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Back: (from left) Andrew Whittington, Daniel Byrnes, Roy Emerson, John Peers, David Bidmeade, Jay Salter. Front: Michaela Capannolo, Sally Peers, Molly Polak, Kate Antosik, Karolina Wlodarczak

KOORYONG TEAMS

WIN NATIONAL TENNIS LEAGUE TITLES

Tennis Australia's new National Tennis League proved to be a fantastic initiative as 6 of the country's best men's and women's club teams came together to play for the National title.

In its infancy, the competition, featuring shortened match formats, saw two men's and women's teams qualify from each of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia for the chance to play in the finals during the second week of the Australian Open.

Both the men's and women's teams from Kooyong showed their quality and depth when they won both of their pool matches in impressive fashion and then completed a fantastic year when they won the final to claim both titles.

The men were placed in the group of death with all three state based winners facing each other in the Pool B matches but the Kooyong boys weren't to be denied as they first faced Brydan Klein's Peppermint Grove.

John Peers, Andrew Whittington, David Bidmeade and Daniel Byrnes all contributed to a fantastic win over the Western Australian champions.

In the second Pool B match, Kooyong faced South Australian champions Somerton Park Sharks and again got away to a great start in the doubles to almost guarantee the win and Andrew Whittington and Jay Salter finished the job by winning the first two singles rubbers to ensure the team moved through to the final.

The final saw Kooyong in a rematch with cross town rival Dingley and it was the doubles that again gave the Kooyong boys a huge advantage as they won both on the back of some great play by Peers, Whittington, Bidmeade and Byrnes.

Peers then won his singles against Matthew Carroll while Dingley claimed a rubber when David Vukasinec caused an upset against Jay Salter but David Bidmeade closed it out to claim the title with a first set win over Rob Phillips.

In the women's, Kooyong faced Jessica Moore's Dalkeith from Western Australia in their first Pool B match and it was all tied up after the doubles as Moore looked to lead her side to victory but it was Sally Peers who turned things around as she dominated her rival in the singles to give Kooyong the lead.

Karolina Wlodarczak, Michaela Capannolo and Kate Antosik then completed the victory with solid wins in singles to finish the day.

The next Pool B encounter saw Kooyong match up with South Australia's Trinity Titans for a spot in the final and the girls got away to a great start by winning both doubles rubbers.

Wlodarczak, Molly Polak and Capannolo also claimed singles wins to ensure another victory and confidence was high as they moved into the final against South Australia's Flagstaff Freighters.

The pressure was showing in the final as both sides fought for the crucial doubles rubbers and both matches were tightly contested but again the Kooyong girls found a way to win as Peers and Wlodarczak got home 5/3 5/4 while Polak and Antosik came back from 5/0 down in the third set tiebreak to win 7/5 and claim the rubber. These wins setup the victory as Peers defeated Olivia Lukaszewicz 4/0 4/2 and Wlodarczak defeated Emily Webley-Smith 4/1 4/2 to claim the title.

Congratulations to all the players involved in these fantastic wins and we look forward to the competition being rolled out across Australia next year!

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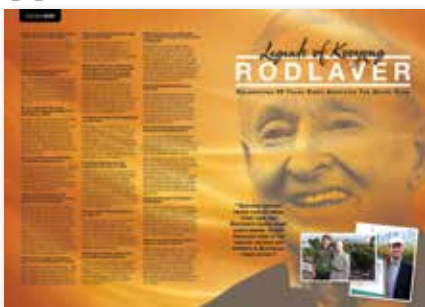
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The year started strongly with another excellent AAMI Classic here at Kooyong.

We watched the further rise of Australian young gun Bernard Tomic who took some major scalps on his way through to a win in the final.

No doubt this prepared him well for an excellent performance when he appeared the following week at the Australian Open.

Our club championships for both tennis and squash attracted record numbers and wonderful matches over the period of events.

We congratulate first time winners Daniel Byrnes and Molly Polak on their tennis successes and Sam Ejetmai and Sarah Cardwell on squash section victories.

This Courtside is loaded with news about upcoming events including our President's Lunch on the 13th April featuring AFL Legends Jason Dunstall and Danny Frawley and Premiership Player Brad Sewell. Booking forms are available on line or from the website.

Our sections are geared up for big years with the Royal Children's Hospital having hosted their annual tennis day with a large field in March.

The Social Committee has set up for a great year of events and the Wine & Food Society also are offering members a terrific year at the club.

Watch also for details of upcoming events targeted at our young members.

We look forward to what will unfold in 2012 with great anticipation.

Chris Brown
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club



What will our Club look like and who will it serve in 20, 30 or 40 years time? What should we be doing today to shore up and strengthen our Club for the future? I constantly ask myself and challenge my Committee to consider what our current Members want or expect from their Club today.

To prepare our Club for the future, your Club Committee is evaluating and prioritising possible major projects for our Glenferrie Road property that will help maintain Kooyong's position as the premier tennis club in Australia. The exercise is challenging as it involves tackling current challenges while attempting to predict possible trends and life style changes, and future Membership demographics. Equally challenging is predicting likely changes in the way Members may use their Club in years to come.

As I have noted in previous reports to Members, changing life style patterns have already impacted on the way many Members interact with the Club. Your Club has by and large adapted where possible to better suit these changing Member demands for facilities and services.

Tennis remains our core activity and is stronger than ever. But we have extended lifestyle activities, offered crèche services, expanded the gym, provided Members' children activities including the recent addition of the Hot Shots tennis program, removed fees for lights for social tennis, expanded court access for the Restricted Member category and expanded bistro service hours.

In our current Club environment, we have many ways for providing both Committee and Club Management with feedback on what the Club does well

and where we can improve. Committee Members and staff are accessible and open to Member feedback and Members are encouraged to offer suggestions.

I believe the Club's responsiveness to constructive criticism and positive feedback has been instrumental in helping our Club provide excellent services and has been acknowledged by multiple Industry awards in the past few years.

So what do I think the Glenferrie Road site will look like in the future?

Perhaps the traffic chaos caused by the Glenferrie Road and Glen Waverley train line crossing will become so intolerable, if it hasn't already, that the railway will go underground. Changes to parking may be developed to improve arrangements or cover could be provided on some tennis courts.

Perhaps there could be accommodation facilities on site, or lawn bowls or other additional sporting service. Maybe an outdoor pool and bar area or extra squash courts.

There are many thoughts and time only will tell what will occur.

Needless to say, this and future Committees will be faced with making major decisions regarding our facilities and Membership services, and in each instance, attempt to enhance our Club for current and future members.

Ian Hill
President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club



TOMIC WINS FIRST AAMI CLASSIC TITLE

Bernard Tomic showed maturity beyond his years to win the 2012 AAMI Classic title over American Mardy Fish in a fantastic end to the week of tennis at Kooyong. Tomic became the youngest winner of the AAMI Classic and it also prepared him for an amazing run through the Australian Open which included wins over Fernando Verdasco, Sam Querrey and Alexander Dolgoplov before running into a red hot Roger Federer.

The final was Tomic's third epic encounter for the week and he was able to hold his nerve to take the title over his more experienced opponent 6/4 4/6 7/5.

"I got a good workout. I played well, got confidence up and played three world-class players. A lot of good players have won, so to be up there with those names is great," said Tomic after the match.

Fish also spoke in glowing terms about the young Australian after the match.

"He's got a great feel for his game on the court – what's smart what isn't. He's got some strengths for sure. He's got some weaknesses that he can address. He'll only get better" he said.

The crowds were treated to some outstanding tennis all week and it began with Jurgen Melzer and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on the Wednesday morning.

Melzer came out of the blocks in impressive fashion against Tsonga, who seemed to be a bit slow to get going after winning the title in Doha, and wrapped up the first set 6/4.

The Austrian kept his nose in front throughout the second set and eventually won the match in straight sets 6/4 6/3.

Next up on centre court was Bernard Tomic and Tomas Berdych and the crowd definitely got their money's worth as Berdych showed his strength in the first set to take it 6/4.

Tomic showed he could match Berdych as he wrestled back the ascendancy to level the match at a set apiece by winning the second set six games to four.

And Tomic continued to press in the third set and gained the crucial break of serve to book himself a spot in the semi final with an entertaining 4/6 6/4 6/3 victory over the world number seven.

In the third match of the day, Mardy Fish defeated an unwell Milos Raonic 6/1 6/2 to also move through to the semi finals.

The big Canadian had to withdraw from the event suffering from stomach issues but was later replaced in the draw by Japanese sensation Kei Nishikori.

The last match on the Wednesday schedule turned out to be another fantastic spectacle as Andy Roddick and Gael Monfils went head to head.

Monfils had reached the final in Doha and was late arriving in Australia but still put on a wonderful performance against the big serving American.

The match was tight throughout but it was the French star who made the most of his opportunities in both tiebreaks to get through to the semi finals 7/6 7/6.

Thursday's schedule began with Tsonga playing Nishikori and it was the big Frenchman who came out all guns blazing to win the first set 6/1.

The Japanese star then worked his way into the match and was able to level at a set apiece by taking the second set by six games to four.

Nishikori then used the momentum gained to post an impressive 1/6 6/4 6/1 victory.

The second match on court was the semi final between Bernard Tomic and Gael Monfils and it didn't disappoint as both players put on an amazing show for the crowd.

Tomic struck the first blow late in the first set with a deft lob over Monfils to setup a break point and he then converted with a heavy crosscourt forehand winner.

In the second set Monfils made the early running when he broke Tomic at two all and then continued to hold to win the second set 6/4.

The momentum was with Monfils and the Frenchman went in for the kill as he broke again in the first game of the third set but Tomic wasn't to be denied.

Tomic then reeled off four straight games to take a 5/2 lead but there was another few twists left in this contest as Monfils fought his way back into the match.

Monfils broke back and then held serve to make it five games all and then with another two holds of serve we headed into a tiebreaker to decide the match and Tomic raced to a 5/0 lead before winning it 7/2 to move into the final.

The final match of the day saw Andy Roddick get his first win on the board in a fantastic match against Tomas Berdych.

Both players fought for every point but it was Roddick who outlasted Berdych 4/6 7/6 6/3.

Friday's schedule was highlighted by the guest appearance of Andy Murray and David Nalbandian but began with the clash between Mardy Fish and Jurgen Melzer.

Both players looked in great touch but it was Fish who came out firing in the first set and made it his own by winning 6/2.

Melzer then turned things around in the second set and was able to get the crucial break of serve to secure the second set 6/4 and send the fifth match of the week into a deciding set but it was Fish who wrestled back the momentum and took out the semi final 6/2 4/6 6/1 to reach the final against Bernard Tomic.

The second match saw Andy Murray play an exhibition match against David Nalbandian and it was another wonderful spectacle for everyone at the venue as Murray showed his class in a tight tussle to win 6/3 7/6.

In the next match on court Kei Nishikori finished his AAMI Classic campaign on a high note with another impressive performance.

The Japanese star defeated Andy Roddick in straight sets 6/3 6/3 and looked set for a big Australian Open.

The final match on Friday was another exhibition match, this time between Sam Querrey and Viktor Troicki and it was the big American who was victorious in straight sets 6/3 6/3.

The final day was another wonderful event at Kooyong as play got underway at 1pm with Jurgen Melzer and Gael Monfils treating the crowd to another fantastic match as they played off for third and fourth.

Melzer won a tight first set 6/3 and things continued to stay close throughout the second set as we headed into a tiebreak but it was Monfils who was able to get the job done and send the match into a decider.

The final set was all one way traffic as Melzer broke Monfils several times to race away and win the match in impressive fashion 6/3 6/7 6/2.

The final between Bernard Tomic and Mardy Fish was a wonderful way to end the week at Kooyong as both players battled for the ascendancy in each set.

It was a fantastic battle as Tomic gained the crucial break in the first set to win it 6/4 and take all the running into the second set but the experience of Fish shone through as the American fought his way back into the match.

Fish was able to break Tomic to allow him to level the match by winning the second set 6/4 and as the third set began you knew it was going to be a battle of wills.

The youngster continued to press but Fish looked like he was going to hold strong to take it to the tiebreak in the final set before Tomic created the opportunity he needed to win the match 6/4 4/6 7/5.

It was the perfect ending to another wonderful event and it was a great introduction to Kooyong for one of the stars of the future.

Tomic joined some wonderful names on the honour boards here at Kooyong and hopefully we see him grace the centre court here at Kooyong and hopefully we see him grace our centre court for many years to come.





Byrnes and Polak win first Club Championship Titles

Daniel Byrnes won the Men's Open Singles title after defeating nine time champion Jay Salter in a thrilling final 7/6 7/6 after coming close to breaking through in last year's event.

Byrnes was in fantastic form throughout the tournament with wins over youngsters Daniel Warwick, Lorenzo Alforque and Will Kneale in the early rounds before knocking out the second seed, Andrew Coelho, in impressive fashion in the semi final 6/3 6/4.

Jay Salter made his way into the final with wins over Lewis Karapanos, Todd Schulberg, former finalist Paul Arber and last year's champion David Bidmeade to setup a mouth watering finale.

Byrnes always had his nose in front in the final and was able to get the job done in both tie breaks to inflict Salter's first singles loss on the grass at Kooyong over the past twelve years.

In the Women's Open Singles final it was Molly Polak that was able to break through to get her name on the honour board at Kooyong with a convincing win over rising star Destanee Aiava 6/0 6/1.

Polak showed her strength and experience to win a much deserved title for a player who has had so much success with the Club over the years.

She was able to make the final after wins over Olivia Green, Danielle McIntyre and Sinead Disaya and made the most of her opportunities in the final.

But Destanee was definitely the talk of the tournament as the 11 year old stormed through the field to make her first final with wins over her older and more experienced opponents Laura Rabinovich, Alana Parnaby and Michaela Capannolo.

Having risen through the ranks at the Club over the past two years it is easy to see Destanee's potential and she is sure to have more opportunities to win the title in years to come.

In the Men's Doubles it was great to see Premier League captain Paul Arber team up with Andrew Coelho to win the title against fellow Premier League stars David Bidmeade and Daniel Byrnes 7/6 7/5.

Bidmeade and Byrnes seemed to have the early running but Arber and Coelho worked their way back into the match and eventually snatched the first set in a tiebreak.

It remained tight throughout the second set but it was Coelho and Arber who made the most of their opportunities to win the second set and the match in straight sets.

The Women's Doubles final was another great match as Kate Antosik and Michaela Capannolo won their first title with the Club when they defeated Lisa D'Amelio and Laura Rabinovich 6/3 7/6.

IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE MORE THAN 470 MEMBERS TAKE PART IN THE 2012 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AND VERY EXCITING THAT TWO OF THE CLUB'S LONG TIME JOHN FITZGERALD SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS WERE ABLE TO WIN THEIR FIRST OPEN SINGLE TITLES.

Antosik and Capannolo teamed well together throughout the event and despite the best efforts of Rabinovich and especially D'Amelio, whose experience on the doubles court shone through, they weren't able to overcome their powerful opponents.

The Open Mixed Doubles was another classic encounter as Kate Antosik grabbed her second title for the day when she teamed up with Matthew Carroll to defeat Molly Polak and David Bidmeade 7/5 6/4.

Bidmeade and Polak were defending their title from 2011 while Antosik and Carroll were hoping to win their first title together and it was the former who stepped up when it mattered to gain the ascendancy.

In other notable results, it was great to see Romy Stephens win the Under 21 Girls Singles title by defeating Daphne Mantzanidis in the final while Will Kneale won the Under 21 Boy's singles title 7/6 6/2 over Matthew Nickels to claim Pat Cash Cup for the first time.

Both continue to improve rapidly and will

be players to watch in our Grade 1 Pennant sides this season.

Two-time Club Champion Cam Dickinson claimed another two titles when he won the A Grade Doubles with Stephen Gay and the 100 and over Doubles with Bruce Osborne.

Ken Cooper also grabbed two titles when he outlasted Bruce Osborne in the 50 and over singles final and teamed with Terry Stone to win the 50 and over Doubles title.

Daniel Nickels showed he is a player to watch in the future as he worked his way through some quality players in the A Grade singles.

Three set wins over Ryan Wood in a semi final and Mitch Allman in the final showed his fighting capabilities.

Jessica Draper won her first title at the Club when she defeated Renee Sheary in the B Grade Singles 6/2 6/4 while Kerin Tulloch won another two events when she added the 50 and over singles and 100 and over mixed title with Peter Gard to her collection.

It was also fantastic to see some big entries in our Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16 events.

John Amato and Tom Smith showed their potential when they played one of the matches of the tournament in the final of the under 12 boy's singles.

Both boys battled their hearts out but it was John who came through with the win 3/6 6/4 6/3. Antony Guan and Gemma Seeley were in great form in the under 14 events as neither player dropped a set on their way to impressive victories.

The Club has a great group of junior players progressing through the ranks and we hope to see them reach our senior Pennant teams in the not too distant future if they aren't making their mark already.

It's great to see so many members supporting the event and plans are already being made to allow the 2013 Club Championships to be bigger and better.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2012 Club Championships events and we look forward to celebrating with you at the Champions' Dinner in May.

Winner are grinners: Open Mixed Doubles Champions Kate Antosik and Matthew Carroll.



Left: Open Singles Champion Daniel Byrnes and 9 time winner Jay Salter, Right: Open Singles Champion Molly Polak with runner up Destanee Aiava





Club Championships

Club Championships Winners List February 2012

Event 1. Men's Open Singles

Winner: Daniel Byrnes 7/6 7/6
 Runner Up: Jay Salter

Event 2. Men's Open Doubles

Winner: Paul Arber/Andrew Coelho 7/6 7/5
 Runner Up: Daniel Byrnes/David Bidmeade

Event 3. Ladies Open Singles

Winner: Molly Polak 6/0 6/1
 Runner Up: Destanee Aiava

Event 4. Ladies Open Doubles

Winner: Kate Antosik/Michaela Capannolo 6/3 7/6. Runner Up: Lisa D'Amelio/Laura Rabinovich

Event 5. Men's 50 & Over Singles

Winner: Ken Cooper 6/1 4/6 6/4
 Runner Up: Bruce Osborne

Event 6. Men's 50 & Over Doubles

Winner: Ken Cooper/Terry Stone 6/4 6/2
 Runner Up: Graeme Heath/Hayden Rees

Event 7. Ladies 50 & Over Singles

Winner: Kerin Tulloch 6/1 6/7 6/0
 Runner Up: Kati Patterson

Event 9. Men's 60 & Over Doubles

Winner: Daryl Henwood/Sadeck Omarjee 6/1 6/1. Runner Up: Maurice Broom/Hugh Magee

Event 10. Men's 100 & Over Doubles

Winner: Campbell Dickinson/Bruce Osborne 7/6 7/5
 Runner Up: Daryl Henwood/Mark Swindon

Event 11. Men's A Grade Singles

Winner: Daniel Nickels 6/2 2/6 6/4
 Runner Up: Mitch Allman

Event 12. Men's A Grade Doubles

Winner: Campbell Dickinson/Stephen Gay 6/3 6/4
 Runner Up: Stephen Doig/Andrew Semmens

Event 14. Men's B Grade Singles

Winner: Chris Wood 6/4 6/3
 Runner Up: David Hildebrand

Event 15. Men's B Grade Doubles

Winner: TBC
 Runner Up:

Event 16. Ladies B Grade Singles

Winner: Jessica Draper 6/2 6/4
 Runner Up: Renee Sheary

Event 17. Ladies B Grade Doubles

Winner: Natalie Harwood/Jane Webb 6/4 6/4
 Runner Up: Lou Griffith/Lea Whyte

Event 18. Men's C Grade Singles

Winner: Eric Mitchell 6/2 1/6 6/1
 Runner Up: Alan Fryday

Event 19. Men's C Grade Doubles

Winner: Matthew Brown-Greaves/Leigh Andrinopoulos 4/6 6/3 7/6. Runner Up: Alastair Price/John Price

Event 20. Ladies C Grade Singles

Winner: Rachael Seymour 6/4 6/0
 Runner Up: Larnie Morrison

Event 21. Ladies C Grade Doubles

Winner: Jane Lennon/Janine Ross 6/3 5/7 7/5. Runner Up: Priscilla Kiernan/Larnie Morrison

Event 22. Men's D Grade Singles

Winner: Alec MacLachlan 6/3 6/4
 Runner Up: Justin Anderson

Event 23. Men's D Grade Doubles

Winner: Rob Teal/Simon Uzunovski 6/3 1/6 6/3. Runner Up: Justin Anderson/Craig Langford

Event 24. Ladies D Grade Singles

Winner: Jane-Marie Mason 6/4 6/3
 Runner Up: Belinda Henry

Event 25. Ladies D Grade Doubles

Winner: Cassandra Barnett/Deanne O'Loughlin 6/2 6/2. Runner Up: Di Synnott/Kate Wraith-Bell

Event 28. Open Mixed Doubles

Winner: Kate Antosik/Matthew Carroll 7/5 6/4
 Runner Up: David Bidmeade/Molly Polak

Event 29. 100 & Over Mixed Doubles

Winner: Kerin Tulloch/Peter Gard 4/6 6/2 6/4
 Runner Up: Theresa Carmichael/Chiro Mukerjea

Event 30. B Grade Mixed Doubles

Winner: Gemma Seeley/Dean Seeley 7/5 6/1
 Runner Up: Olivia Green/Sadeck Omarjee

Event 31. C Grade Mixed Doubles

Winner: Angela Wong/Michael Louey 6/2 6/2
 Runner Up: Rosemary Everett/David Hase

Event 32. D Grade Mixed Doubles

Winner: Alisa Bennett/James Bennett 5/7 7/5 6/4
 Runner Up: Detje Marcel/JP Marcel

Event 34. Junior Boy's Singles U/21

Winner: Will Kneale 7/6 6/2
 Runner Up: Matthew Nickels

Event 35. Junior Girl's Singles U/21

Winner: Romy Stephens 6/1 6/1
 Runner Up: Daphne Mantzanidis

Event 36. U/12 Boys Singles

Winner: John Amato 3/6 6/4 6/3
 Runner Up: Tom Smith

Event 37. U/12 Girls Singles

Winner: Coco Swansson 6/1 6/3
 Runner Up: Natalie Ronge

Event 38. U/12 Boys Doubles

Winner: John Amato/Thomas Smith 6/0 6/1
 Runner Up: Ned Hummerston/Simon Savage

Event 40. U/14 Boys Singles

Winner: Antony Guan 6/3 6/3
 Runner Up: Alexander Bielinski

Event 41. U/14 Girls Singles

Winner: Gemma Seeley 6/3 6/0
 Runner Up: Cindy Tamber

Event 42. U/14 Boys Doubles

Winner: Pierce Gilheany/Corey Pabst 6/0 6/1
 Runner Up: Kipp Davenport/Januz Zecevic

Event 43. U/14 Girls Doubles

Winner: Gemma Seeley/Nicole Kaminsky 6/4 6/2. Runner Up: Erin Ronge/Jessica Garzarella

Event 44. U/16 Boys Singles

Winner: TBC
 Runner Up:

Event 44. U/16 Girls Singles

Winner: Alexandra Bailey 7/5 6/3
 Runner Up: Madeleine Bailey

Event 46. U/16 Boy's Doubles

Winner: Alexander Bielinski/Martin Kaminski 6/0 6/0. Runner Up: Jack Geason/Charlie Geason



Club Championships

Kooyong Foundation Again Hosts Junior Teams Events

The Club was abuzz as more than 60 kids from around the state took part in both the Wayne Arthurs and Alicia Molik Cups recently. Again supported by the Kooyong Foundation and AAMI, both events are a highlight for all of the juniors who are able to play at the 'spiritual home of Australian tennis'. The Wayne Arthurs Cup, held in early December, was another fantastic event as 16 metropolitan and country regions came together to play in the mixed 10 and under event.

North Suburban Junior Tennis Association won the event after defeating Eastern Region in the semi final and then Bayside-Moorabbin in an extremely close final. Kooyong's Thomas Pavlekovich-Smith and John Amato both won their singles matches for Bayside in the final but North Suburban was able to win both of the mixed doubles rubbers to claim the title. In the Alicia Molik Cup, 14 metropolitan and country regions gathered for the mixed 12 and under event.

Rain threatened to dampen the tournament throughout the week but it held off long enough for the kids to enjoy another fantastic event. North Suburban Junior Tennis Association continued their dominance of these team events with another victory, this time over Eastern Region. Hopefully all of the kids involved in these events enjoyed their time on the courts here at Kooyong!



With the success of the two Tennis Hot Shots days in late February, the Kooyong Foundation is set to support the introduction of a monthly Hot Shots event for member's children.

It is hoped that the Tennis Hot Shots day will run once a month on a Sunday for kids aged between 3 and 8 to encourage more children to get involved in tennis. Children learn to play on the right size court using racquets that are perfect for small hands and balls that don't bounce too high. The Club will announce the dates and times of all sessions via email so please make sure you are registered on the Club's website to find out all the details.



Kooyong Foundation Set To Support Tennis Hot Shots Days

KOORYONG JUNIORS SHINE AT DECEMBER NATIONALS

There were some fantastic performances by a large group of Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders at the National Championships held at Melbourne Park in December.

The Club now has five Australian Champions across the four age groups in either singles or doubles which is an unbelievable performance by all involved.

Another six players made the final or semi final in their respective age groups.

In the 12's Australian Championships it was Kooyong's Chase Ferguson and Destanee Aiava who starred throughout the event as both went on to win their respective singles titles.

Destanee continued on with her good form by winning the 12's doubles title with her partner Julia Makridis and also making the semi final in the girl's 14's singles.

Chase nearly added another 12's doubles title to his collection when he made the final with his partner Bernard Nkomba but unfortunately they lost in a match tiebreaker.

Kooyong's Vivian Fidantsis also performed extremely well in the 12's event as she made a run to the final of the doubles with her partner Gabriela Sprague.

In the 14's Australian Championships it was up and coming Kooyong star Marc Polmans who stole the headlines with his win in the singles event to win the title. Polmans was pushed in the final by Kyle Butters but he was more than up to the task to win in three sets.

Daniel Nolan and Daniel Nickels also posted impressive performances in the 14's event with Nolan making the quarterfinals in the singles and winning the doubles title with Oliver Anderson while Nickels made the doubles semi final with Jack Lyttle.

In the 16's National Championships it was two of the Club's rising female stars who again performed brilliantly.

Kooyong's Brigitte Beck was given a wildcard into the event and nearly

upstaged all of her higher ranked rivals as she made a daring run through the singles event.

Her run eventually came to an end in the final at the hands of another Victorian, Eliza Long, but it was a great effort.

In the 16's doubles, Isabelle Wallace paired with NSW's Danielle Wagland to win the event in impressive fashion.

The pair, seeded five, knocked out the top seeds on the way to the final and proved to be too good for their rivals in the final as they eventually won in a match tiebreaker.

Kooyong's Andrew Whittington, in his last National Championship, made South Australia's Luke Saville work hard for the 18's Australian Championship.

Whittington won all three of his round robin matches to move into the quarterfinals where he survived a scare from James Frawley before defeating Chris O'Connell in straight sets in the semi final.

The final was a tight tussle as the two AIS Scholarship holders went toe to toe only for Saville to win in three sets 7/6 5/7 6/2.

Kooyong's Belinda Woolcock also made it through to the quarterfinals of the 18's singles before losing in three sets to Azra Hadzic.

Congratulations must go to all of the Club's Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders for participating in the Australian Championships and especially those who achieved these fantastic results.



National 14's Champion Marc Polmans

NEW KOOYONG FITZGERALD SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS INDUCTED

It was fantastic to see the Kooyong Foundation's newest Scholarship holders inducted at a small gathering in late January. The kids, aged between 10 and 15, will now have access to the Club's facilities to help their development while also playing Pennant for the Club.

'These kids have a great opportunity to play and train at the spiritual home of Australian tennis,' said Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn. 'We welcome them into the Club and hope that they can make use of all the facilities in their quest to be the best they can be,' he said.

With guests from the Kooyong Foundation and the Club's Committee in attendance, the twelve youngsters were presented with their membership packs and welcomed into an environment that will hopefully see them thrive.

Foundation Patron and Australian tennis legend Frank Sedgman was on hand to personally welcome each of the kids while fellow Scholarship holders and recent National Champions Destanee Aiava and Chase Ferguson were also in attendance.

The Club welcomes our newest Scholarship holders and we wish them all well for the upcoming Pennant season and their various tournaments.



Top: Frank Sedgman with National 12's Champions Destanee Aiava and Chase Ferguson. Below: The Club's newest Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders

Did you dream as a kid that you would achieve so much in your career?

My dreams as a kid on our farm outside Rockhampton didn't go beyond beating my two elder brothers on our ant bed tennis court. I suppose I did daydream about winning a couple of junior tournaments in regional Queensland and even Brisbane. I just didn't think beyond that until my mid to late teenage years.

What is your greatest or favourite memory from your career?

Winning Wimbledon for the first time in 1961 was my thrill of a lifetime and an incredible feeling of achievement. It's THE tournament and it's definitely the no.1 career objective for any tennis player. It was a real privilege to go on to win a total of four Championships there, 2 as an amateur and 2 as a pro in the Open era.

Did you realise the size of your achievement when you won your first Grand Slam in 1962?

In addition to the enormous thrill of winning the Grand Slam it also created a real additional atmosphere in the sporting world around the game of tennis at the time. The first person to congratulate me was Don Budge (the only other man to have won a Grand Slam – 1938) and he said to me, "young man you've just joined a very exclusive club". There have been no new members since. Maybe Novak will join me in the club this year!

Do you look back and marvel at this accomplishment 50 years on?

It doesn't seem like 50 years to me. I always trained hard and gave it everything I had on court. My game always seemed to be 'on' at the right times in the major tournaments to get to the heights needed to win, especially in my two Grand Slam years. But I always say – good things come when you try your hardest all the time.

What was it like to travel on the Professional circuit and was it an easy decision to turn Professional?

The pro tour was very tough but it really honed my game. Not only were you playing against the best in the world, all over the world, but you were constantly travelling by plane or train and virtually playing in a new town every night. The quality of the courts was variable but invariably the best players still won most often and the tennis fans loved it. In the end it was an easy decision to turn pro because most of all I wanted to play against and eventually beat the best. They were some of the demanding years of my life but I also have the fondest memories of that period of my career, and I established some life-long friendships as a result.

What are your fondest memories of your times on the Professional circuit?

Playing against and after losing many, many times finally defeating my boyhood idol Lew Hoad. He was a great player, so powerful and unbeatable when at the top of his game. Playing against Rosewall, Sedgman and Gonzales was also a dream come true.

Who was your favourite player to play against on the Tour?

I just can't name one. Generally those players I just mentioned but also Roy Emerson, Arthur Ashe and John Newcombe. They were all true tennis champions and we played some wonderful matches against each other.

What was it like to win your second Grand Slam in 1969 as a Professional and would you say it was a greater achievement to do it a second time under the circumstances?

To win the Grand Slam in '69 was just so personally satisfying for me, in that I defeated 'all comers' so to speak. Most commentators say '69 was the greater achievement being in the open era. But I still found '62 tougher because I was younger and less experienced. There was a lot of pressure on me, especially as no one had done it since Don Budge in 1938.

How did you feel about the beginning of the Open era?

It was such a wonderful feeling to get back to all the Grand Slam venues. To win Wimbledon again in '68 was 'is this really happening to me' type experience after being ineligible to enter the Championships for five years. I was just felt so thankful and privileged to compete there again and to know that tennis now had a strong future world-wide, with virtually all the best players at all the best tournaments.

How do you feel when you are compared to the stars of today?

I always say you can only ever be the best in your era, and that it's virtually impossible to fairly compare players from different eras. Others will always want to judge but the respect champions from each era have for each other is a particular hallmark of our great game. It's great that today's champions like Roger, Rafa and Novak have so much respect for the history of the game. I totally reciprocate and am full of admiration for their achievements.

When you think of Kooyong what do you think of?

Kooyong was always one of my favourite venues. I think of the biggest of the nation's state tournaments, the Victorian Championships at Kooyong. They were huge as Kooyong was the biggest and best stadium, which always attracted great crowds. It was always a wonderful feeling to play on centre court there. And the practice facilities were also first class.

What is your favourite memory from your playing days at Kooyong?

It's right up there as probably my favourite memory of my playing days in Australia. It was a Davis Cup semi against the Czechs in 1974. It was a wonderful tie and I was proud to be representing my country at our premier stadium. The crowds were magnificent.

What would be your favourite match you've played in or seen on centre court at Kooyong?

My favourite match was against Roy Emerson in an Australian final. I lost but it was a superb match and when I think about it I can still feel the crowd reaction, it was electrifying. BUT my favourite match at Kooyong was as a spectator at a night clash between Rosewall and Gonzales – just after Ken had turned pro. It had everything! It certainly inspired me to greater heights. I also have fond memories of great matches with Neale Fraser at Kooyong.

How has Kooyong influenced your tennis life?

Kooyong always had great courts which were extremely well prepared. They were very level and even, becoming extremely fast towards the end of tournaments. Kooyong certainly helped hone my grass court game and Kooyong's centre court always seemed to keep producing some of the greatest matches and moments in Australian tennis history.

How important has Kooyong been to the history of Australian tennis?

As I say some of the greatest matches in Davis Cup history and in the Australian Championships were played there in front of knowledgeable capacity crowds. Kooyong also gave players the ability to get out there on some marvellous practice courts.

Many Australian champions went through the ranks of the juniors there. Some of my best memories are from junior tournaments and I made many friends at that time amongst the players who were also members of Kooyong. I remember meeting Norman Brookes at Kooyong in my early days and other great Australians. Meeting these champions had a great impact on my career and I know it did for many other players too.

Have you been back to Kooyong in recent times?

My last visit to Kooyong was in 2003 just before the Australian Open, when Margaret Court and I were honoured as Australian Legends on the official Australia Day stamp series. Margaret and I shared some great memories from our playing days there and it was great to see the centre court hosting the 'Kooyong Classic' before another full house, even if it wasn't on grass!

Where do you see Kooyong's future in regard to Australian tennis?

Up and coming Australian players need to play on quality grass courts if they are going to reach the heights and aspire to winning Wimbledon. There is no better place than Kooyong. It is important that our finest hone their grass court skills, not just for Wimbledon but for tournaments at places like the Queen's Club, and at Newport, Rhode Island, not to mention the Davis Cup. You haven't reached the top until you can win on grass.

Legends of Kooyong RODLAVER

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Members Recognised At Tennis Awards Night

The Newcombe Medal was another wonderful night for Kooyong as three of our members won their categories at this gala night in December.

The event, in just its second year, recognises excellence across playing, coaching, club and community involvement within the sport and is a fantastic initiative by Tennis Australia.

Peter Owen was awarded Coaching Excellence – Club to recognise his work within the local community by providing quality programs, growing the game and providing competition opportunities for players to develop their games.

In the category of Coaching Excellence – MLC Tennis Hot Shots, Kooyong's Wes Horskins was recognized for his outstanding work in providing a developmental pathway using the modified balls and equipment.

The award also acknowledged the work the coach does in introducing kids to the game of tennis.

It was also another award winning night for Kooyong's world champion Glenn Busby who was awarded the Most Outstanding 35+ Senior for his continued success on the Seniors tour.

Glenn continues to win with monotonous regularity and it was a fantastic way to reward his accomplishments.

Congratulations to all of these worthy winners!



Summer Competition News



The Club fielded four teams in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Summer Competition and it was great to see three out of the four teams make the finals. Nicole Kaminsky's Section 3 Singles/ Doubles team was successful in winning the flag and will now

look to continue that form into the Pennant season. The team of Nicole, Alexandra Bailey, Madeleine Bailey, Dina Gregg and Jessica Garzarella had a fantastic season and finished second on the ladder but in the finals they were able to dominate their opponents in both the semi final and final. Bryce Mitchelson's Section 3 Singles/ Doubles team also had a great season and finished in third position on the ladder. The team was able to win their semi final and preliminary final but they found the team from Black Rock was just too strong in the final. In Men's Rubbers Section 1, John Vesely's team finished in second spot on the ladder but were unfortunately knocked out in straight sets after losses to the top side from Patterson Lakes and then to Parkdale.

Order of Australia Honour

Congratulations to Professor Sandra Legg on receiving an Australia Day honour for services to nursing. Professor Legg has been made a member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to nursing as a clinician, educator and through executive roles, to the development of health care management systems nationally and internationally, and to the community.

She worked in the United Kingdom with the Sisters of the Church, managing a children's residential institution and establishing a leading-edge developmental unit for children under five years of age and was also Chief Nurse at St George's Teaching Hospital in London.

Upon returning to Australia, Professor Legg was appointed Director of Nursing at St Francis Xavier Cabrini Hospital in Malvern and she held this position for 13 years until her retirement in 2009.

Professor Legg also held the positions of Honorary Senior Fellow of Nursing at the University of Melbourne and Adjunct Professor at Deakin University.

Added to this she has served on many government committees and other bodies in the area of nursing, nurse education and health care while also being President of the Nurses' Memorial Centre since 2009.

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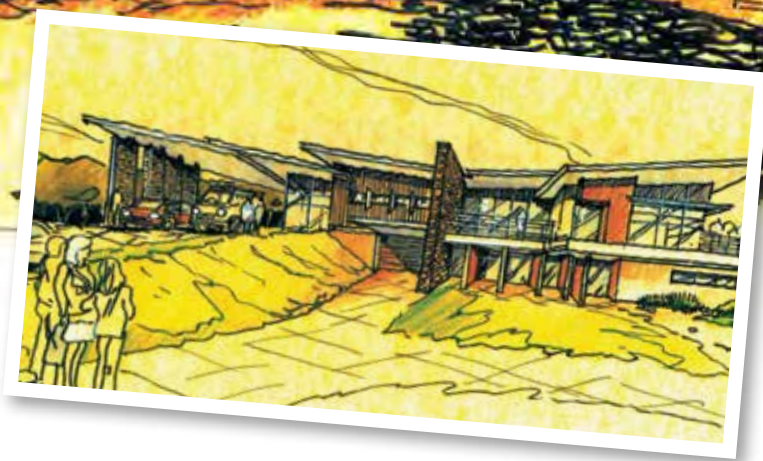
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Portsea Golf Club

REDEVELOPMENT



Kooyong members will soon be able to avail themselves of the exciting new facilities at Portsea Golf Club after it announced that the long awaited redevelopment of its clubhouse will commence in March.

A contract for the redevelopment has been awarded to Buxton Construction [Vic] Pty Ltd which was the contractor for recent redevelopments at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Kingston Heath Golf Club and Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Construction is expected to be completed by late April 2013.

The new Portsea complex, apart from catering to the needs of its golf members, will provide high class facilities for conferences, weddings and golf tourism.

With breathtaking views across Port Phillip Bay and accommodation to 4 ½ star standard, it is expected that Portsea Golf Club will become a focus for golf and tourism on the Mornington Peninsula.

The multi-million dollar complex has been designed by Perrot Lyon Mathieson to take advantage of its elevated position above the existing sixth tee.

The golf operations and the function area will be on the upper level whilst

accommodation and golf locker rooms will occupy the lower level, including golf cart and buggy storage.

The accommodation, dining and function facilities will be managed by the world's largest hotel management group, Accor Hotels and Resorts, under the Mercure brand.

In making the announcement, Portsea Golf Club President Paul Cannon said, "The Club and its members are delighted that their goal of a new complex which will assure the Club's future is finally in their grasp."

"It's six years since the members first approved the redevelopment. We've been to VCAT to overcome objectors, confronted the GFC and its ramifications and waited patiently for land to sell. We can scarcely wait for next year and the excitement it will bring."

News of the imminent commencement of construction has seen a flurry of interest in Portsea membership.

Around 50 new members have joined in the Christmas holiday period and high levels of interest are continuing.

The existing arrangement between the two clubs enables Kooyong members to take up to seven day playing rights without paying a joining fee.

Those rights carry with them full clubhouse access and social rights.

You should also be mindful of the fact that the Frankston Bypass will open in early 2013.

It is anticipated that the trip to the Mornington Peninsula will be shortened by approximately 15 to 20 minutes when that occurs.

Now is the time to take up this opportunity at Portsea Golf Club and prepare to enjoy the benefits which the new clubhouse complex will deliver.

Details and further information can be obtained from the office of either Club.



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The Racquet Club's newly covered balcony will become this autumn's favourite spot for a glass of champagne or aperitif before retiring to the dining room for dinner. The pergola and cover has been extended over the Sedgman Terrace and provides a comfortable area for Members enjoying the Racquet Club for lunch or dinner.

In addition, screening blinds have been fitted to the outside to shade the early evening sun glare. Further work around the BBQ areas has also opened up that area so that Members and their guests can better enjoy the area when barbequing meals.

The screening walls have been lowered and exhaust canopies and roofing fitted to shield against rain. Our new winter menu, debuting on April 5th, is sure to delight with dishes such as the oven baked Hervey bay scallops, twice cooked half duckling and crisp skinned Cone Bay barramundi. For an intimate dinner for two or for larger groups (35max), the Racquet Club is a must on your dining list when visiting your Club.

For booking enquiry or reservations please contact our friendly staff at reception on 9822 3333.



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Members are invited to enjoy a traditional family roast for lunch or dinner every Sunday during the winter months. Executive chef Chris Goulding and his team will present some all time favourites including tender pork, lamb or beef served with mixed roasted vegetables, rich gravy and Yorkshire pudding. This will be available in both the Racquet Club and Bistro so come along with family and friends and enjoy this popular addition to our regular Sunday offerings.



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Congratulations on being accepted into this illustrious group!



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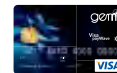
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World Champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald Honoured With Legend Status

Five-time world squash champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald has agreed to loan the Club some of memorabilia including her recent award from Squash Australia into Legend status within the sport. Sarah is heavily involved with squash at the Club and having some of her famous memorabilia in the Club's squash area will be a fantastic addition to the historic pieces already on show. From winning the World Junior Championship in 1987 to winning her first of three consecutive World Open titles in 1996 and then her fifth World Open title and a Commonwealth Games gold medal in 2002, Sarah's contribution to the sport in this country has been amazing. Add two British Opens amongst her 66 tour titles and you go some way to realising the enormity of her achievements in the sport. Sarah continues to train the stars of the future here at Kooyong and we hope this display does justice to her amazing playing career on the WISPA tour. Her famous memorabilia will have pride of place leading to the squash courts and will hopefully inspire the next generation of Australian squash stars.



Boxing Royalty

It was a walk down memory lane as the families of boxing greats Lionel Rose and Alan Rudkin returned to Kooyong's centre court to relive their famous world championship bout. On March 8th, 1969, Lionel Rose retained the world bantamweight title he had won from Fighting Harada almost twelve months earlier. The fifteen round decision went in favour of the famous Aboriginal boxer from Warragul in just his third defence of the title. Rose, the first Aboriginal to win a world boxing championship, had earlier defeated Takao Sakurai and Chucho Castillo to retain his title. American boxer Don Johnson sparred with both men leading up to the fight and felt either man could win the fight but he felt the longer the bout went the bigger the Englishmen's chances. The fight drew a huge crowd and although he broke a bone in his right hand and tore a muscle in his diaphragm, Rose clung to his title. It was a fantastic bout and it was great to see both the Rose and Rudkin families here to relive that famous fight on Kooyong's centre court.

Cedric Mason Recognised for Contribution to Junior Tennis

Over the last two years Kooyong and Royal South Yarra's juniors have played together in a round robin day to encourage the interaction between the two clubs. Cedric Mason has played a huge role at both clubs over many years and to recognise his fantastic service the clubs will now play for the Cedric Mason Cup. A life member at Royal South Yarra and a 50 year member at Kooyong, Cedric has been heavily involved in the development of tennis, and especially junior tennis, at Kooyong for nearly 25 years. His involvement in tennis administration at

Kooyong has helped build the Club's profile within the Victorian tennis community and was highlighted recently when the Club won the inaugural National Tennis League finals at the Australian Open in January. Those teams contained some of the Club's very first Scholarship players, a program Cedric initiated to develop the standard of tennis at the Club. The Club now has 24 teams competing in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Junior Competitions and the juniors can see a clear development pathway into senior competition tennis at the club. Congratulations on this wonderful recognition of all your hard work!



Retirement of Norman Marshall

After 15 years of great service to the club in the role of Archivist, Norman Marshall has advised that he is retiring from the role. Norman's love of history and Kooyong has served the club well and he has brought a passion to the role of collecting and organizing the club's historic records and memorabilia over the years. As a Fifty-Year Member of the club, Norman's knowledge of both Kooyong and historic events has been an invaluable resource and important work in maintaining the club's archives. We are indebted to him for his wonderful work and thank him for his efforts. We would



like to hear from others who may be interested in taking on the challenges and anyone interested may contact the club CEO, Chris Brown to discuss the role. Archiving experience would be particularly helpful to anyone seeking to take up the position.

Men's Pennant Preview

These opportunities will give the young players a taste of what it takes to compete and beat the best players at this level.

The 2012 Pennant season is just around the corner and it presents some fantastic opportunities for the younger players within the Club to take another step in their development.

The Club will field three teams in Grade 1 with Matthew Carroll again captaining a team of developing players who will benefit from the experience of playing under his guidance.

Will Kneale, Ricky Robertson and Sean Cooke have a great opportunity to learn from both Matthew and Anthony Zafiris in the coming months and hopefully they all reap the benefits.

Matthew Nickels' Grade 1 team will also see several of the most exciting prospects in Australia attempt to take the next step against the best players in the state.

Marc Polmans, Omar Jasika and Mitch Burman will headline this team and should be looking to challenge and defeat the established stars in this grade.

Also in Grade 1, James Sheppard's team will be in a similar situation as players like James, Lorenzo Alforque and Lewis Karapanos look to take this competition by storm in 2012.

Several of these players will be looking to break into the Club's National Tennis League team especially with the need for an under 18 player providing a real opportunity for all of these boys.

This competition will take place in November and the Pennant season is the perfect time to see who performs at their best to gain a spot in that team.

Andrew Whittington held down that spot on the team in 2011 and it is a huge opportunity for all of the under 18 players at the Club to get some exposure on the national and possibly international stage at the 2013 Australian Open.

The Club's commitment to helping develop the younger players through the

John Fitzgerald Scholarship program is also starting to pay dividends as you see the large group of boys pushing for selection in the higher grades in 2012.

Daniel Nolan, Daniel Nickels, Caleb Boland, Simo Rikalo, Aaden Hughes, Justyn Levin, Richard Yang, Ned Whittaker, Dexter Bonet, David Hough, Mike Vaughan, Billy Friend and Chase Ferguson are just some of the players starting to push into the higher grades at the club after serving their apprenticeships in Grades 4, 5 and 6 in the past few seasons.

These boys will become the backbone of our top Pennant sides in the years to come and they'll be keen to show how much they've improved since the end of last season.

This healthy competition for spots is fantastic for the development of the players and should provide plenty of headaches at the selection table into the future but with three Grade 1 teams there should be opportunities for players who show good form early in the season.

These opportunities will give the young players a taste of what it takes to compete and beat the best players at this level.

The Club will also field five men's teams in the Seniors section of the Pennant competition including Chris Straford's Grade 1 side who will be hoping to defend their title in 2012.

Sadeck Omarjee's team will also play in Grade 1 while Barry Evans' team will play in Grade 3 again this year.

James Tulloch's team will play in Grade 4 Seniors while Doug Bell's Grade 5 Seniors team will look to go one better in 2012.

We look forward to another exciting Pennant season which should provide a great grounding for our up and coming juniors and hopefully they take the next step in 2012.

Women's Pennant Preview

Continuing to nurture junior talent is the Club's highest objective.

We look forward to another big season of Tennis Victoria Pennant as ten women's teams again take the court to represent the Club.

Continuing to nurture junior talent is the Club's highest objective and we will give another big group of players the opportunity to play in the highest grade alongside some extremely talented and experienced players.

Kate Antosik's Grade 1 team will attempt to defend the title they won last year albeit with a more youthful side as Danielle McIntyre and Sophie Grumley get their first opportunity at this level.

Karen Kleverlaan's team should again be there when the whips are cracking with the likes of Michaela Johannson, Isabelle Wallace, Laura McNamara, Laura Rabinovich, Anna Clarkson and Catherine Louis on board.

Romy Stephens Grade 1 team will be exciting to watch in 2012 as this young group develops across the season.

Maddison Springall and Annabelle Andrinopoulos will headline this team and both are capable of helping the likes of Romy, Alana Parnaby, Elly Fourlis, Briony McKenzie and Elizabeth Filonenko against the more experienced teams in Grade 1.

With three girls new to this level, it may take them time to find their feet but they have the talent available to make the finals and are sure to enjoy every minute of the season together.

Also in Grade 1, Rebecca Leahy's team will feature two of the country's brightest talents alongside some more experienced players.

Destanee Aiava, hot off her scorching performances at the Club Championships, and Katerina Valos will be exciting to watch in Grade 1 this season and together with the likes of Michaela Capannolo, Georgiana Ruhrig,

Sinead Disaya, Rebecca Leahy, Grace Nolan and Brittany Boys they should be a formidable team.

The Club will also field two teams in Grade 2 and the excitement surrounding the likes of Daphne Mantzanidis, Sara Kyriazopoulos, Grace Primikyrlidis, Vivian Fidantsis, Stephanie Serafidis and Samyuktha Rajagopalan and their continued improvement will clearly be evident as the season gets underway.

Together with experienced players like Natalie Baic, Lucinda McKillop, Kate Francis, Kerin Tulloch, Jodie Hollander, Brooke Flanigan and Sabrina Hoare we should see some solid performances throughout the season in this grade.

Two Grade 3 teams will represent the Club and we should see continued improvement from some exciting juniors in this grade.

Gemma Seeley, Kate Vaughan, Peta Valos, Cindy Tamber and Alexandra Meadows should provide the Club with plenty to look forward to in the future and this season will be important in their development as they look to step up and dominate at this level.

The Club will also see another group of juniors take their first steps into Pennant tennis at the Club as Alexandra Bailey, Madeleine Bailey, Paris Dagres, Elle Dagres, Ifeoma Donnellan, Nicole Kaminsky and Erin Ronge move into the senior ranks for the first time.

The experience they gain in Pennant this year will no doubt hold them in good stead and provide them with an idea of what's required in the years to come.

There's plenty to be excited about as the players in the top grades fight for a position in the Club's Nationals Tennis League team while our younger players gain much needed experience and hopefully aspire to reach the top grades in the future.





junior competition news

The Club's junior competition teams continue to grow and we have a fantastic group of juniors representing the Club each week.

Last season finished in a blaze of glory as 6 teams went through to grand finals across five sections and the club won all five flags.

On Saturday morning the Club won both Section 1 and Section 2 with Alexandra Bailey's Section 1 team defeating Sebastian Tabain's team in the grand final.

In Section 2, Francesca Jones' team upset the top side in the grand final which was a fantastic effort by all of the kids involved.

On Sunday morning, Scott Kaiser's Section 1 team caused another upset when they knocked off Dendy Park who had been dominant for several seasons.

This was the Club's first win in Sunday Section 1 for several years and all the players should be proud of their achievement.

In Section 4, James Goller's team also won the flag after a fantastic season together.

Despite being on top of the ladder for most of the season, this team knew they had to play well to get the flag and they did just that on grand final day.

In Section 14, the Club had several new faces involved in junior competition at Kooyong and they dominated the section all season to run out comfortable winners.

Angus Cosgriff's team were unstoppable and they struggled to lose games let alone sets so congratulations to this team on their first flag with the Club.

This season we have 24 teams playing in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's Junior Competitions, with 5 on Saturday morning and 19 on Sunday morning.

We've seen a large number of players move into the higher sections and they're all performing extremely well up to the mid point of the season.

This will ensure we can continue to push our juniors into higher sections and hopefully the Association will grant them the grade requested.

On Saturday morning we have 3 teams playing in Section 1 and they all look more than capable at this level.

Natalie Ronge, Simon Savage and Alexandra McGrath's teams are currently all battling for the last two spots in the top four.

In Section 2, Sam Waddell and Tom Sennitt's teams are sitting in third and fourth respectively.

On Sunday morning the Club is again fielding 3 teams in Section 1 and all three are in finals contention as we reach Round 7.

In Section 3, the Club also has 3 teams, 2 of which applied for Section 2, and it's these two teams who are up near the top of the ladder.

Corey Pabst's Section 3 side finds itself just outside the top four but well in contention for a spot in the finals.

In Section 4, Chris Warwick's team is sitting on top of the ladder while Jordan Ragona-Nevrou's team is just outside the top four.

Henry Marcel's Section 5 team also finds itself on top of the ladder and Eriin Ronge's team isn't far behind in fourth place.

Patrick Verlin's Section 6 team is also within reach of the top four while Jack Geason's Section 7 team are also capable of making up lost ground going into the second half of the season.

In Section 8, Lachlan Goller's team is well within reach of the top four and in Section 9 Francesca Jones' team is still finding their feet after switching from Saturday mornings and currently sits in seventh spot.

Nicholas Farmer's Section 13 team is another side showing great form early in the season as they sit on top of the ladder while Jamaya Martin-Endres' Section 13 team also looks like a certain finalist at this stage.

In Section 14, Alexandra Scherrer's team is in sixth spot while our two young Section 16 teams captained by Jonathan Kinsella and Gabriel Lennon sit in fifth and seventh spots respectively.

The Club is excited to see so many of the kids performing well and we wish everyone luck for the remainder of the season.



PENNANT PROFILES



NAME: DANIEL NICKELS

AGE: 15 GRADE: 2 PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH AUSTRALIAN RANKING: 323

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Kooyong Club Championships Men's A Grade Singles Winner 2012
- Winner 2012 Rye AMT – Men's Open Doubles winner with Matthew Nickels
- Victorian High School Team – Pizzey Cup team member 2012
- Victorian Primary School Team – Bruce Cup team member 2008, 2009 and captain in 2009
- Australian Teams Championships – Victorian team member: 14s in 2011, 12s in 2009

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

Roger Federer because he's modest, gifted and a good role model.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

Dad (David Nickels). He's a tennis player and he supports me, drives me around a lot and watches most of my matches.

GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

Australian Open 2009 – Men's semi-final Nadal vs Verdasco 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4 in 5h 11min.

WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

To reach Premier League in Pennant and to be as good as I can be.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

The team environment which is not common in tennis. Supporting others and receiving support, and yacking away at afternoon tea.

IF YOU WEREN'T A TENNIS PLAYER WHAT WOULD YOU BE?

Most likely a soccer player or maybe a swimmer.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF TENNIS?

School (Caulfield Grammar School), watch TV, see friends and barrack for Essendon FC.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND DEVELOPING YOUR TENNIS EACH WEEK?

About 15 hours per week.

SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

Sometimes I miss school and I stopped playing other sports to play more tennis.



NAME: MATTHEW NICKELS

AGE: 20 GRADE: 1 PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH AUSTRALIAN RANKING: 178

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Vic Schoolboys 15 & under singles winner
- Grade 2 2010 Pennant winner
- Pat Pearce Memorial Shield – Captain & winner with Waverley & Districts
- Winner 2012 Rye AMT – Men's Open Doubles with Daniel Nickels

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

Roger Federer (why not) – well spoken, good technique and the best player ever.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

Darren Bradley – he was my tennis coach and he taught me how to play.

GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

2012 Richmond FC winning the premiership.

WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

I want to play Premier League in Kooyong's team and I'd also like to get a world ranking.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

I like playing in a team and having that support from my team while I'm playing.

IF YOU WEREN'T A TENNIS PLAYER WHAT WOULD YOU BE?

I would probably play soccer.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF TENNIS?

I currently study Sport Science at Victoria University.

HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU SPEND DEVELOPING YOUR TENNIS EACH WEEK?

I spend around 3-4 hours training and then 9 hours coaching younger kids.

SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

My schooling, socialising and sleeping in (not that I've made any of them them).



KOOYONG International Tennis Academy

A Special Thank You

At the completion of Term 1, KITA has farewelled two fantastic coaches, Luke Dixon and Brooke Chiller. Luke has offered his services to KITA for the past 10 years, and has been an extensive asset to the coaching program. We thank Luke for all his outstanding efforts, dedication and commitment over the years, and we wish him all the best for the future. Brooke has been part of the coaching program for 4 years, and will now move forward into a full time massage position. We thank Brooke for her efforts and time dedicated to KITA and we wish her all the best for the future. We would also like to thank Matthew Carroll and Anthony Zafirir, who finished with us at the end of last year, for their contribution to the coaching program at the Club over many years.

Cardio Tennis

Monday & Wednesday / 9:15-10:00am & 10:15-11:00am. Cardio Tennis is a fun, social, group tennis-fitness program for people of all ages and abilities. It's more about getting a great, high-energy workout than pure tennis technique. Constant movement is the focus as the coach guides you through a series of fun and heart-pumping drills that cater for all abilities and fitness levels. Participants wear heart rate monitors, exercise to music, use low-compression balls and a variety of equipment, including agility ladders. And, at the end of your session, you can check your stats on the heart-rate monitor to find out just how hard you worked! Cardio Tennis is enjoyed best with friends – male or female. If you like exercising in a group, then you will find Cardio Tennis the perfect motivator. Get a group of mates together or make some new friends in a fun and active atmosphere.

Hot Shots Program (ages 3-7)

Developed by coaching professionals, this program is Tennis Australia's official kid's starter program and promotes the use of smaller courts and slower balls to teach children how to play tennis. Children progress through the stages as their ability improves. This approach to teaching kids tennis is also recommended by the International Tennis Federation. Tennis Hot Shots is fun, social and active. And it's the easiest way for kids aged 7 and under to learn how to play tennis. The courts and racquets are smaller, the balls don't bounce as high so they're easier to hit and kids love it.

Session Times; Monday - 4:00-4:30pm (3-5 years) / 4:30-5:00pm (5-7 years). Friday - 10:00-10:45am (3-5 years) / 4:00-4:30pm (3-5 years) / 4:30-5:00pm (5-7 years)

TENNIS BOOT CAMP

TUESDAY & THURSDAY / 6:30-7:30AM

Not for the faint hearted, the sessions will incorporate both feeding, live ball hitting as well as a highly intense fitness component. Tennis Boot Camp will give you a fun 60 minute full body tennis workout, catering for all ages and standards. This is a high intensity, high energy, and high repetition tennis workout.

★★★★★
**BOOT
CAMP**
★★★★★

Midweek Ladies Report

The Midweek Ladies competitions are underway again and the Club has 12 teams playing in the various competitions each week. The MEMRLTA competition on Tuesday mornings finished up recently and all of our teams finished just outside the top four. In A1 Sue Tyers' team finished the season in 5th place while Judy Mullen's team finished just behind them in sixth. Sandra Daly's A4 team finished in 7th position despite being just four points outside the top four. In the current Bayside Regional Tennis Association season, the Club has two teams competing in Section 1. Stephanie Fry's team are currently in 5th place while Janine Ross' team is just two spots back in 7th at the half way point of the season. On Wednesday mornings the Club has one team playing in Section 2 and Young Sook Edlington's team is in finals contention as they hold down 4th spot at the moment. On Thursday mornings, Jo O'Donohue's team currently sits in 5th place in the A Section and are just two points outside the top four. In Section 1, Sue Lester's team are sitting in 2nd spot while Sally McIlraith's team are also in finals contention as they sit in 4th place. Also on Thursday mornings but in the Waverley & District Tennis Association, Gill Gleeson's A Reserve 2 team currently sit in fourth spot. In B Special 1, Nancy Bassett's team is sitting in 6th spot on the ladder while Mandy Lugg's team is in 8th spot in the same section. We wish all our teams well for the remainder of the season!



KLTC Merchandise, New Kooyong Winter range! Latest winter tennis fashion (Lacoste, Head, Fila & K-Swiss), gym attire (Leluu, 2XU, Fila), racquets & racquet bags. Gift vouchers available also.

SPECIAL: The Popular Volkl PB1 Was \$349 Now only \$249!!

15% off all 2XU gym wear and compression tights, while stock lasts!

SPECIAL – For the Month of April/May all Lacoste clothing will be 20% off!!

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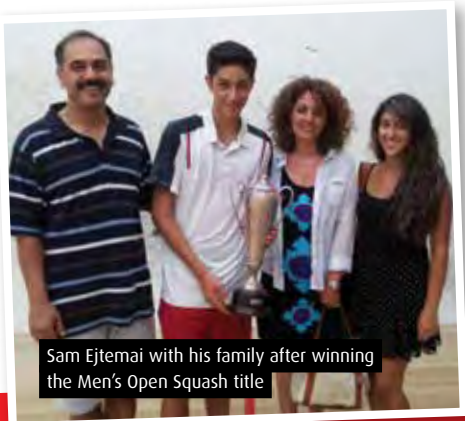
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Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm, Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm &
Sunday 10.00am to 2.00pm**

The Pro Shop

SQUASH NEWS

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The squash Club Championships have been played for another year and this year the overriding theme was youth. At the ripe old age of 15, Sam Ejetmai became the youngest winner in Open history at the Club to contest and win the Men's Open Final. This record is unlikely to be broken for some time. Sam also won the boys event which saw the largest draw we have ever had in this event, all eight boys having represented the state at some stage. "Sam winning the club championships is just another step forward and another achievement ticked off his list since arriving in Australia. He is growing in knowledge and ability each week. Not only is he pushing the stronger players but is chasing them too," said five time world champion Sarah Fitz-Gerald. "His goals this year are to win the 17 and Under Australian Junior Open and Canadian Nationals with his eyes firmly set on the 19 and Under title as well as the World Junior Championships also." "Sam is a determined kid with a down to earth nature and a natural flare and he has the ability to go far. He is playing A1 No2 but is relishing the idea and fact he will get the opportunity to play No1 and what a great attitude," she said. In the Women's Open, we are delighted to welcome Sarah Cardwell onto the honor board. The Cardwell name has been synonymous with squash for some years and it is wonderful to see Sarah's name alongside her mum in this event. Sarah was too good for Selena Sheikh, another junior with a big future ahead of her. Darcy St John won the A Grade event in an outstanding display against another scholarship player, Ben Couch. In the hotly contested B Grade event, Kevin Finch was too classy for the wily old veteran John Piccolo. Nick Corrigan made a fantastic return to the game with a win over Bidy McClarty in the C Grade event. And in the D Grade, Mark Wilson was too strong for Julie Jones. Thank you to all competitors for playing the matches in such great spirits.



Sam Ejetmai with his family after winning the Men's Open Squash title

JUNIOR SQUASH DEVELOPMENT

Junior squash development is alive and well at Kooyong. Kooyong has a wealth of young talent and is well placed for the future. Scotch College has about 40 juniors actively playing squash and quite a number of these juniors are playing at Kooyong. They train three times a week and then play pennant for the school and Kooyong. Malcolm also coaches the Scotch College boys. Currently Malcolm has three junior squad sessions per week at Kooyong. Thursday evenings from 6pm till 8pm, Friday afternoon from 3.30pm till 5pm and Saturday afternoon from 1.30pm till 3pm. Saturdays are for the juniors who are in the Victorian Institute of Sport and/or the Australian Institute of Sport. If you have a junior who would be interested in joining the squad or you require squash lessons on your own please contact Malcolm as follows: Phone: 0419 276 608 or by email: malcolmsquashcoach@yahoo.com.au

PENNANT

Five rounds of the Autumn pennant season are completed. We have fourteen teams from A Grade thru to F Grade. Eight of our fourteen teams are in the top three positions. If our eight teams hold their positions for the balance of the 14 week season we will see a record number of Kooyong teams make the Finals. In Spring Pennant completed last December, Kooyong won three divisions. Three flags was considered an average outcome and our goal for this Autumn is five pennant flags. Can we do it?

WE FAREWELL JOSH CARDWELL

Josh, the son of former World Champion Vicky, is now living in Boston. Josh was Kooyong's No.1 pennant player so it's a great loss to the Club. He was offered a permanent coaching job and will maintain his Touring Pro status. Reports are that Pro Squash Coaches are well rewarded in the America as undergraduates look to enter Colleges and Universities using sporting achievements to gain valuable scholarships. We wish Josh well in the USA.

KOoyong INTERNATIONAL SQUASH TOURNAMENT

This inaugural event is coming to reality and will be played at Kooyong commencing June 29. Kooyong is the first club in Australia to hold its own international event. The event will be a round robin and will be played as a lead-in to the Victorian Open. The top four seeds in both the Men's/Ladies Victorian Open have been invited to participate. There will be a number of internationals as the Victorian Open is the commencement of the Australian Circuit. The final tournament of the circuit is the Australian Open with world ranked players participating. The final of the Kooyong International will be played on Sunday, July 1 at 3:00pm. This will be a great opportunity for members to view an international event on the Kooyong courts. As this is a sanctioned Victorian Open event with Prize Money, we are looking for sponsors to assist with our costs. Sponsors will receive recognition:

- Through Squash Victoria website, facebook, twitter
- Through print media promotional packages for the Vic Open
- Victorian Open finals webcast viewed world wide
- Replayed for 12 months through the Vic Open website
- Through Kooyong's website - Squash Page

Please contact the Club for more information.

SQUASH COACH

Our recently appointed squash coach, Malcolm McClarty, has now settled comfortably in the job. Feedback from members is extremely positive with Malcolm able to demonstrate his coaching skills obtained through many years of coaching around the world. Malcolm has introduced some new technology by the way of a squash cannon, which can shoot out squash balls every second. Watching the way this machine operates is amazing as players are facing balls coming to them quicker than in a normal pennant game. It can shoot a squash ball up to 140mph.

SARAH CARDWELL

Winner of many Australian Titles, Australian Junior Champion, Australian Rising Star and recently ranked No. 1 female for Victoria in the National Teams event, which Victoria won for the first time in many years. Sarah keeps a busy schedule travelling worldwide for training and tournaments. An overview of her past six months includes:

- Training in Boston
- Tournaments in Phoenix & Washington DC
- Tournaments in India & Hong Kong
- Winner of the Australia Day Challenge, a world ranked event

Sarah describes as a recent highlight being ranked No. 1 Australian in the under 21's World Cup played in India. Playing on all glass courts set up in the middle of one of Asia's largest shopping malls. Currently back in Australia, Sarah is training hard with her mum, Vicki Cardwell, for the 2012 Australian and international events. With assistance from former World Champions Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Cassie Thomas, who both reside in Melbourne, Sarah's goal is to win international events on the world stage and improve her world ranking.



Above: Sarah Cardwell won her first Open Squash title at the Club to follow in her mother's famous footsteps. Inset: Kooyong's C1 team showing off their pennant flag immediately after the game



Billiards and Snooker Report

by Alistair Macindoe



“

Ladies, look at the billiard table as a means of domesticating your husbands... as a means of making home so agreeable that they will seldom care to leave it except on business or in your society.”

- Michael Phelan The Game of Billiards 1858

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With the New Year comes a new snooker season. Our A Grade team have started the season in mediocre fashion. Although billiards and snooker are not thought of as extreme sports, the team has been hampered by a string of injuries.

A Grade Billiards Finish Fourth

The billiards team had a successful season, finishing in fourth spot in November. We were defeated 3-3 on points in the Semi-final by Ballarat.

2011 Club Snooker Championships

Neil Croft (pictured) has emerged victorious in the snooker, defeating Simon Fortune 3-1 in the Final. Neil remains a formidable opponent, even though he has not been playing as much as in former days. A sound tactical game combined with potent break-building proved too much for a string of opponents.

Proposed Emerging Stars Snooker Championship

Beginning in August there will be a snooker tournament open to all members with the exception of The Gang of Nine (Messrs Andrews, Cosgriff, Croft, Dale, Fortune, Macindoe, Maclachlan, Pitt, and Richter). Please keep an eye on the notice boards for more information.

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



The **Royal Children's**
Hospital Melbourne

We commenced 2010 with our Opening Fund Raiser, the AAMI Classic in January. Carmel Quinn organised 2 days at the AAMI Classic, including lunch, which proved very successful, resulting in a profit of \$629. Thanks Carmel for your great dedication in the organising and distribution of the tickets. Then, on the first Monday in March, our committee staged the very popular Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament, with a record entry of 288 players. In spite of the inclement weather leading up to the Tournament, we were very fortunate to enjoy fine weather on the day, with all entrants playing on our magnificent grass courts. A very friendly and successful day, and together with our raffle, efficiently organised by Denise, Yvonne and Lynette, and the large stall supplied by Phyllis George, we raised over \$10,000 for the Hospital, really a great effort thank you ladies. My special thanks go to Joan Layet and Lyn Wheat for their great organisational skills in the Tournament Box.

Future Functions for the current year:

Card Day - Monday 30th April

Luncheon - Sunday 1st July

Card Day - Monday 17th September

Trivia Night - Friday 5th October

Our Committee looks forward to meeting many of our Club Members and their friends at the above-mentioned Fund Raisers.

Finally I would like to list our Office Bearers for 2012:

President Marie Devereux

Assist Secretary Joan Layet

Vice President Lyn Wheat

Treasurer Carmel Quinn

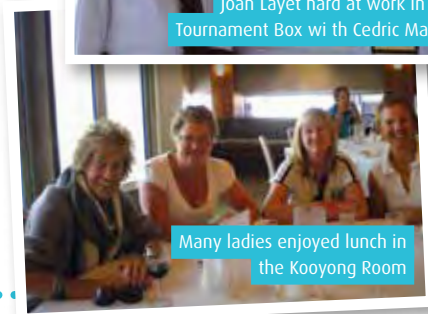
Secretary Caroline Hill

Assist Treasurer Yvonne Daniel

Marie Devereux, President



Joan Layet hard at work in the Tournament Box with Cedric Mason



Many ladies enjoyed lunch in the Kooyong Room

Crèche Report Crèche Report Crèche Report Crèche Report Crèche Report Crèche Report Crèche Report Crèche Report

Our new crèche staff member, Adriana, along with Gill, Sue and Marie, provide a caring, happy and fun environment for members' children and grandchildren in the crèche, whilst those members make the most of Kooyong's facilities. On any weekday morning, from 9.15am, there are a maximum of 20 children in the crèche, with at most 6 babies under 18 months. There are lots of different activities to do, both inside and out, such as painting, drawing and collage, dressing up, playing with dolls, cars and trains as well as riding bikes, playing in the sandpit and climbing and sliding on the play equipment. About 10.15am, the children

enjoy eating their morning tea together. With their children happily settled and playing in the crèche, mums, along with some dads and grandparents, play tennis, go to the gym, do a Pilates class, or just have a coffee, chat or read the newspaper in the bistro or Members' Lounge. The crèche operates during school terms, from 9.15 am to 12.00 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 9.15 am to 12.15 pm on Fridays. The annual family registration fee for 2012 is \$75, with a session fee of \$12 per child. For more details and to arrange a tour, please contact the pro-shop.

Our recent events included KLTC Children's Christmas Party - Sunday 27th November 2011. As always, the 67 children attending the Children's Christmas Party had a wonderful time, as did their parents and grandparents. Apart from enjoying lots of party food and playing with many balloons, the children were treated to a visit from Father Christmas and were entertained by a balloonist and face painters. In addition, we held a raffle with items donated by crèche families, which raised funds for new toys, books and art supplies in the crèche.

Diary Dates

Please diarise the following events that the Crèche committee has planned so far for 2012.

Crèche Committee AGM - Wednesday 13th November 2012. If you're interested in joining the committee, please come along.

KLTC Children's Christmas Party - Sunday 25th November 2012. An annual tradition, this is a wonderful party to celebrate Christmas for the children and grandchildren of all Kooyong members, not just crèche members, and their non-member friends - suitable for children 6 years and under.

In addition to these days, we will hold other social and fundraising events during the course of the year. We are planning some Children's Tennis Days, maybe a Children's Disco Party as well as some Parents' Tennis and Dinner Nights. I look forward to seeing you and your children at crèche in 2012.

Samantha Wood
President



Bridge News

All seems to be smooth sailing in the Bridge Club. The year commenced with "welcome back" drinks and nibbles for both Monday and Tuesday Groups.

We have decided to do a little promotion to showcase our Bridge Club to the Kooyong Club Members who are Duplicate Bridge Players in the hope that they will see what they are missing.

This special evening of Bridge will be on Tuesday 24th April at 7.15 p.m. with free bridge game for visiting Kooyong Members including tea and coffee. Specific details are posted about the Club as well as in a separate notice within this 'Courtside'.

Enquiries to 0413 712 892. We gain valuable experience and variety by playing other Clubs and we have arrangements in the next few months to play against RACV Club, Royal South Yarra and several Golf Clubs.

We will also participate in the Australia Wide Bridge for Brain Research game in May. In January every Member of the Bridge Club was posted comprehensive information about the Club together with the 2012 Schedule, however, the website always provides up to date information.

The Committee meets monthly and any suggestions or issues can be attended to by sending a letter to the Secretary, Roger Kenna.

Leeron Branicki
President



From top: The Bowmans - Restricted Champions, Susan Everist - Penny Purbrick Trophy Winner, Virginia Rugless (absent Joan Kermond) - Open Champion Winners, The Committee

the Social committee

"LUAU"

The "Hawaiian Luau" held on Friday 30th March 2012, will be over by the time of print. We ensured that the Beach Party theme was well entrenched in the music of the Beach Boy's, Jan & Dean, The Surfaries, The Atlantics etc, and a Hawaiian Banquet to satisfy the hungriest of Beachcombers. We have some great party nights and tennis days scheduled for the year so keep your eyes peeled on the Social Clubs section of the Kooyong website and our section of the notice board at the members sign in desk. Please help us too by keeping your email address updated on the Kooyong website.



UPCOMING FUNCTIONS

Sunday 22nd April

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club v Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club Tennis Challenge. Members only event.

Sunday 17th May

Social Club Round Robin Mixed Doubles Tennis. For Members and guests followed by drinks and canapes in the Davis Cup room.

Saturday 15th September

'Bond is Back' 007 James Bond Black Tie Dinner in the Kooyong Room. Members and guests.

Sunday 14th October

'JJ' Memorial Tennis Day. Round Robin Mixed Doubles Tennis for Members and guests followed by drinks and canapés in the Davis Cup room.

December

(Date to be confirmed) - 'Kick off to Christmas'. Happy Hour Drinks on the Terrace.



FRIDAY NIGHT "END FEB FAST" - HAPPY HOUR

What a fantastic turnout with approx 70 people in attendance. Given the great venue on the Sedgman Terrace under the newly erected pergola, we enjoyed a fantastic evening of club camaraderie. There were a great number of new Kooyong members which was great to see and quite a few we hadn't seen for years at Kooyong, which goes to prove the "word of mouth" travels fast and will always bring out the faithful. Patrice and the staff were fabulous and a good time was had by all. Thanks again go to the committee for all their hard work and the club catering for all their great efforts on the night.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This will be my last Courtside submission, as I will be stepping aside as President of the Social Committee due to work commitments and travel schedules. But, as you know we have a great group of people on the committee with whom I have had the very great pleasure of working with over the years. They are truly a fantastic and enthusiastic bunch who work tirelessly to host fabulous events, and I am sure they will keep you all posted on the forthcoming schedule, which I hope you will support.

Thank you!

David Hadley
President



Wine & FOOD

SOCIETY

New members are most welcome!

At the AGM in December, Mary Hoban resigned as President. We acknowledge the efforts of Mary for taking the helm and steering the 'WFS Ship' on a steady course for the past 3 years.

Our new committee consists of:

President - Christine Johnson

Secretary - Peter Nolan

Treasurer - Peter Ebbels

Committee Members -

Mary Hoban, Graham Schmidt, Cindi Damian, Robin Daubeny, Marie Pernat

I wish to acknowledge the camaraderie within the committee as well as the mentoring and encouragement from individual committee members. As you know, we are all volunteers - I admire and respect each person for their time and commitment.

40th Anniversary Year - Special Event
Friday 24 August

This special Members' Social Group has been active at Kooyong since the early 70's. It will be an exciting year in 2012 as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary with a special event in the Kooyong Room on Friday 24 August.

The Wine and Food Society holds five functions each year, both at Kooyong and at different venues

of interest as arranged by the committee, with guests able to attend as numbers allow.

Our Christmas Function on Saturday 26th November in the Racquet Club was a very memorable one. Many thanks to Chris Goulding, Patrice Renaudin and the KLTC team for their creativity and amazing display of excellent food and wines.

Our apologies to members who were unable to attend due to it being fully booked out. Please make sure you get your bookings in early to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to welcoming members to another exciting year of great wine and food in the company of fellow members, guests and friends. Photographs taken from past events are featured below.

New members are most welcome!

Kooyong Members are entitled to join the Wine and Food Society and membership is \$25 per year to cover overheads and membership of the Federated Wine and Food Society of Australia.

The benefits of membership include:

- Eligible to attend regular WFS events each year at special member's price + bring guests
- Priority booking at special events and dinners (limited availability at many venues)
- Meet fellow members, enjoy camaraderie and friendship with good wine and food
- Expand social activities with other KLTC Members, enjoy facilities of Kooyong and other venues
- Ability to attend and vote at AGM of the Wine & Food Society

Calendar for 2012

March 23 - Gourmet BBQ on the terrace at Kooyong

May 16 - Dinner at Fish Dish Restaurant in the city

July 12 - Dinner at a restaurant to be confirmed

August 24 - 40th Anniversary Special Event in the Kooyong Room

November 30 - End of Year/Christmas function in the Racquet Club

Please join us - make a note in your diary for these dates now!

Christine Johnson
President



HEALTH CLUB NEWS

WHAT DO ANDY MURRAY, VENUS & SERENA WILLIAMS, JOHN MCENROE, MARIA SHARAPOVA AND PETE SAMPRAS ALL HAVE IN COMMON, BESIDES THE ABSOLUTE OBVIOUS?

Believe it or not Yoga. Each of these tennis superstars have attributed improvements to their game, be it greater mental focus, flexibility or stamina, on their yoga practice.

You may have some idea about yoga, perhaps seeing a class on a Monday or Wednesday night at the Club or, more likely, hearing about it from the mouths of Hollywood stars such as Madonna, Demi Moore and Gwyneth Paltrow who have harped on for years about how yoga helps to keep their bodies in good shape.

However, more recently it has been the sports stars and teams, including Tiger Woods, Lance Armstrong, the Australian Cricket team and the NZ All Blacks who have turned to yoga as a supplementary exercise routine, not only to fix the imbalance in their body, but to greatly improve their performance in their chosen sport.

So what then are the benefits of Yoga in relation to your tennis game?



1) Flexibility: Experts say that your tennis will always be stronger if you can stretch and reach for your serve farther, and if you can swing your groundstrokes more flexibly and quickly while on balance. A regular yoga practice increases flexibility and range of motion as well as balance. Those who play tennis regularly will soon notice improvements in their swing as a result of this increased flexibility of the muscles and joints.

2) Prevention of injury to joints: According to the Journal, yoga can greatly strengthen a tennis player's injury-prone joints. "Tennis players often have problems with their knees, ankles, shoulders, hips, and wrists, so they really need to spend some time on those areas to get the tension out." Yoga focuses on joint flexion and rotation as well as strengthening the muscles around injury prone joints such as wrists, shoulders and knees. Players with injuries may be able to continue on the court for more years than they might have thought possible when yoga is added into the mix.

3) Restoring imbalances to the body: Tennis, like most sports, uses repetitive motions such as the forehand and backhand that only develop certain muscle groups, while ignoring others. This creates imbalance in the body. Yoga focuses on restoring imbalances by stretching out muscles that are overdeveloped and tight and contracting muscles that have been ignored or underutilised.

4) A greater focus on breathing: Proper breathing technique is the foundation of many sports, however, it is often ignored or overlooked.

Yoga, with its strong focus on breath awareness, helps to develop correct breathing techniques required in a rigorous game of tennis helping to build stamina and endurance. Utilising simple breathing techniques will bring greater focus and attention to the mind particularly when under pressure to win a game, set or match.

5) A greater sense of energy and wellbeing: Yes, yoga can help you get strong and flexible, but it can also help reduce stress, relieve back and neck pain and improve your general sense of wellbeing. Unlike many workouts, which can leave you tired and sore, yoga works to flush out the lactic acid and other toxins which may build up in your body during intense physical activity helping to reduce muscle soreness while helping to restore your energy levels and increase your feeling of overall health and wellness.

CONVINCED, OR WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY? COME ALONG TO YOGA AT KOORYONG

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APRIL

13th

President's Lunch
Featuring Jason Dunstall, Danny Frawley and Brad Sewell

22nd

Social Committee
Tennis Day vs Royal South Yarra

24th

Bridge Open Night.
All Members Welcome!



MAY

30th

Royal Childrens Hospital Card Day



13th

Mother's Day Lunch
See ad below

16th

Wine & Food Society Function
at Fish Dish Restaurant

17th

Social Committee
Mixed Doubles Tennis Day. Drinks & Canapés to follow in the Clubhouse

25th

The Champions' Dinner



27th

Social Committee
Tennis Day

JUNE



22nd

President's Lunch

29th

Kooyong International Squash Tournament

JULY

1st

RCH Lunch

12th

Wine & Food Society Function
Details to come

16th

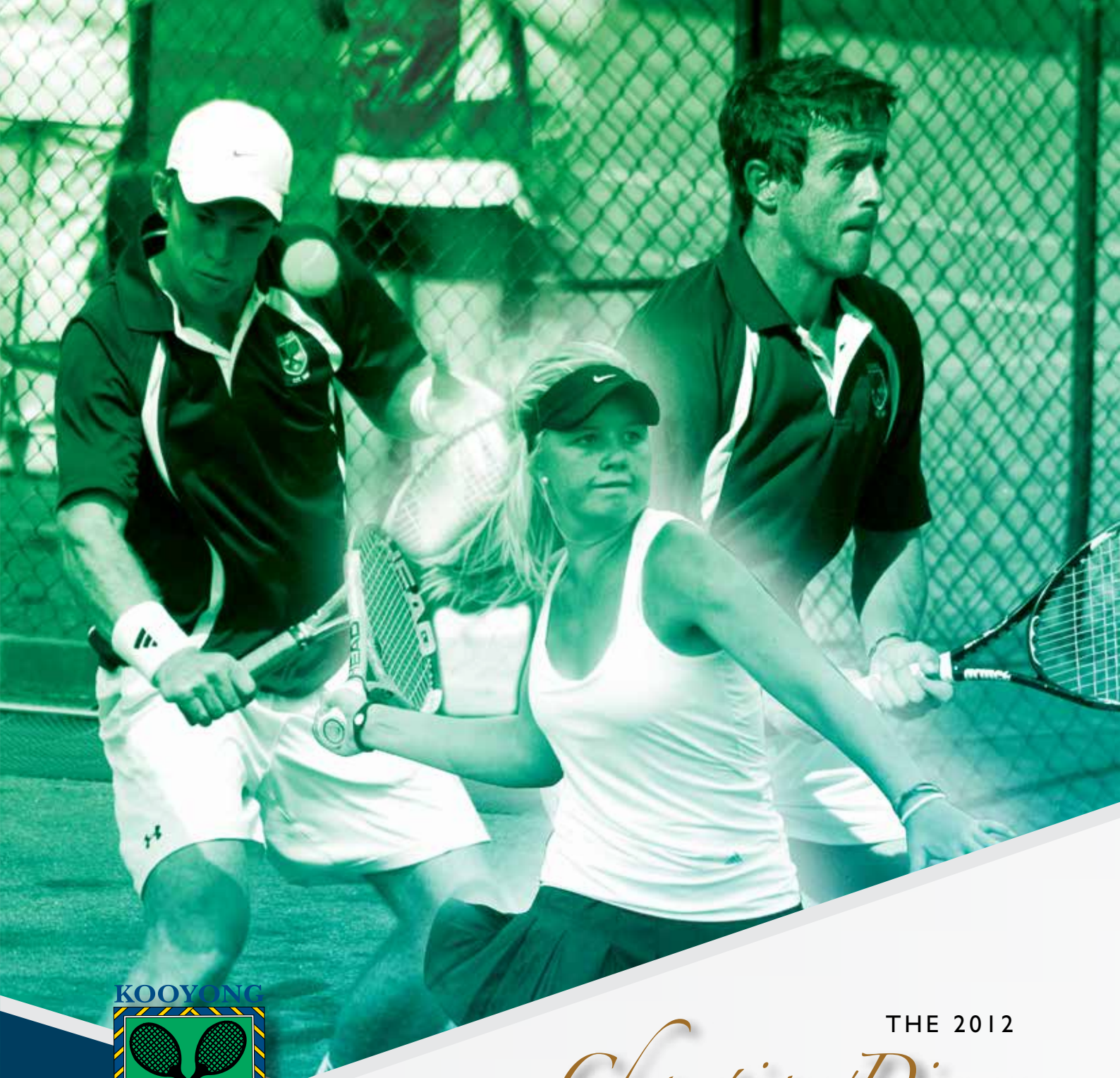
50 Year Members Cocktail Party



Celebrate Mother's Day

WITH A BUFFET LUNCH AT KOOYONG

Sunday 13th May. 12pm - 3pm. Adults \$65, Kids \$35 (13 years & under)
Includes gourmet buffet lunch and a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival for all mothers. Drinks at bar prices. Fabulous entertainment provided



THE 2012

Champions' Dinner

Join us for a night of celebration as we look back on the sporting achievements of our members over the past twelve months

FRIDAY 25TH MAY AT 7PM, THE KOOYONG ROOM

Section Presentations for Tennis, Squash, Billiards & Snooker and Bridge. Contact reception for more information



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