite going close to causing another upset. Won the recent Mornington ITF Singles and Doubles titles. Has had some wins over players ranked in the top 150 in recent times and could be due for a breakout year.
- **Belinda Woolcock** and **Ellen Perez** received a wildcard into the Australian Open doubles and drew another Aussie pair who knocked them off. Both girls are currently very highly regarded in the American Collegiate system.
- **Destanee Aiava** – Lost in the second round of singles and doubles at Junior Australian



Open but could have won both matches. The doubles was against the top seeds. Recently reached the final on the Canberra ITF tournament having come through qualifying.

- **John Peers** – Won the Brisbane title. Lost in the third round of the Australian Open doubles to Hewitt and Groth in a huge three set match. Reached the second round of the mixed with Sam Stosur. Selected to play Davis Cup for Australia he performed extremely well with Leyton Hewett against the Bryan brothers.
- **Greg Jones** made the final of the Mildura ITF having defeated Junior Wimbledon winner Luke Saville in the semi final.
- **Jeremy Taylor, Pierce Gilheany, Ted Williams, Jasmin Starr** and **Peta Valos** have been selected to represent Victoria at the Pizzey Cup to be held in Albury in late April.
- **Christine Nunn** also made the final of a squash event in Calgary and **Sarah Cardwell** made the quarter-finals. They both made the semi- final the week before in Seattle.

“We have been to many facilities around the world with Davis Cup and Fed Cup and the tie this weekend was the best and has left a standard we won’t beat”

Craig Tiley, Tennis Australia

The Davis Cup

Kooyong members can rightfully be proud to have been the hosts of the Davis Cup this year and I want to acknowledge the tremendous work put in by all the staff at Kooyong.

Craig Tiley of Tennis Australia wrote to me at the conclusion of the Davis Cup and said, “We have been to many facilities around the world with Davis Cup and Fed Cup and the tie this weekend was the best and has left a standard we won’t beat”. He went on to say the Members were great and thanked us for our willingness to be hosts.

I have no doubt the eyes of the world were on Kooyong during the Davis Cup and the work that Nick Rennison and his team did in preparing, not only the court, but the entire stadium and the grounds was outstanding.

I know that in the lead up and during the tie our whole team committed fully to make it so successful. Those efforts included Chris Goulding and the kitchen staff starting at 3am each day to prepare the amazing food that was on offer throughout the Club, while Patrice Renaudin and the front of house staff worked late into each night to prepare for the huge crowds that arrived in the clubhouse each day.

Rachael Whitelaw and Sharon Marks ensured that all needs for the event including the teams and officials were met and the efforts of our functions staff were applauded by all our guests.

And leading up to and during the tie, our administration and reception staff met every challenge of the extremely busy times. Well done everyone on your achievements.

What was one of the most pleasing aspect however was the genuine joy of Members and visitors alike to have a grass court back in the stadium and being treated to one of our stars, John Peers, playing so well in the doubles.

They were indeed days that will live in our memories for years to come.



Peter Carew, President



Davis Cup returns to Kooyong

The grand old Kooyong stadium returned to its former glory when Australia hosted the USA in the first round of the Davis Cup recently.



With a drop in grass court bringing memories flooding back of Kooyong's amazing history in world tennis and the wonderful Davis Cup ties that have come before it, this tie was always going to be special. Put that together with Lleyton Hewitt's first tie as Davis Cup captain, our home grown star John Peers making his debut, the match being against the old foe and a packed stadium and you couldn't ask for anything more.

With a week to practice on Kooyong's outside courts, the two teams familiarised themselves with the grass while the Australian team waited on their two singles stars to arrive from Acapulco and Dubai respectively.

Both under an injury cloud, Bernard Tomic was the first to arrive and eased into his work while Nick Kyrgios was suffering from a virus and was eventually withdrawn from the

The crowd poured into the stadium on the first day with great expectations...

side which left Sam Groth to step up to singles duties while the captain always looked likely to play the doubles with Peers.

The American team of John Isner, Jack Sock, Mike Bryan and Bob Bryan spent the entire week on the Kooyong practice courts and always looked to be a dangerous proposition.

The draw was held on Kooyong's centre court with former AFL and NFL player Ben Graham punting a ball into the stands to decide the order of play which saw Isner drawn to play Groth on the first day followed by Sock and Tomic.

The crowd poured into the stadium on the first day with great expectations of another fantastic battle between two proud tennis nations hoping to rise to the top of world tennis once more. »



A tight first set ensued as Isner fought to exert his authority on the match while Groth couldn't convert his opportunities to break the big American's serve and it went to a tie-break where Isner found his range and closed it out 7 points to 2.

A weight seemed to lift from Isner's shoulders in the second set and he helped himself to multiple breaks of serve to win the second set 6/2 and he followed up with more of the same in the third set to defeat Groth 7/6 6/2 6/2 in under two hours.

The weight of expectation now fell on the shoulders of Bernard Tomic and despite not having defeated Jack Sock on the ATP Tour, he fought his way out of a tight first set with an impressive display in the tie-break to take the early ascendancy.

Tomic then turned up the heat on Sock in the second set in the hope of an early kill and he was able to break the American and held on to take the second set 6/3.

With the temperature soaring, Tomic seemed to drop his concentration for a short period and Sock took full advantage by breaking the young Aussie and snatching the third set 6/3 to put the pressure back on the Australian star.

With Lleyton Hewitt urging him on, Tomic took full advantage of his superior grass court play and again broke the American to claim the fourth set and the match to level

▲ Lleyton Hewitt moves wide for a forehand in the doubles.

the teams at one rubber apiece after a stifling day on the court and in the stands.

Day two saw Lleyton Hewitt pull the reigns to inject himself into the doubles with the debutant Peers against the Bryan brothers and it seemed like it could be a short day for the Aussies after the first two sets.

With Hewitt broken once in each set, the Bryan brothers looked set for a straight sets victory and a crucial point for the American team before Hewitt and Peers began to drag themselves and the crowd back into the match.

Peers and Hewitt teamed beautifully together with some fantastic returning from the former world number one while Peers work around court, especially at the net, ensured the Australians dragged themselves back from the brink.

At two sets all the momentum was well and truly with the Australians but they were playing one of the greatest, if not the greatest, doubles combination in the world and they weren't going to let the match slip through their fingers.



“You know, it doesn’t get much tougher than playing those guys in a live Davis Cup World Group match”

◀ Far left John Peers about to serve. Left Sam Groth reaches to return John Isner’s serve.

▼ Below Bernard Tomic in action during his singles on day three. Bottom John Isner won both his singles to get the USA over the line.

Breaking Peers early in the final set, the Bryan brothers dulled the crowd and worked diligently on serve to hold out the Australians with some great serving and fantastic doubles play to win the crucial rubber 6/3 6/3 4/6 4/6 6/3.

“Yeah, Peersy played great. Handled the situation really well. You know, it doesn’t get much tougher than playing those guys in a live Davis Cup World Group match and to come back from two sets to love down and we started playing some really good tennis there for a couple of sets and you know, we were all over them in the third and fourth sets,” said Hewitt.

“You know, Davis Cup doubles it’s all about small momentum swings and, you know, in the end they’re one of the best teams ever because they were able to dig out and find a way to get out of those situations,” he said.

With plenty to do on the final day, the Australians needed a huge effort from Tomic against big John Isner to keep them in the hunt but the American had all the answers in the first two sets as he served his way to a commanding lead.

The world number 11 showed why he is so hard to beat as he racked up ace after ace and kept Tomic at bay for the best part of the third set as well before an opportunity arose at 6/5. The game see-sawed as Tomic fought to keep the tie alive and eventually he broke to send the match into a fourth set as the crowd erupted.

The fourth set was more of the same as Isner served his way out of trouble time and again before a tie-break was required to separate the pair and Tomic gained the early mini break to give him hope of sending the match into the fifth set but it wasn’t to be as Isner regained control of the tie-break and ran away with it 7 points to 4 to claim a famous victory for his country 6/4 6/4 5/7 7/6.

It was a magical three days of Davis Cup tennis at the ‘Spiritual Home of Australian Tennis’ and the average crowd of just over 8000 got to see some fantastic action on Kooyong’s centre court.

Let’s hope it won’t be the last we see of a grass court in the historic and beautiful setting of our grand old stadium! ■



2016 Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic

World class tennis has definitely been a mainstay of the summer at Kooyong with the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic implementing some fantastic changes to benefit Members and the general public.

The expanding player field allowed for some of the game's most exciting young talent to descend on Kooyong and prepare for the Australian Open alongside some of the stars of the sport.

And the crowds were not only guaranteed to see some fantastic tennis but were able to enjoy the various activations on the Kooyong Common outside the stadium including the Priceline Pharmacy Health and Beauty Lounge as well as the food trucks featuring Soul Kitchen Pizza, Sliders on Tyres, White Guy Cooks Thai, Crepes n Coffee and Nandos, and there was also a Pimms and Champagne tent for diners who wanted to enjoy a post-work drink with their foodie treats.

"I think the Kooyong Classic was a real Members event this year, as it will continue to be. Many Members availed themselves of the 2 free tickets, the patronage at the new KLTC Members' Lounge on Kooyong Common was great and an appreciated initiative and of course there was the exclusive Member's offer to win a trip to Wimbledon," said Tournament Director Brian Cooney.

"The changes to the format really worked - the players appreciated only having to play 2 matches instead of 3 as well as the slightly shortened format. I've already been approached by players now they know of the more player friendly format so I'm sure next year's field will be excellent," Cooney said.

The first day's play brought some brilliant tennis with the first match being an absolute cliff-hanger as Feliciano Lopez and Gilles Simon went blow for blow in an entertaining encounter.

Simon took the first set in a tiebreaker before Lopez struck back to win the second set 6/4 and send it into a match tiebreaker where the Spaniard came out on top 11 points to 9.

Next up on court was Kooyong's Omar Jasika who was playing Korean young gun Hyeon Chung who had been voted the Most Improved Player on the ATP Tour for 2015.

The two rising stars put on a great show but it was Chung who came out on top 6/4 6/3 in a match up we could see plenty of in the future.

The final match of the day pitted the experienced pair of Nicolas Almagro and Paul-Henri Mathieu against each other

and it was an extremely close match with Almagro getting through the first set in a tiebreaker and then garnered the vital break in the second set to win 7/6 6/3.

The second day began with another high class affair as former Australian Open finalist Marcos Baghdatis took on the much improved Pablo Carreno Busta and it was the young Spanish ace that showed his more experienced opponent a clean pair of heels to close out the match in straight sets 6/4 6/4.

The highlight of day two was always going to be the match between newly crowned Hopman Cup champion Nick Kyrgios and Belgium's Davis Cup star David Goffin and it had all the hallmarks of a fantastic match with Kyrgios taking the first set 7/6.

Unfortunately Kyrgios had to retire at 2/3 in the second set to the disappointment of everyone in the stadium.

The final match of the day more than made up for that disappointment as Kei Nishikori took on home town boy Omar Jasika in a fantastic exhibition match.





“It was an unbelievable event here at Kooyong, really enjoyed playing on this historic court,” said Goffin.

◀ Far left Marcos Baghdatis in action.
Left Champion David Goffin plays a backhand in the final.

Nishikori took the first set comfortably 6/1 before Jasika stepped up to win the second set in a tiebreaker to get the crowd going including his very own “Omar’s Army” that came out in full support of their favourite player.

The Japanese star had no time for sentiment in the match tiebreaker as he went on to win the match 6/1 6/7 10/4 and gain some vital court time before the Australian Open.

Day three saw Britain’s Kyle Edmund make his Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic debut against Kooyong’s Omar Jasika and Edmund, with an age and experience edge, used all his weapons to eke out a 6/3 6/3 victory.

The second match on centre court saw the flashy Marcos Baghdatis take on Paul-Henri Mathieu with both players showing their shot making prowess in a hard fought battle but it was the Cypriot who came out on top 7/6 6/3.

Nicolas Almagro and Hyeon Chung featured in the final match of the day and it was the Spanish star that showed he was in great form heading into the Australian Open with an impressive 6/2 6/2 victory.

Friday’s playoffs showcased some high quality tennis with Gilles Simon taking on Pablo Carreno Busta in a playoff for third spot and it was the young Spanish star that came out of the blocks in fine form taking the first set 6/4.

Simon wasn’t to be outdone though and he managed to level the match at a set apiece when he won the second set 6/3 and then dominated the match tiebreaker 10 points to 3 to claim victory.

The final was another great match as World No.16 Goffin made a strong start to the final, clinching the opening set and breaking early in the second set to lead 2-0.

The Kooyong debutant extended that lead to 5-1 and was never headed, taking out the title over Lopez 6-4 6-2.

“It was an unbelievable event here at Kooyong, really enjoyed playing on this historic court,” said Goffin.

“The Kooyong Classic is an excellent event, the fans have been great all week and the conditions here have been perfect for my preparations for Melbourne Park.”

Congratulations to Michelle Pugsley who won the Wimbledon trip courtesy of Thai Airways! ■

Bidmeade goes back to back as Antosik returns to winners circle

Experience was the key to victory for our 2016 Club Champions as David Bidmeade won his fourth title in six years while Kate Antosik racked up her third title in four years.

Bidmeade went back to back for the first time after having been beaten in the final at recent attempts to win consecutive titles by Daniel Byrnes and Matthew Carroll but he wasn't going to let anyone get in his way this year.

"I'm really pleased to win my fourth title and especially to go back to back for the first time which served as a bit of motivation this year," said Bidmeade.

"I love playing on the Kooyong grass courts, it really suits my game and it's an honour to get my name on the board again at this great club," he said.

Having fought past future star Codey Gunn in a very entertaining semi final 6/3 7/6, Bidmeade then came up against Premier League teammate, Mitch Burman, who had beaten another star of the future in Connor Di Marco 6/2 6/2 in the other semi final. Both players used their experience to reach the final and the defending champion had that advantage in the decider and he struck the first blow by taking the opening set 6/4 but Burman wasn't going to go down without a fight.

The country boy from Carisbrook took hold of the match in the second set and went a break up in the third set to look set to cause the upset but Bidmeade settled back into his work and came back to take the match in three tough sets 6/4 3/6 6/3.

In the women's final, Kate Antosik cruised through to the semi final where she met former club champion Sophie Vickers for a spot in the final and it was a break at the start of each set that separated the two as Antosik won 6/3 6/3.

The other semi final was also an interesting match after the second seed, Kat Valos, was knocked out early in the event by Gemma Seeley to open up the bottom half of the draw.

Another former champion and the third seed, Molly Polak, benefited from the draw as she took on Binasa Beslagic in the semi final. Polak used all her experience to defeat a determined Beslagic 6/4 6/4 and move through to play her good friend in the final. The final was an entertaining affair but Antosik again displayed her power hitting as she took the final by the scruff of the neck winning the first set 6/2.

The second set was closer as Polak tried valiantly to send the match into a third set but Antosik held on to record a 6/2 6/4 win and hold the trophy aloft for the third time.

"I am extremely honoured to have won my third singles title and feel privileged to have my name recognised as a champion of the club," said Antosik.

The Men's Open Doubles was taken out by Bidmeade and Andrew Coelho for the second straight year in nearly identical circumstances after they defeated Matthew and Daniel Nickels 6/2 6/2 in the final.

In the Women's Open Doubles, Kate Antosik and Laura Langmead teamed up to win a fourth straight title as they defeated Samyuktha Rajagopalan and Stephanie Serafidis in the final for the second straight year 7/5 6/3.

The Men's Open Doubles was taken out by Bidmeade and Andrew Coelho for the second straight year

The Open Mixed Doubles was a titanic struggle played over two weekends after the light interrupted the first attempt to finish the event at a set apiece.

Mitch Burman teamed up with Sophie Vickers to outlast the title holders David Bidmeade and Molly Polak 7/5 3/6 7/5 in an entertaining battle between two great pairs.

Other results to catch the eye included Codey Gunn and Jasmin Starr taking out the Under 21 titles respectively while Max Potter came back from the brink twice on his way to winning the B Grade singles title against much older and more experienced players which was a fantastic effort.

Congratulations to all of the Members for taking part in the various grade and age events across the two weekends and we look forward to celebrating with all the winners at the Champions' Dinner in late May! »



◀ Four time champion David Bidmeade.
 ▲ Men's Doubles Champion Andrew Coelho.
 ▼ Three time Women's Open champion Kate Antosik.
 ▲ Women's Doubles Champion Laura Langmead reaches for a wide backhand in the final.



2016 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

		Winner	Runner Up
Event 1	Men's Open Singles	David Bidmeade 6/4 3/6 6/3	Mitch Burman
Event 2	Men's Open Doubles	David Bidmeade/Andrew Coelho 6/2 6/2	Matthew Nickels/Daniel Nickels
Event 3	Ladies Open Singles	Kate Antosik 6/2 6/4	Molly Polak
Event 4	Ladies Open Doubles	Kate Antosik/Laura McNamara 7/5 6/3	Stephanie Serafidis/Samyuktha Rajagopalan
Event 5	Men's 50 & Over Singles	Chris Straford 6/2 6/0	Steve Myers
Event 6	Men's 50 & Over Doubles	Ken Cooper/Stephen Gay 6/2 6/2	Darren O'Loughlin/Robert Payne
Event 9	Men's 60 & Over Doubles	Hayden Rees/Robert McLauchlan (Round Robin)	Barry Evans/Gerry Hofmann
Event 10	Men's 100 & Over Doubles	Jeremy Brown-Greaves/Stephen Gay 7/5 4/6 6/3	Paul Lidgerwood/Robert Payne
Event 11	Men's A Grade Singles	James Rundle 3/6 6/4 6/3	Harrison Young
Event 12	Men's A Grade Doubles	Phil McCall/Chris Straford 6/2 6/2	Benjamin Rowler/David Rowler
Event 13	Ladies A Grade Singles	Isabelle Gemmel 3/6 7/5 6/3	Anna Clarkson
Event 14	Men's B Grade Singles	Max Potter 2/6 7/6 6/2	David Hildebrand
Event 15	Men's B Grade Doubles	Michael McKay/Thomas McKay 6/2 4/6 6/3	Paul Lidgerwood/Rohan Appleton
Event 16	Ladies B Grade Singles	Maya Ferguson 6/2 6/1	Melanie Butler
Event 17	Ladies B Grade Doubles	Anne Saville/Danni Whitely 6/4 6/2	Maya Ferguson/Kris Tulloch
Event 18	Men's C Grade Singles	David Cox 6/7 6/4 6/0	Matthew Brown-Greaves
Event 19	Men's C Grade Doubles	Matthew Brown-Greaves/Evan Wellard 6/2 6/1	Alan Fryday/Gerry Hofmann
Event 20	Ladies C Grade Singles	Isabella Lucas 6/0 6/3	Holly Feldman
Event 21	Ladies C Grade Doubles	Sue Langford/Trudy Rigoni 6/2 6/3	Nazarin Anthony/Amy Smith
Event 22	Men's D Grade Singles	Brien Shipton 6/1 6/2	Andrew O'Halloran
Event 23	Men's D Grade Doubles	Gabriel Lennon/Patrick Lennon 6/3 6/2	David Fountain/Danny O'Brien
Event 24	Ladies D Grade Singles	Jeanette Meagher 6/1 6/0	Amy Sorger
Event 25	Ladies D Grade Doubles	Dianne Berry/Gabrielle Strong 4/6 7/5 6/4	Mary King/Jan O'Callaghan
Event 26	Men's Social Doubles	Alasdair Norton/Campbell Stewart 6/3 6/2	Adriaan Den Dulk/John Gall
Event 28	Open Mixed Doubles	Sophie Vickers/Mitch Burman 7/5 3/6 7/5	Molly Polak/David Bidmeade
Event 29	100 & Over Mixed Doubles	Leanne Scott/Eddie Myers 6/1 6/3	Wendy Harrison/Jeremy Brown-Greaves
Event 30	B Grade Mixed Doubles	Tina Keown/Rufus Keown 6/1 6/4	Ashley Spinks/Greg Spinks
Event 31	C Grade Mixed Doubles	Jessica Cox/David Cox 6/2 6/0	Cate Vesely/Toby Warwick
Event 32	D Grade Mixed Doubles	Belinda Henry/Michael Kirwan 6/0 3/6 6/4	Linda Pengelly/Tony Flood
Event 33	Junior Boy's Singles U/21	Codey Gunn 6/3 6/4	Josiah Roach
Event 34	Junior Girl's Singles U/21	Jasmin Starr 6/2 7/6	Gemma Seeley
Event 35	U/12 Boy's Singles	Daniel Meagher 6/1 6/0	Charlie Hummerston
Event 36	U/12 Boy's Doubles	Daniel Meagher/Paddy Meagher 6/3 0/6 7/5	Charlie Hummerston/Aaron Koh
Event 37	U/12 Girl's Singles	Sienna Opray 6/2 6/3	Annabel Sweetnam
Event 39	U/14 Boys Singles	John Amato 6/1 6/1	Max Potter
Event 40	U/14 Boys Doubles	Max Potter/Alexander Taylor 6/1 6/1	Gabriel Lennon/William Vesely
Event 41	U/14 Girls Singles	Harmony Mitsos 6/0 6/2	Rishika Rajagopalan
Event 42	U/14 Girls Doubles	Celeste Rayment/Paris Rollnik 3/6 6/3 6/1	Roisin Gilheany/Holly Feldman
Event 43	U/16 Boys Singles	Thomas Pavlekovic-Smith 6/0 6/2	William Patton
Event 44	U/16 Boy's Doubles	Thomas Pavlekovic/Max Flaherty 6/1 6/4	Thomas Gilbert/Hugo Kearney
Event 45	U/16 Girls Singles	Jasmin Starr 6/1 6/1	Peta Valos ■



Maui Country Club

Maui Country Club is located in Hawaii on the North Shore of Maui at Spreckelsville.

The 66-acre non profit private club was founded in 1925 by H.W. Rice and F. F. Baldwin, together with the Maui Golf Association.

The Club offers members a golf course and Pro Shop, six tennis courts, fitness centre, private beach access, a swimming pool and pavilion.

The historic open-air clubhouse has men's & ladies' locker rooms, bar, lounge, restaurant, a ballroom for private functions, a snack bar and outdoor 'lanai' (verandah) for dining.

A variety of fitness classes, special interest clubs for wine, music or reading, and social events geared toward members of all ages complete the package that makes this the place where family and friends come to play.

A letter of introduction from Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club will be required when visiting Maui Country Club so please contact the Club to organise this prior to your trip.

To learn more about the Maui Country Club, please visit www.maui.countryclub.org ■





New Scholarship Players Welcomed To Kooyong

The Kooyong Foundation recently welcomed 10 excited new junior players to the Club to make use of the facilities in their continued development as possible stars of the future.

With the excitement of watching recent success stories like Omar Jasika, Marc Polmans, Destanee Aiava, John Peers and Andrew Whittington still fresh around the Club, it is a great time to be joining Kooyong.

Kooyong Foundation Board Member, Colin Duck, welcomed the young stars of the future alongside Cedric Mason, the Club's Manager - Tennis & Sport and Foundation Patron Frank Sedgman.

Frank's memories of playing at Kooyong were as vivid and an inspiration to the kids as they started their journey here at the Club.

We look forward to following their progress in years to come.

Kooyong Foundation Board Member, Colin Duck, welcomed the young stars of the future...

WAYNE ARTHURS CUP &

ALICIA MOLIK CUP

The Club recently hosted the Wayne Arthurs Cup and it was fantastic to see some of the best 10 and under players from across metropolitan and regional Victoria taking part.

Played on April 9th and 10th, the Wayne Arthurs Cup continues to be supported by the Kooyong Foundation.

Bayside Moorabbin won their first ever Wayne Arthurs Cup with Kooyong junior Roisin Gilheany starring for her team in the win over North Eastern Junior Tennis Association.

The Club also hosted the Alicia Molik Cup in mid-December and it was great to see 16 teams doing battle in the 12 and under mixed team event.

Opened by none other than Alicia Molik, the event had a fantastic team atmosphere with players coming from across the state.

Eastern Region, featuring new Scholarship holder Alexander Taylor and current Kooyong Junior Competition player Paris Rolnik as well as Jed Rule and Scarlett Campbell, won the final when they defeated Bayside Moorabbin, featuring Kooyong's Grace Fountain and Emily Harvey, in a tight tussle.

Congratulations to all the kids involved! ■



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Our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Kooyong Foundation in 2015.

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Jumbo Oceania Regional Seniors Tennis Championships

It was fantastic to see so many of the Club's members taking part in the above tournament hosted here at Kooyong over the Labour Day long weekend.

The tournament continues to grow with a 20% increase on participants from last year.

Featuring some of the region's best seniors tennis players, it was fantastic to see the event in full swing across the four days.

And the Club also had some great success stories from Glenn Busby, Andrew Rae, Anna Clarkson and Ann Fotheringham winning their respective age categories in singles to the doubles wins by Lloyd Saville, Stephen Myers, Andrew Rae and Hayden Rees.

We also saw success in the mixed doubles with Eddie Myers and Leanne Scott following on from their win at the World Titles last year.

Congratulations to all of our members who took part and good luck to all those heading to the World Championships later in the year!



VICSPORT AWARDS MASTERS

SPORT AWARD

Following on from his seniors successes, Glenn Busby was recently awarded the 2015 Masters Sport Award.

Glenn finished December 2015 as the number 1 ranked tennis player in the world for singles aged 55+ with an outstanding record of 23 wins and 1 loss for the current year for singles performances in ITF Seniors events, with the highlight being him winning the World Singles Championship in France in June.

Other tournament titles won during 2015 included:

- ▶ Senior Open in Turkey in April
- ▶ International Championships of Italy in April
- ▶ Oceania Regional Seniors Championship in Australia in March

Glenn is the first tennis player to receive this award which is a great achievement.

Congratulations Glenn and good luck with your upcoming events!

ROB FILDES HONOURED BY

AUSTRALIAN SPORTS COMMISSION

Kooyong member and former Athletics Australia President, Mr Rob Fildes OAM, has been recognised for his services to sport by the Australian Sports Commission.

Announced recently as part of the National Sports Organisation Forum in Sydney (NSW), the recognition of Rob follows his eight-year tenure as the head of Australian athletics.

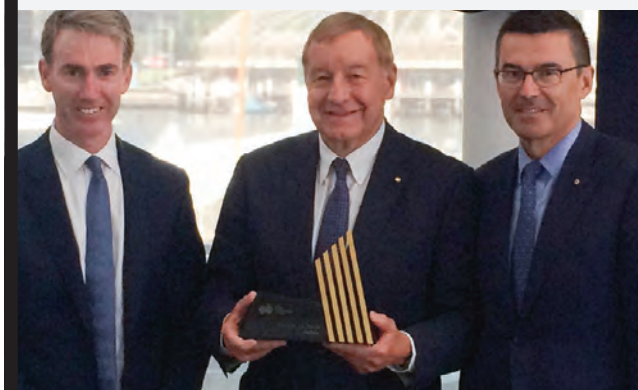
Rob was appointed Athletics Australia President in 2005, with athletics boasting healthy capital reserves and a strong relationship with key partners including the Australian Sports Commission, the International Athletics Association Federation (IAAF), the Australian Olympic and Paralympic Committees and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association at the time of his retirement.

Australian track and field athletics was very successful at the Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympics winning seven medals and in 2010 the Australian Junior Championships commenced and now has over 2,000 of Australia's best young athletes competing annually. This initiative has helped produce many outstanding athletes competing for Olympic selection for Rio 2016.

Rob was also instrumental in the development and construction of Athletics House at Lakeside Stadium and a strong advocate for a healthy and constructive working relationship with Little Athletics Australia, as well as critical to the establishment of the IAAF Melbourne World Challenge as a fixture on the IAAF World Challenge series.

We congratulate Rob on this fantastic recognition of his commitment to the sport of athletics!

▼ **From left** Simon Hollingsworth, CEO, ASC; Rob Fildes; John Wylie, Chairman, ASC.



Marc Polmans Recognised At Volunteers' Breakfast

It was great to see Kooyong Foundation star Marc Polmans recognised at the recent Tennis Victoria Volunteer's Breakfast held at the MCG.

Marc's achievements in winning the Junior Australian Open Doubles was a feature of the morning and Kooyong President Peter Carew was on hand to accept the framed memento for the help Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and the Kooyong Foundation has been to Marc's career.

Marc continues to develop into one of the toughest competitors on the Tour with his singles ranking currently sitting at 809 and a doubles ranking of 270 including the recent title wins in Mornington and Mildura. ■

We're sure to see him continue his rise up the ranks over the next few years!

Swimming pool and spa

The Kooyong swimming pool and spa are both popular with Members and by observing appropriate etiquette and giving consideration to others, all users can enjoy the facilities.



Lanes are clearly marked for speed and slower swimmers are asked to move and give way to faster swimmers.

The rules applying in the pool and spa are noted at the entrance and include:

- Visitors are not permitted at any time.
- Users should shower before entering the pool.
- Diving is not permitted.
- Running is not permitted.
- Juniors under 15 must be supervised by an adult member.
- Members are responsible for their belongings.
- Food must not be consumed in the pool area.
- Alcohol must not be brought into the pool area.

Members' children or grandchildren aged under 13 may use the pool and spa (under adult member supervision) between 10.00am -12.00 midday Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays. ■

ACTIVITY TIMES

Members might note the activity times during the week and where appropriate, avoid times that may clash.

These include the regular cleaning and to maintain a quality facility, the pool is closed:

Tuesday	9.00am – 11.00am
Friday	1.00pm – 2.30pm

Swim squad times to note are:

Tuesday	4.00pm – 5.30pm	Children's swim squad
Wednesday	6.30am – 7.30am	Adult swim squad
Thursday	9.30am – 10.30am	Ladies swim squad

In addition, the aqua aerobics times are:

Wednesday	9.30am – 10.00am
Friday	9.30am – 10.00am

Lunchtime Grill in the Racquet Club

Have you noticed the great changes made recently to the Racquet Club?



Menu selections may include:

- ▶ Barossa half chicken cooked with lemon, garlic and thyme
- ▶ Eye fillet steak with béarnaise sauce
- ▶ Fish of the day with soft herbs and lemon
- ▶ Long bone lamb cutlets with rosemary and garlic.

Vegetarian choices will include:

- ▶ Potato gnocchi with slow cooked tomato and eggplant ragu topped with smoked scormozza cheese and wild rocket lettuce
- ▶ Ravioli of sweet roasted pumpkin with steamed asparagus and sage butter.

All dishes from the grill will be served with Italian fried potatoes with rosemary and garlic and a delicious white cos salad.

Sides including a Paris mash, soft rocket, pear and parmesan salad, shoe string fries and sautéed baby spinach with lemon and garlic will also be available.

To book, call the Club on 9822 3333 and introduce your family, friends colleagues to enjoy the Racquet Club \$25 lunchtime grill during May.

Now is the perfect time to book in to experience the special ambience of the refurbished room and enjoy the \$25 lunchtime grill offer during May.

The Racquet Club has been redecorated and the furniture includes comfortable and elegant timber chairs with rich green leather upholstery. They team perfectly with the American Oak table tops to create a warm, casual and inviting room for diners to enjoy.

Other changes include the addition of an American Oak feature table and changes to our bar and service areas.

Clearly, this is the perfect choice for Members to enjoy lunch with families and friends and to introduce these changes, Members are invited to enjoy a special lunchtime opportunity during May with our Executive Chef preparing special dishes on the wood grill for just \$25.

The cuisine offered will reflect the market driven, seasonal offer with food cooked over iron bark coals and infused with bay leaves and rosemary. ■

Success across the Australian summer

The Australian Summer featured some fantastic results from many of the Club's Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders and they all look headed for a big year.



◀ US Collegiate stars Belinda Woolcock (top) and Ellen Perez in Doubles action at the Australian Open.



Foundation stars Omar Jasika, Marc Polmans and Destanee Aiava have all had some exciting results across the past few months. Omar's run to the second round at the Australian Open after playing several matches here at the Priceline Pharmacy Kooyong Classic was a big moment in his young career.

Meanwhile, Marc Polmans continues to rise through the ranks highlighted by his 18 and Under National Title and debut at the Australian Open in the Mixed Doubles.

Marc's doubles prowess is fantastic to see in a player of his age and he won the Doubles title in Mildura and Mornington recently as well as reaching the semi finals in singles at both Port Pirie and Mornington. He is now at a career high singles ranking and that is sure to continue to rise throughout the year.

Destanee Aiava is another player with a career high singles ranking after a fantastic run to the final of the recent ITF event in Canberra. Having qualified to reach the main draw of the tournament, Destanee then proceeded to defeat several players ranked inside the top 300 in the world on her way to a tough 7/6 in the third set loss in the final. It has seen her ranking jump inside the top 500 for the first time in her young career.

Andrew Whittington is another Kooyong Foundation Scholarship star with a career high ranking after his consecutive singles title wins in Mornington recently. Having jumped around 260 spots already this year to 326 in the world, Andrew is set for a huge year and add to that the doubles titles at Port Pirie and the first Mornington event and you have a very successful Australian Pro Tour series for the prodigious talent.

John Peers continues to reach great heights in his doubles career with another Brisbane title to start the year as well as reaching the third round at the Australian Open.

His debut in the green and gold was a highlight for everyone involved from family, friends and the Club that has seen the work John has put in to get to this stage of his career.

Fingers crossed for many more doubles ties in Australian colours.

It was also great to see American Collegiate stars Belinda Woolcock and Ellen Perez receive a wild-card into the Australian Open Doubles event while Greg Jones return from injury to reach the final of the singles in Mildura and the doubles with Whittington in Mornington was fantastic and points to a big year ahead. ■



◀ From left to right President Peter Carew presents last season's Saturday Morning Best Performed Team trophies to Thomas Langford's team of Leo Fetter, Celeste Rayment, Ayden Carp, Thomas Langford and Thomas Palazzo.

High hopes for 2016

Kooyong's Junior Competition teams have hit the court for 2016 and are sure to have another big year.

The Club is fielding 17 teams across both Saturday and Sunday mornings in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association Competitions this season.

On Saturday mornings the Club has four teams with Harry Mezger's Section 1 team currently sitting on top of the ladder while Jack Cannon's Section 1 team are also doing well in fourth spot.

In Section 2, Isabelle Gough's team is having a good season and sit in second spot on the ladder while Walter Minc's team sits just outside the top four in sixth position.

Sunday morning sees 13 teams representing the Club with two sides in the top section. Harry Gell's Section 1 team are just inside the top four at the halfway point of the season while Gabriel Lennon's team, fresh into Section 1 this season, is doing well in seventh spot just three points outside the top four.

In Section 3, Isabella Lucas' team is also sitting in seventh spot while Martin Buttery's team is doing well in Section 4 as they sit just outside the top four in fifth position.

The Club has two sides in Section 5, Phillip Mann-Segal's team is on top of the ladder and having a great season while Alex Hick's team is knocking on the door of the top four in sixth spot.

In Section 7, Nick Lester's team is in great shape going into the second half of the season as they sit in fourth spot with a break on Grace Park in fifth.

The Club's two Section 8 teams are going well with Sophia McGrath's team entrenched in the top four in third place and just five points off top spot while Mia Geason's team is sitting in fifth.

Another exciting team on the rise is Francis O'Callaghan's Section 10 team who currently sit on top of the ladder and will be looking to lock in a finals spot over the coming weeks.

Harry Mezger's Section 1 team [is] currently sitting on top of the ladder

In Section 11, Lachlan Main's team is in fifth spot and just seven points from the top four while Lachlan Tingate's Section 13 team is in fourth spot heading into the second half of the season.

Caroline Marcel's Section 18 team of youngsters is sitting in seventh spot and is on the way up. ■



Kooyong's Men reach ATL final

Kooyong's men again made their mark on the Asia Pacific Tennis League with a strong run to the final.

The side dominated the Southern Conference including a strong win over the Western Wildlings in the semi final before defeating Royal South Yarra in impressive fashion in the final.

Using Tennis Australia's Fast4 scoring system, Omar Jasika got off to a quick start in his singles match with Luke Saville, taking the first set 4/2 before Saville struck back swiftly to take the second set 4/0.

The final set was tense as both players tried to get their teams off to a flying start but it was Saville that won 4/2 in the third set.

Andrew Whittington had to contend with the big serving Jeremy Beale and he found a way to blunt his power while taking the first set 4/2. The second set was tight but Whittington lifted a gear in the tie-break to get Kooyong on the board 4/2 4/3.

Rubin Statham was a man on a mission as he sought to get on top of the dangerous Jarryd Maher and he had all the answers on his way to a straight sets victory 4/2 4/2 and

leave the Kooyong side just two sets away from victory.

The ever reliable Marc Polmans was next to take the court against RSY's Aaron Leeder-Chard and it was a faultless performance from the young star as he outpointed his opponent in every aspect of the game to win 4/1 4/1.

The Kooyong side had won the South Conference title for the second straight year and were on their way to the ATL Finals at Melbourne Park in January. The team was seeded second and drawn to play the Mitsubishi Falcons from Japan in the first round and it was a near perfect start to the competition as the side won convincingly six rubbers to love.

In the semi final the team took to the court against the New Zealand Kauris which was always going to be a tight contest and looked like turning in a different direction at various stages of the match.

Omar Jasika was hoping to get the side off to a flying start and after a struggle through the middle part of the match was able to get the job done in three sets 4/1 0/4 4/2.



◀ The Kooyong team receiving their medals after finishing runners up in the 2016 ATL Finals.

▲ Kooyong's Omar Jasika in action against the team from Japan.
▶ Both Kooyong's men's and women's teams on the grass courts of Yarrowonga.



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The same could be said for Rubin Statham who started strongly against Rhett Purcell but dropped the second set in a tie-break only to dominate the third set and win 4/2 3/4 4/0.

The third match saw Andrew Whittington dominate early before former Junior Wimbledon champion Wesley Whitehouse stepped up to snatch the match away from the Kooyong star to keep his side in the match while winning 1/4 4/2 4/1.

The final singles match saw Greg Jones sneak past James Meredith in straight sets 4/2 4/3 to give his side a slight advantage heading into the doubles and it was Whittington and Polmans that ensured the side moved into the final with an impressive 4/2 4/1 win over Purcell and Meredith.

The final pitted the top two seeds against each other and the Brisbane Chargers were always going to be a tough nut to crack.

Unfortunately for the Kooyong side, Brisbane's number one and two, Ben Mitchell and Robert Smeets, dominated Omar Jasika and Rubin Statham to give the Queensland side a perfect platform for victory.

Andrew Whittington fought tooth and nail with Gavin Van Peperzeel but went down in a heart breaker 4/3 3/4 4/1 while Marc Polmans got the Kooyong side on the board with a thrilling 4/3 3/4 4/2 win over Maverick Banes but the mountain was too high to climb back in the doubles.

Brisbane were worthy winners and congratulations go to them on their second successive victory!

In the women's competition, Kooyong finished a very credible third in their conference but weren't quite able to match it with the stronger sides.

Destanee Aiava again showed her huge potential with wins over Daria Gavrilova, Asia Muhammad and Zuzana Zlochova.

Royal South Yarra went on to win the women's South Conference and the ATL title while MCC were runners up in both in a great result for Victorian team tennis. ■

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Young stars rising

The Pennant season is upon us again and there's plenty to look forward to in 2016 from a Club perspective.

From Grade 1 through to Grade 8, the Club has some exciting young players looking to make their mark on the men's competition and the depth of young talent is the best it has been for some time.

From Jeremy Taylor, Codey Gunn and Connor Di Marco to the next generation of Max Potter, Alexander Taylor and Hugo Kearney, the Club has every reason to keep an eye on their results this season.

The Club will look to field two teams in Grade 1 with Jeremy Taylor leading a very young side while Matthew Nickels will captain the other and both hope to reach the finals in 2016.

For the first time in a few years this is a realistic goal and we look forward to following their progress.

In Grade 2, the Club is also hoping to field two teams and they are also filled with players on the rise that we hope can take the next step to Grade 1 in years to come.

Pierce Gilheany will captain one team and is set for a big year while Andres Urrego-Varon's experience will be valuable to the other team as both sides look to cement themselves at that level.

The Club will look to field two teams in Grade 3 and this is another area of excitement with a great group of juniors coming through the ranks.

Thomas McKay and Max Flaherty will captain these teams and they are sure to improve significantly against their more seasoned opposition as the season goes on.

Dean Seeley's Grade 5 team will be back in action and again looking to make the finals while Charlie Tulloch's Grade 6 team has a great mix of youth and experience and will be exciting to watch this year.

In Grade 7, Peter May's team will be hoping to continue on from their great run to the Tier 2 finals last year while Alex Savage's team of youngsters will get some great tennis in Grade 8 and are capable of making the finals.

The Club will also field three teams in the Men's Open Doubles and two teams in the Masters competition.

Chris Straford's Grade 1 Men's Open Doubles team is still at the top of the tree in this competition and are sure to give a sixth straight flag an almighty shake while Peter Gard's Grade 1 side will be hoping to take that next step and reach the decider in 2016.

Bryce Mitchelson's team, who have featured in Grade 5 for many years, will now suit up in Grade 1 Men's Open Doubles and are sure to be tough to beat at this level.

The Club's two Masters teams will both feature in the A Grade section this year with Gordon Hammet's side hoping to reach the top four after finishing in fifth spot last season while Rob McLauchlan's team is fresh off a year away from the competition but will be confident of troubling the top sides.

We wish all of our teams the best of luck in 2016! ■



**Pierce Gilheany
will captain one
team and is set for
a big year...**

◀ Mitch Burman has returned to his best form and will be tough to beat in Grade 1 this year.



◀ Samyuktha Rajagopalan will be a key to her team's success in Grade 1 this year.

Building for the future

Kooyong's women's Pennant teams continue to develop for the future with a large group of the Club's young stars of the future taking the step up to Grade 1 this season.

From the likes of Sophia Storch to Gemma Seeley to Stephanie Hird and the Bailey twins, Alexandra and Madeleine, it's time for their development to go to the next level and compete against the best from across Victoria.

Add this to the likes of Jasmin Starr, Samyuktha Rajagopalan, Stephanie Serafidis, Vivian Fidantsis, Peta Valos and Yiota Nicolaou, who are in their second or third season at this level, and you can see the next generation rising.

Team them with some of the Club's most experienced players and the hope is that they are able to learn from the best and in time take over the reins at the top.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 team will be hoping to reach the pinnacle again after winning the title last year while Laura Langmead's Grade 1 team will be hoping to go one step further in 2016 after going down to Hepner Place in last year's semi finals.

Also in Grade 1, Dani McIntyre's team will also be hoping to go one better after a heartbreaking loss to MCC last year when they drew in the semi final but lost in a tie-breaking doubles set. Yiota Nicolaou will captain the Club's fourth Grade 1 team and this side will definitely enjoy their tennis together and are sure to make waves across the competition.

In Grade 2, the newly married Kate Francis, congratulations, is sure to lead her side into finals contention again and could rise to great heights with the addition of a few new players.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 team will be hoping to reach the pinnacle again

Darcy Parke's Grade 2 team will be hoping to reach the finals this year after just missing out in 2015 and that experience should help them achieve that goal.

In Grade 3, Jade Sheary's team should be better than the side that finished fifth last year so finals should definitely be on the agenda while the Club will also field three sides in Grade 5.

Jill Kaminsky's Grade 5 team has a nice blend of youth and experience and this should see them improve from last season. Also in Grade 5, Angela Woodruff's team is coming off a finals appearance in Grade 6 so the step up will be a big challenge but they are keen to tackle it head on.

The other side in Grade 5 will be Celeste Rayment's team of juniors who will be tackling Pennant for the first time and what a great opportunity for some of the stars of the future.

We wish all the women's teams the best of luck in 2016! ■



JASMIN STARR

Age: 15

Grade: 1

Australian Ranking: 107

Play L/H or R/H: Right handed

Tennis Achievements: **2012** – Bruce Cup – 12/under Victorian Team (4th place); **2013** – Victorian Junior Claycourt Championships – 12/under Girl's Finalist; **2014, 2015 & 2016** – Pizzey Cup – 18/under Victorian Team; **2016** – Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club – u/16 & u/21 Club Champion.

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** Roger Federer due to his sportsmanship on and off court, and is graceful regardless of the outcome. He's a great ambassador not only for the game of tennis but also for his country.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** My parents because they constantly take me everywhere and believe in me even when I don't myself, and they always support my tennis.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** My family are passionate supporters of Melbourne Storm, and the first time I went to watch a game live at AAMI Park with my Dad, they had pulled the impossible and won the match by scoring a try just before the referee whistled full-time.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** My future goals are to represent Australia in the Federation Cup and in the Olympics, and to achieve and maintain a Top 20 WTA World ranking.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** Being able to represent such a wonderful club, and to be in a fun and supportive team environment.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** I would probably become a diplomat, as I'd love to support Australia overseas. My Mum is originally from China (my Dad is Australian) so I'm able to write, understand, and fluently speak Mandarin.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I've been doing Little Athletics for 5 years and love competing in shot put, discus and javelin. Apart from that I enjoy going to the cinema, listening to music and just relaxing when I can.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I currently do 4 hours of private training, 3 hours of tennis at school, and 3 hours of private fitness training a week.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** I'm not able to sleep in, or visit my friends and family as much as I'd like. ■



MAX POTTER

Age: 13

Grade: 6

Australian Ranking: 944

Play L/H or R/H: Right handed

Tennis Achievements: Kooyong Club Championships - B grade men's singles winner; Core Frankston Junior Masters U/12 singles winner; Frankston Summer Classic U/14 singles winner

- ▶ **Most admired sportsperson/why?** My most admired sportsperson is Roger Federer because he is just amazing and I love the way he plays. Also, he is a great sportsman and someone for all tennis players to look up to.
- ▶ **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?** My greatest influence is my mum who got me into tennis in the first place and she takes me to all my tournaments. Also my coach Greg Wikman who has worked with me for a long time.
- ▶ **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?** Watching the final of the 2012 Australian Open between Djokovic and Nadal. The match took 5 hours and 53 minutes and Novak won.
- ▶ **What goals have you set for yourself in tennis?** By the end of the year I am aiming to be ranked in the top 650 in Australia. I also would like to travel and play overseas.
- ▶ **What do you enjoy most about pennant tennis?** I really enjoy the team environment that we don't usually get in tennis. But actually the best part is the food that we get at the end of the matches.
- ▶ **If you weren't a tennis player what would you be?** If I wasn't a tennis player I would want to be a football player and play for Melbourne.
- ▶ **What do you do outside tennis?** I play the piano, I love body boarding and I also play football.
- ▶ **How much time do you spend developing your tennis each week?** I spend around 12 hours a week training.
- ▶ **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?** When I have a tournament I have to go to bed early, and with all of the training I do there is not much time to relax. ■



▲ Heather Anderson's team won the A Reserve 2 premiership in Waverley's Thursday Morning Competition.

▲ Kris Tulloch's team won the Section 2 premiership last season.

Summer success

In the Midweek ladies competition, the Club fielded 12 teams playing in three different associations across three days.

The summer season of the Midweek Eastern Metropolitan Region Ladies' Tennis Association (MEMRLTA) is about to reach its climax. In Section 1, Kris Tulloch's side finished fourth and will play Eaglemont in a Semi Final.

The other Section 1 team, captained by Mandy Morgan, finished in seventh position but only two wins outside of the top four.

Jacqui Abbott's Section 3 team unfortunately finished last in their section.

In a highly competitive Section 4, Sally Addison's team finished sixth. However a win in the final round of the season would have secured a finals berth. They will be looking to continue their improvement next season.

Jo Rush's team, which played in the Waverley & District Tennis Association (WDTA) for the July to December 2015 season, will switch to MEMRLTA for the winter 2016 season.

Unlike MEMRLTA, Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) and WDTA have February to June and July to December seasons. Jane Cash's Wednesday Section 1 team has started the season strongly and are currently on top of the ladder after five rounds. They will be looking to make the finals again after narrowly missing out last season.

Detje Marcel's team has been promoted to Section 1 after winning the Section 2 Grand Final last season. While currently in seventh position, the team is enjoying the higher standard of tennis.

Merryn Olive's team has enjoyed a remarkable rise to prominence. They finished on the bottom of the ladder in Section 3 last season after being promoted the season before. However the team is clearly better for the experience and is currently on top of the ladder.

Kooyong also has three teams in BRTA's Thursday competitions. This season BRTA has experimented with a

12-team combined A Grade/Section 1 called Section A/1. Every team will play each other once. After 11 rounds, the section will be split into two six-team sections called A Grade and Section 1.

Anne Forbes' team has started the season strongly and is currently third on the ladder.

Kris Tulloch's team is in eighth position. They will be looking to regain their Grand Final-winning form from last season to ensure a top six finish and position in A Grade. Congratulations to the whole team on winning the July to December 2015 Section 1 Grand Final: Jo O'Donoghue, Sally Potter, Chris Sherman, Helen Sweetnam, Kris Tulloch and Caroline Venn.

Unfortunately Jo Seeley's team has been relegated to Section 2. However they are rebounding in the strongest possible fashion and are on top with a huge percentage of 282.35%

There are two teams in WDTA's Thursday competitions. Heather Anderson's team has been promoted to A Reserve 1 after winning the July to December 2015 A Reserve 2 Grand Final. While finding the higher standard a little tough, demonstrated by being in last position, they have a higher percentage than the two teams above them on the ladder. Congratulations to the whole team on their success last season: Heather Anderson, Sarah Cudlipp, Alita Davis, Libbie Geason, Gill Gleeson, Amanda Gosper and Fance Morrell.

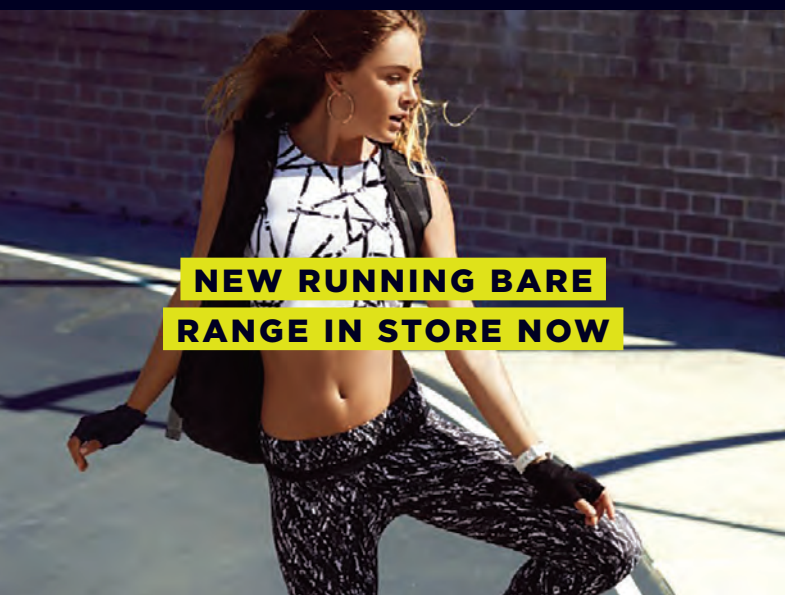
Finally, Mardi Andrew's B Special 1 team is struggling a little through injury and player availability. They are currently last on the ladder.

The Club is always looking for Midweek Ladies players so if you are free on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday and are looking for a higher standard of competition, please contact Tim Baddock at the Club on 9822 3333 or via email: tbaddock@kooyong.com.au

We wish our midweek ladies teams all the best for finals and the rest of the season. ■



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SUMMER COMPETITION NEWS

SUMMER COMPETITION

Kooyong was well represented over the summer

(October – March) period, with six teams participating in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's (BRTA) competition and one team in the Waverley District Tennis Association's (WDTA) competition.

There were three teams in BRTA's Men's Singles/Doubles format. In Section 3, Bryce Mitchelson's team had a very competitive season, finishing just two points outside of the top four and with a higher percentage than fourth placed Old Scotch.

In Section 5, James Goller's team finished second last. The experience of playing much older men will hold the team of young boys in good stead for the future.

Peter May's Section 6 team had a successful season, finishing third. Unfortunately Le Page defeated Kooyong 5-43 to 3-34 in the Semi Final.

There was one Section 3 team in the Ladies Singles/Doubles format, captained by Mary King. They finished fifth but enjoyed the season together and will look to take that experience into the Winter Pennant season.

There was also one team in Section 1 of the Men's Rubbers format. Steve Avery's team finished second on the ladder, earning a place in the Grand Final. They defeated the top team, Parkdale, in the decider 3-6-48 to 1-3-41! Congratulations to the whole team: Steve Avery, Mark Devereux, Mark Grooby, Dennis Mihelyi, Andre Beck, Ron Gerendasi, Paul O'Brien, Sadeck Omarjee, Neil Sebastian, Grant Porter and Andrew Wood.

Finally, Jill Kaminsky captained the Section 1 Ladies Rubbers team. They finished on top of the ladder. Unfortunately Hampton defeated them in the Grand Final 3-6-42 to 1-3-42.

The sole WDTA representative was Kate Francis' Open Singles/Doubles A Reserve 4 team. They finished fourth on the ladder, making the finals by half a point! Unfortunately Narre Warren defeated them 4-32 to 2-31 in the Semi Final.

Congratulations to all teams who played in summer competitions! ■



A big year for KITA

It's been a great start to the year for coaching area of the Club and we look forward to helping you with your game.

The Kooyong International Tennis Academy is very excited to announce that our CEO Glenn Busby has just been awarded the recent Victorian Sports Award for all sports known as the 'Masters Athlete of the Year'.

This comes as a result of a tremendous year of achievements for Glenn; he has won the World No1 Individual Title as well as the Oceania, Australian, Turkish and Italian No 1 Titles. We congratulate Glenn on his amazing achievements.

New Coach

All of us at KITA welcome our new High Performance coach Mateus Goulart.

Mateus has done his coaching training at Sanchez Casal in Spain as well as in Brazil, his home country, and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the club.

Programs

April 2016 sees KITA introducing its new programs and new additions to its repertoire. From Term 2, KITA will be divided into 3 key areas to enable us to focus more intently on providing more in each area and focussing our coaching talent to offer the very best training and coaching we can.

Our High Performance section will offer a 'Pro Package' for competitive players wanting a full-support program; this will include everything from intensive fitness, hitting and squad work through to Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Emotional Intelligence and match and motion analysis.

Our Emerging Player's Package will offer young competitive players an opportunity to get a good grounding in the necessary preparation for professional tennis.

The Adult Players section of the business will focus on offering some player 'packages' as well as ongoing clinics, cardio tennis and 'pump style' sessions.

Our Junior Development section will focus on our youngest players to give them every opportunity to get the best start in their tennis journey.

Term 2 will also see the start of our Parent's Program; an educational series designed to help parent's offer the most proactive support to their young players.

Our new website will also be 'live' early in Term 2, so go and have a look at the changes we are making and the new choices that are available.

We are very excited to be able to offer these new options and programs to the Members and we look forward to seeing you all participating with us to work hard, have fun and enjoy the game of tennis at Kooyong. ■



PLAYER RESULTS

This month, Andrew Whittington won his first \$25,000 Tournament; what a great result for KITA and the Kooyong Foundation! Glenn initially worked with Andrew as his coach and mentor from age 6 to 16 years and Andrew by that stage, had become one of the Australia's best junior players.

At 16, Andrew went to work with Tennis Australia. He has now been back working with Glenn for the past 2 months and this has influenced his game and his results.

Glenn is very excited for Andrew and believes that this is just the beginning, he believes he still has so much development ahead of him and the opportunity for really great things in tennis. Glenn will be travelling overseas this year with Andrew for several weeks to continue his intensive coaching process and support Andrew's tennis journey.

The Kooyong Foundation must also be given recognition for their backing of Andrew over the years and for the large part they have played in the support of his development.

14-year-old Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship player Max Flaherty is starting to accrue some wins this year, with success in the Doubles Silver AMT as well as in Singles and Doubles wins in Adelaide.

We are expecting a big year of him in 2016!

Everything Squash

All the news from a big Summer of squash at Kooyong including the Club Championships and some great results on the world stage.



2016 Squash Club Championships

Spread across 2 weeks and featuring over 70 players in 7 categories, the annual Kooyong Squash Club Championships is always hotly contested. This year was no exception and a number of fantastic matches were played in great spirits.

In the D Grade, club Captain, Colin Cruikshank was a surprise early exit despite his usual “favourable draw.” The final went down to the wire in a fierce battle of the top seeds with Nathan Feldman a deserving winner over Mark Wilson.

The top seed in the C Grade, Gavin Zeitz, also came through with a solid win over the second seed, Carlos da Silva.

B Grade saw our first “surprise finalist” with Taylor Flavell making it through to the last match in what was our most evenly balanced and largest draw.

The other finalist, no surprise as he’s a regular in the championship match, was Peter Robertson and the two of them put on a fantastic final that went right down to the wire. Peter finally gets to put the trophy in his poolroom, winning a close and competitive match.

The A Grade was then played as a prelude to our Men’s Open and threw up a contest that was a promoter’s dream. Selena Shaikh, a star on the rise came up against good mate, Mike Wilkinson, a player whose squash it is fair to say, is most likely on the opposite trajectory.

Anyway, after an even first two games, split down the middle, Selena’s class showed out and despite fighting as always, Mike just couldn’t keep up the pace. Selena took home the trophy and bragging rights for another year.

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In the Men’s Open, Sam Ejtemai played off against one of our newer scholarship holders, Tyler Hawkins.

In a sign of how strong the future is for our squash club, this was also the match up for the Junior event.

Tyler, having moved his way methodically through the draw, was also the beneficiary of a late withdrawal from the top seed and last year’s winner, Mike Corren.

It was a match up of differing styles: Tyler, strong and purposeful and keen to make his mark at the Club, while Sam a past winner was as flashy and crowd pleasing as ever.

In the end, Tyler couldn’t quite match the range of shots and movement of the new club number 1 and Sam took out his fourth title. We hope these two impressive young men go on to represent the club for many years as you would not find better ambassadors.

◀ **Far left** Mike Wilkinson and Selena Shaikh. **Left** Peter Robertson and Taylor Flavell. ▼ Gavin Zeitz and Carlos Da Silva.

▼ Mark Wilson and Nathan Feldman.

▼ Christine Nunn and Sarah Cardwell.

▼ Sam Etjema and Tyler Hawkins.



The same must be said for our Women's Open finalists, Sarah Cardwell and Christine Nunn, both with high profiles in the sport but always impeccable both on and off court.

With Kooyong now in the envious position of having 4 of the 5 top ranked Victorian females at the club, our Women's Open is of the highest calibre and neither had easy runs to the final. Having got there, they did us proud.

Not only was the squash exceptional but we saw first hand how much respect these two champions have for each other and the game they play. With a referee's call going against Sarah at a crucial point of the match, Christine reversed the decision without hesitation and conceded the point to Sarah.

From the first to the last point, the squash was ferocious and Sarah's determination was palpable as she willed herself to win the critical points. She was a worthy winner on the day, taking out her third title and signalling what we hope is a long term club championships rivalry with her Australian team-mate.

Annual Summer Competition

Us squashies are a weird bunch. Just like our tennis playing club mates, we look forward to summer with an almost child-like intensity. While the rest of you may have in mind donning your caps and sunnies for a leisurely foursome in the summer sun followed by a Pimms and a few sandwiches on the balcony, we look forward to steamy sessions in a dimly lit small room with the doors closed and only a few of our club mates for company. And no, not the sauna!

We come together each week before and after Christmas to compete for the Summer Cup, a team event that sees teams comprised of a mix of A graders through to F-troopers fight it out for bragging rights for the New Year.

The 5 players from each team play best of 5 and have the option once a match, to handicap their opponent should they feel the need for a breather or need to rack up a few quick points.

In previous year's we've had the option of tagging in a replacement for 5 points who just happened to be a world ranked top 20 player. With players of that ilk not exactly thick on the ground, this year we went back in time to offer the option of insisting an opponent play 5 points with a wooden racket.

The law of unintended consequences unfortunately resulted in this so-called penalty giving certain players a huge advantage. Those of you who understand the game will not be surprised to know that most of our grey haired brigade did quite nicely with the wooden rackets having played the vast majority of their games without the current generation's advances.

With rackets these days incorporating more carbon fibres than a formula 1 car and strings designed by former NASA scientists it's no wonder our players under 30 struggled playing with rackets featuring sweet spots about the size of a pin head.

After 7 weeks that saw a lot of fun, some surprisingly good squash, and most importantly some brilliant sociable »

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▲ Action from the annual Summer Competition which is always hotly contested.

suppers, our eventual winning captain was none other than Captain Colin Cruickshank.

It's taken him 3 years to work out his formula and that is to pick the best players in the club at every position and tamper mercilessly with every other team throughout the event. Finally he has the monkey off his back and he and his team-mate's have their names on the trophy.

The winning team featured Sam Ejtemai, Jacob Oates, Taylor Flavell, Ashley Bloom, Colin Cruickshank and Megan Ridgeway. The player of the tournament was George Spiliotis.

Kooyong's professional ladies on the world stage

Kooyong's two top ranked women on the PSA tour, Christine Nunn, current world rank 48, and Sarah Cardwell, current world rank 56, recently left our shores for an extended tilt at the best from overseas.

With no time to take in the scenery or even catch their breath, they kicked off by attempting to qualify for one of the biggest tournaments on the calendar, the Guggenheim Partners Windy City Open in Chicago, a \$150,000, World Series event.

Much like a major in tennis, the qualifying rounds of an event like this are littered with top players although in this instance they were all fighting for one of only 4 spots available in a 32 draw event. While Sarah fell agonisingly short, losing in the final round of qualifying to Nele Gilles of the Netherlands, Chris qualified, taking out Vanessa Raj of Malaysia.

With little time to celebrate, the reward for her efforts was to face off against world no. 17, Emily Whitlock of England. Never daunted though, Chris put up a great fight to push Emily all the way but went down in 4 tough sets. For all of the non squashies, this is a massive event and a great effort for Chris to show that she is more than capable of taking on the very best.

Next up for our girls was a smaller, but no less competitive \$10,000 event, the Samson Seattle Open. Both Sarah and Chris performed admirably by making it to the semis finals.

They each pushed their opponents to 4 sets though, with Sarah going down to a talented up-and-comer from Egypt in Mayar Hany and Chris pushing world no. 26 Line Hansen all the way but ultimately also going down.

We all know how talented Line is too, having watched her take out last year's Kooyong International Challenge on our very own courts! Testimony to how well Sarah's opponent played is the fact young Mayar actually went on to upset Line in the final to take out the title.

The final stop on their whirlwind trip saw Sarah and Chris play the Calgary CFO Consulting Services Women's Open, a \$15,000 event. Sarah made the quarter finals before losing to Milou van der Heijden of the Netherlands. She came so close to getting through though, going down in a long and hard fought five set match.

The exciting news was the progress of Chris, all the way to the final, where again, she faced off against Emily Whitlock. While unable to improve on her previous 4 set loss, again it was an entertaining and competitive match. This time though the result could so easily have fallen Chris' way.

Chris took the first game in a tight one. Then a nail biting second game, decided 14-12 just fell Emily's way to make it one-all. With Chris' strength in fitness, had she managed to get to two games to love, it would have been a huge deficit for Emily to climb back from. It sadly wasn't to be however, with Chris losing 3-1. She returns home though with a big boost to her confidence and knowing that she can slug it out with the best.

We're very proud of both of girls and look forward to welcoming them home to Kooyong again in the coming weeks, keen to hear more on their exploits. ■

by Alistair Macindoe

HOW TO SWERVE THE BALL

In snooker the usual way to get out of a snooker is to use the cushions. Sometimes there seems no easy way, so you have to reach for the swerve shot! Have a look at the first photo of just the balls.

The paths off either side cushion to the two reds are blocked by colours. However the direct path to the left-hand red is only just blocked by the blue. A small left to right swerve around the left edge of the blue will get you out of the snooker.

To impart swerve you must hit down on the white ball two-thirds of the way to the (in this case) right-hand edge of the ball. Strike the white at medium pace and just above the middle as well. (Thus hit the white at about two o'clock.)

Hitting down and to the side of the white pinches it against the cloth and imparts right-hand side spin to the ball. The vigorous spin make the white drift to the right as it goes up the table.

How to line up the shot is shown in the second photo featuring my straight left arm and raised bridge. Where you aim is important: aim about one and a half ball's width left of the blue; obviously to make a fair shot you have to avoid hitting the blue ball. After many years of practice you can expect to make these shots most of the time!



“I knew, without a shadow of a doubt, that snooker was what I wanted to – had to – do with my life.... Snooker was the last thing on my mind at night and the first thing on my mind in the morning - and that’s not forgetting when I dreamt about it as well.”

Jimmy White, professional snooker player

Inter-club Competitions

The Inter-club Competitions have started after the summer break, and Kooyong has two teams. There is an A Grade Reserve billiards team (no handicaps, high quality competition) and a Thursday night billiards team (with handicaps, players of all abilities catered for). If you are interested in playing please contact David Pitt at david.pitt@bigpond.com.

Billiards Australia – a new organisation for enthusiasts

There is a new organisation promoting billiards in Australia, organised by Ballarat’s Jason Colebrook. Take a look at the website at www.billiardsaustralia.com. There are some fascinating interviews to be read, and other things of interest. ■

Summer snapshot

by Cindi Damian, President KLTC Social Committee

DECEMBER PIMMS, PROSECCO AND

PUDDING CHRISTMAS SOIREE



▲ **Jazz Spectrum (Bob Sedergreen, Barry Buxton and Gareth Hill)** engaged Members with their jazz and made the afternoon for a wonderful early Christmas celebration.

FEBRUARY TENNIS & GOURMET BBQ



▲ **We enjoyed a fabulous evening of tennis on the grass courts followed by a sumptuous gourmet BBQ, with music accompaniment by Emilio.** This event is always popular and booked out early this year. We'll be hitting the courts again in May for our Mixed Doubles Round Robin, so book in early to avoid disappointment!

MARCH LONGEST LUNCH



▲ **The weather perfect, and the food and wine superb.** Live music by Emilio set the ambience perfectly for dining on the terrace. Thanks to a delicious menu devised by Executive Chef, Chris Goulding and created on the day by Chef, Babu. Delish! ■

Please join us on **Sunday 22 May** for our **Mixed Doubles Round Robin** followed by canapés in the Sir Norman Brookes Room. Booking forms are available online and at the Club.

by Marie Devereux, President Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

A great start to the year

Following the Davis Cup held at Kooyong LTC, the Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary held our very successful Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament on Monday, 7th March, 2016.

Our entries reached a record 306 ladies, all enjoying great tennis on the grass in spite of a damp start to the day.

As usual our great Chef, Chris Goulding, and his kitchen staff presented a gourmet lunch with all the participants very loud in their praise for the quality of the food and the friendly Kooyong staff who made their visit to Kooyong most enjoyable.

The result of our raffle of 12 great prizes raised a grand total of \$1500. On behalf of the Committee I must thank our CEO, Chris Brown, for his great assistance on the day, also Cedric Mason and the Pro Shop for their generosity in donating prizes for the raffle and not forgetting Lyn and Joan for their great organisation skills.

The next function will be the April Card Day in the Kooyong Room on Monday, 18th April. The invitations have been posted out and additional copies are available in the Clubhouse.

The Ticket Secretary is Anne Marie Coghlan and her details are on the invitations.

I do wish to thank all the ladies mentioned above for their commitment and trusting me to lead them for another year. ■

At our Annual General Meeting held in February the following ladies were elected to the Committee:

Patron	Lisa Carew
President	Marie Devereux
Vice President	Anne Marie Coghlan
Secretary	Caroline Hill
Ass. Secretary	Lisa Carew
Treasurer	Mary Hoban
Ass. Treasurer	Carmel Quinn
Committee	Genevieve Barnett, Denise Bartlett, Jean Burgess, Denise Cosgriff, Mary Galvin, Edna Lavell, Joan Layet, Thais Mear, Lyn Wheat.



◀ Anne Marie Coghlan (Vice President) and Caroline Hill (Secretary) with raffle prizes.

FUTURE 2016 FUNCTIONS

Sunday 24 July	Christmas in July Luncheon
Monday 12 September	September Card Party
Friday 7 October	Trivia Night

by Susan Douglas

Awards for 2015

In December we celebrated with two Christmas functions and congratulated our trophy winners.

Toni Bucknell won the Penny Purbrick award for 2015, and Virginia Rugless won the 2015 KLTC Bridge Club Open trophy.

Our Bridge club is increasing in popularity and we look forward to our 2015 new learners merging with the group this month. Stephen Lester will be teaching the 2016 Beginner's Course at Kooyong from Sunday 10th April to 15th May.

Any member interested in the learning opportunities at Kooyong should contact Moira Righetti on 0413 940 655. ■

▼ **Below** Chris Purbrick, Toni Bucknell, Virginia Rugless and Rob Nurse;
Bottom Members enjoying the Christmas dinner.



by Christine Johnson, President Wine + Food Society

Our End-of-Year Celebration Dinner 12 December 2015 with Celebrity Chef Gabriel Gaté & Lanson Champagne

This function was truly sensational. Many thanks to Patrice for all his personal and professional efforts as well as the F&B team and the support of Cisco coffee. Members and guests enjoyed 5 champagnes served during dinner, some especially shipped from France for this occasion. Chris Goulding and his culinary team perfectly executed the magnificent French inspired menu designed by Gabriel Gaté - everything on the night was faultless!



▲ **Top** A variety of Lanson Champagne on the menu. **Middle left** KLTC Board Member Adam Cossar and wife, Natalie. **Middle right** Alicia Simonson and Barbara Milh. **Bottom** President, Christine Johnson with Gabriel Gaté, Patrice Renaudin, Anton Hobbs & Hervé Danton from Lanson Champagne.

AGM 8 February 2016

A record number of members attended our recent AGM. Your new committee elected on the night include: Christine Johnson, President; Ken Wheat, Vice President; Milton Dickins, Treasurer; Sarah Patterson, Secretary; Robin Daubney & Elwyn Nania, Committee Members. We farewelled committee members Marie Pernat, Secretary; Graham Schmidt and Margot McCluskey. The society is indebted to these members for their extensive efforts and dedication over many years. A warm welcome to Elwyn Nania, new committee member for 2016.



Honorary Life Memberships

At the AGM, we awarded four Honorary Life Memberships to Tim Cawthorn, Joe Devereux, Terry Fraser and Alicia Simonson. The Society was pleased to acknowledge these long-term members for their commitment in the establishment of the original L.T.A.V. Wine & Food Society in 1971. All have continued to be active members and made significant contributions over the past 45 years to the success of our society.

Melbourne Club 4 March 2016

Members and guests enjoyed drinks and canapés in the private courtyard garden of the Club under the historic plane tree, which is listed on the National Trust's Register. We then moved into the majestic main dining room to enjoy a delicious menu prepared by Fritz Roth, Executive Chef and wines from the Club cellar, perfectly chosen to complement each course. It was a very memorable event.

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

FUTURE 2016 FUNCTIONS

Friday 20 May	Tastes of New Zealand	Racquet Club
Friday 29 July	An Historical Journey of Wine & Food	Kooyong Room
Thursday 13 October	Local Restaurant	To be confirmed
Saturday 10 December	Winemaker's Dinner	Kooyong Room

Health Club News

It is inspiring to see an increase in members working hard to achieve their strength and weight loss goals after the Easter holidays.

The club has recently upgraded the cardiovascular area with two new Stair-Masters. Here is an overview of the new staff member that is joining the Health Club team, to assist members in achieving greater results.



Also, making the most of the fabulous facilities here at the Health Club, we have popular group exercise classes like Pilates, Aqua – Aerobics, Yoga, Zumba, Fit-MAX, and Total Body Tone. Participating in a group exercise class is a great way to challenge your perceived limitations, and encouragement from an instructor and workout buddies can really help to keep you on track.

Your hard work will be rewarded with several great benefits including improved cardiovascular fitness, toning up, strength and endurance improvement, weight loss, and stress relief.

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



◀ **Left** Maddalyne Hession can help you with personal training at the Club. **Far left** Make the most of the fabulous facilities here at the Health Club.

MADDALYNE HESSION

Hi, I'm Maddy and I am the new Personal Trainer here at Kooyong. I am currently studying a Bachelor in Health Science and majoring in Nutrition and Exercise Science. Nutrition and promoting physical activity and a healthy lifestyle are my passions.

I place a huge emphasis, to my clients, on the fact that nutrition and exercise work hand in hand with each other. I love playing sport and keeping active myself.

I specialise in strength training, building up aerobic and anaerobic fitness, weight loss and sports specific training. I place a strong emphasis on the fact that you have to enjoy exercise and it isn't about a 'quick fix'.

I also hold a very strong belief that any form of exercise should be enjoyable and this is why I will take all the likes and dislikes of my clients on board when tailoring exercise programs.

I believe that in the fitness industry, communication is the key. Building up a personal relationship is very important to me as there is many external factors that can influence the performance, motivation and a person's mood.

I know how hard it can be to become motivated and get in to a constant routine of physical activity and a healthier lifestyle but once you get past this phase, the benefits are amazing.

When it comes to life, I believe, there is always room for improvement. Once a goal is reached, another one needs to be found. Anyone can reach their goals, you just have to want it. If you have any questions or wish to book a session, feel free to get in contact with me or come and talk to me on the gym floor.



SUNDAY 22 MAY MIXED DOUBLES ROUND ROBIN



Assemble **1.45pm** at the
J.P.YOUNG PAVILION
Tennis starts at **2.00pm**

Finger Food & Soft Drinks included.

Alcoholic Beverages at Club Prices.

5.00pm - 6.30pm in the Sir Norman Brookes Room

Booking forms are available from the Members Sign-In Desk, Kooyong reception or can be downloaded from the Members Group / Social Committee section of the myKooyong website.

Please return your bookings with full payment to Kooyong Reception.

Members are welcome to invite guests
Club Dress Rules apply

MEMBERS: \$40

GUESTS: \$55

BOOKINGS CLOSE: TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016

For more information please contact Social Committee members:
Kat Benyon on 0425 868 878 or Tanya Fryc on 0438 525 091

DIARY DATES

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

April

8th Young Member's Drinks

17th Social Committee Kooyong vs RSY Tennis Day

18th RCH Card Day

May

8th Mother's Day Buffet Lunch

20th Wine & Food Society – Tastes Of New Zealand

22nd Social Committee Mixed Doubles Round Robin

27th Champions' Dinner

June

17th Social Committee Happy Hour

26th Junior Competition Presentation Night

July

8th President's Lunch

11th 50 Year Member's Function

24th RCH Christmas in July Function

29th Wine & Food Society – History of Wine & Food Function



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