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# KOKODA TREK



▲ Above: Ian Hill second from left

**K**oooyong President Ian Hill recently returned after completing the historic Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

The famous trek took the President across 96 kilometres of rugged and isolated terrain known for being the location of the World War II battle between Japanese and Australian forces in 1942.

Ian took on the track due to his interest in the Kokoda conflict, particularly Australia's military tactics on the track, together with the physical challenge of completing the journey.

Before setting off on his adventure, Ian spoke with former VFL legends Ron Barassi and David Parkin who had both completed well documented walks along the track.

David is still involved with the Kokoda Track Foundation and also lent Ian some equipment to help him on the track.

The 9 day trek equated to 48 hours of walking and around 980,600 steps and required his full concentration as everyone in the group took at a tumble at various stages of the track.



'The track stirred up more emotions than I expected,' said Ian.

***'A common acknowledgement amongst the group was just how difficult it must have been for the soldiers carrying guns & ammunition, dealing with disease, losing mates in battle, the mud and humidity and clothed in less than ideal uniforms for the jungle conditions,' he said.***

Ian's group were lucky enough to have three Australian soldiers within their group including one serving member and they were able to provide an insight into the Australian defences, the battle sites and the heroic deeds of the troops.

'It was quite surprising after nearly 70 years to still clearly see fox holes and battle fields along the track including bayonets, grenades, parts of Bren guns and helmets.'

The experience is sure to inspire others to tackle the trek and Ian hopes to pass on his knowledge of this important part of our history.

'I want to make sure Australians gain a greater appreciation for the Kokoda campaign,' he said.

What a wonderful experience and a magnificent achievement!

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The tennis opportunities for Members at Kooyong are more than the equal of any other tennis club around the country.

Members are provided with opportunities, both social and competitive, across all days of the week and the club caters from juniors through to seniors, and all levels of tennis.



The Kooyong Foundation continues to support young players and is providing great opportunities for those developing in the game.

This Courtside profiles the excellent work of the Foundation supporting the game of tennis and junior development.

This year Premier League will lead to teams being selected from Victoria and South Australia to be involved in a State League competition to be run by Tennis Australia. We look upon this with interest to see how it develops.

A special event later in the year will be our Tennis Legends' Lunch. This will feature the last two Australians to win the Australian Open here at Kooyong, Mark Edmondson and Chris O'Neil.

We also prepare our self for busy times with our function rooms in high demand and we encourage members to avail themselves of our new menus and use the club for those festive needs heading into this time of year.

**Chris Brown**

*CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that some time has passed since the completion of the major Clubhouse redevelopment, Member and Committee discussion has turned to thoughts of what's next for Kooyong.

Usage patterns and anecdotal commentary aren't necessarily sufficient for the Committee to base all their future planning for the Club upon.

Additionally, just as importantly as knowing what the current Membership want, expect and value, knowing or predicting what will attract future Members to our Club is something we as a Committee need to at least attempt to understand.

It's quite possible that the future strength of our Club relies on knowing the answers to questions such as: is it our facilities; our long, rich history and association with Australian and International Tennis; or the prestige of belonging to arguably one of the best sporting clubs in Australia the reason(s) why people wish to join Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club?

Keeping an eye on trends in society, ensuring that we cater for our existing Membership base and understanding the factors that lead to people nominating for Membership of our great Club will hopefully see Kooyong continue to enjoy success for the next 118 years and beyond.

### Premier League

Premier League begins again in early October and Kooyong will again field a men's and a women's team in this competition which features the best players from Victoria and interstate.

Our women will defend the title they won last year while our men will be hoping to go one step further and make the final to give themselves a shot at winning the pennant.

Following the Premier League season, Tennis Australia will pilot the State Tennis League that will be played in a shortened format to provide an elite competition that they hope will be played in every state from next year onwards.

The competition will only be played in Victoria and South Australia this year but eventually the winners from each state would play each other during the second week of the Australian Open to crown a national club champion.

This should provide some exciting opportunities for players across the country and will give our top players something to strive towards.

**Ian Hill**

*President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club*



# The 2011 Champions' Dinner



▲ Scott Draper

*It's always a wonderful night on the Club's busy social calendar and one that highlights the achievements of our Club champions.*

The 2011 Champions' Dinner once again brought together a fantastic group of members to celebrate and crown our new sporting stars across tennis, squash, billiards, snooker and Bridge.

Hosted again by 3AW's Darren James, the night was again a fantastic endorsement of the Club's history and prestige.

From the social events through to the Open events, it was another big year on the sporting front and one capped with the crowning of two new tennis champions at the Club.

Despite rain interrupting play throughout the event, the Club Championships were hotly contested and it was fantastic to see two new champions rise to the occasion and win their respective events.

David Bidmeade reached his first ever singles final after defeating Matthew Coghlan in the semi final while Daniel Byrnes came from a set down to defeat Matthew Carroll.

In the final, despite dropping the first set, David made the most of his opportunities to win his first singles title while also adding another doubles title, this time with Rob McKenzie, and topping off the triple crown by winning the mixed doubles with Molly Polak.

Receiving the trophies, including the Frank Sedgman Cup, at the Champions'

Dinner was a proud moment for one of the Club's first ever scholarship recipients and one he celebrated with both family and friends on the night.

Another proud winner of the Club Championships was Sophie Vickers, who one year earlier had made the Open women's final but took the next step in 2011 when she defeated Laura Rabinovich.

An extremely happy Vickers held the honour of holding up the Evonne Goolagong Cup in high regard and the Club will keep a close eye on her progress as she ventures across to America later in the year to begin her College tennis career.

The Bairnsdale product has been an excellent performer in Pennant at all levels since she joined the club and will be hoping to go out with a bang as the finals approach.

A pair who knows plenty about finals success with the Club received their trophies for taking out the Margaret Court Team Cup for winning the women's Open doubles title.



▲ Pennant Team of the Year – Grade 1 Men



▲ Sarah Fitz-Gerald



▲ Nathan Sneyd





▲ The Tennis Club Championship winners



▲ Committee Member Peter Carew and wife Lisa

*"...the night was again a fantastic endorsement of the Club's history and prestige."*

Laura Rabinovich and Laura McNamara have paired together with plenty of success at Pennant and Premier League level in recent times and now in the Club Championships.

It was also great to see one of the Club's newest scholarship holders, James Sheppard, receive the Pat Cash Cup for winning the Under 21 boy's singles.

It was another proud moment for a young man hoping to make his way onto the world stage in years to come while Sophie Vickers added another title to her collection when she again took home the Kerry Melville Cup for the Under 21 girl's singles.

Sophie worked herself back into the match to get past another new scholarship holder, Isabella Beischer, in the final.

Other notable trophy recipients included the father and son combination of Paul and Rowan McNamee who won the A Grade doubles together while Graeme Heath, Dennis Maddern, Don Heath, Barry Evans, Kerin Tulloch, Lou Griffith and Lea Whyte have ventured up to receive awards on multiple occasions.

It was fantastic to see them all in attendance to receive their prizes on the night.

The Club's squash stars were also in attendance in large numbers to celebrate their champions for 2011.

The Club's new squash coach, Nathan Sneyd, took out the Open squash title earlier in the year and now has his name etched in the history of this great club in what might be the first of many LTAV Squash Championships to come.

In the women's Open squash final it was the former world number one and five time World Open champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, who took out her third consecutive title at the Club.

Sarah is one of the greatest squash players of all time and it's fantastic to see her around the Club and involved with the sport here at Kooyong.

It was also great to see Sarah Cardwell receive the trophy named after her mother, Vicki Cardwell, for winning the girl's championship.

Sarah Fitz-Gerald and Sarah Cardwell had both made the dash across town

from a squash event and it was great to see them on the night.

Other squash champions celebrating their wins included current Committee member Cam Dickinson, Richard Bowman, Rob McKinnon, John Mathieson and Rob Templeton.

It was also fantastic to see two of the Club's Bridge champions in attendance to win their respective awards.

Anthea Gedge received the Bridge Achievement Award while Fiona Trescowthick won the Penny Purbrick Trophy.

Another highlight of the night was our guest speaker Scott Draper who has recently moved to Melbourne to take up a player development role with Tennis Australia.

Scott's views on the current tennis landscape and his own journey in both tennis and golf were a great insight for everyone and really topped off what was another great occasion for so many at the Club.



▲ The Squash Club Champions

Sophie Vickers & David Bidmeade ►



# QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

*The club would like to acknowledge three of our prominent members on being recognised in the recent queen's birthday honours. Bruce church, ian barclay and max walker were honoured for their respective service their chosen sports and the community.*



## ◀ **Bruce Church:**

Awarded a Medal (OAM) in the Order of Australia for service to cricket. Mr Church was the Melbourne Cricket Club president 1997-2003, having served as a committee member previously (1978-2003) and is an honorary life member. He has also served as a member of Kooyong Foundation since 2007.



## ◀ **Ian Barclay:**

OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) in this week's Queen's Birthday honours for his unflagging service to the game.



## ◀ **Max Walker:**

Order of Australia for service to cricket at a national and international level, as a player and commentator, and to the community through a range of youth and social welfare organisations.

This is a fantastic honour and the Club congratulates them all for their service to tennis, cricket and the community over many years.

# SQUASH PRESENTATION NIGHT



At a cocktail style night held on July 18, the squashies were encouraged to join in the presentation and make comments as recipients received awards.

The night was to recognise milestone achievements, games played and various other trophy winners.

A highlight of the night was very special as the squash section was given a slice of memorabilia.

Bunty Evans, a Kooyong member, was the niece of the first Open Squash Winner, Leo Pullar, at Kooyong and his name is the first engraved on our Perpetual trophy. Leo also won the South Australian Open and was the South Yarra Club Squash Champion.

Leo was unfortunately killed in a car accident when returning home from a pennant squash match in 1940.

Bunty presented the club an enlarged photo of Leo which will now be displayed with our squash memorabilia; the presentation by Bunty was fantastic and emotional.

The Squash Section wish to thank Bunty for her attendance on the night and for the presentation.

A further highlight of the night was the attendance of retired squash player Brian 'Tichy' McDonald. Tichy still holds the record of most pennant squash games played for Kooyong with 1038.

Close on his tail and still playing are Dave Temple, 862 games, and Peter Mayberry, 837 games, who occupied the microphone with Tichy to give the young generation some nostalgia of how squash was played and refereed in the old days (as they say).

One of the new squash brigade made the comment at the end of the night, "Were those guys paid entertainers for the night", and "No", came the reply, just a few oldies having some fun and reminding themselves of old times together at squash.

Other milestone Game Recipients were:

## 600 Club

Bill Dubsky (622)  
Bryan Derrick (611)  
Jeremy Sneddon (602)

## 500 Club

Ray Aspinall (518)

## 400 Club

Owen Cook (412)

## 200 Club

Pat Baron (207)  
Andrew Hausseggar (207)

## 100 Club

Josh Cardwell  
Norm Alexander  
Di Coles  
Kevin Finch  
Selena Shaikh  
Ryan McCarter  
Nick Scott  
Lindsay Holloway

## Ian Carson Award

for the Most Valuable Player Spring Season 2010 won by Paul Sanders.

## Neale Fraser Award

for the Most Valuable Player Autumn season 2011 won by Ameil Raniga.

## Merv Weston Award

for the Most Improved Player Spring Season 2010 won by Kevin Finch.

## John Young Award

for the Most Improved Player Autumn Season 2011 won by Alex Warhurst.

## Best Finals Performance

Spring 2010 Season  
won by Mark Wilson.  
Autum 2011 Season  
won by Bazza Barnes.



# *Fifty-Year Members Inducted*

*Kooyong Welcomes  
23 Members Into  
Exclusive Club*

The Club again celebrated its proud history recently as 23 new 50 year Members were inducted to this exclusive category of membership at a lavish cocktail party.

Twelve of the new 50 year Members were able to attend the night and it was a fantastic evening to pay tribute to their long association as a Member of this great Club.

The inductees presented on the night included Kevin Biggin, Frank Cahill, Donald Cossar, Judith Gregory, Mary Hoban, Richard McNamara, Helen Polkinghorne, Jonathon Ramsden, Hayden Rees, Joan Stewart, Allan Stone and Ernest Targett.

Those unable to attend were William Crosby, Max Senior, Jonathon Crawford, Anthony Noble, Peter Jenkins, John Glasson, Mary Millikan, Margarita Frederico, David Murphy, Beverley Waxman and Jocelyn Brady.

Special mention must go to Jonathon Crawford who passed away just prior to the night.

All of the new inductees had shared some special times at the Club including Allan Stone who is etched into tennis history with his involvement in the Davis Cup, compiling a perfect 6-0 record, and winning several Grand Slam doubles titles.

Allan won the Australian doubles championship with Dick Crealy in 1968 while also winning the United States National doubles championship with Dick Crealy in 1969 and again in 1976 with Ray Ruffels. He is still a well respected television sports commentator.

Ernest Targett is another who has a famous tennis history having represented Tasmania in Linton Cup for 3 years in the late 40's and early 50's.

His main claim to fame was that he beat Ken Rosewall twice as a junior which is quite an enviable record.

Helen Polkinghorne nee Angwin was runner up to Thelma Long in the 1952 Australian Women's singles title. She beat Australian great Nancy Bolton in the semi final.

Helen was also a Victorian Singles champion and was the only person to take a set from Maureen Connolly on her first visit to Australia.

Hayden Rees continues to be involved with tennis in Victoria particularly in the Senior's competitions.

He won an A Grade Pennant playing for Glen Iris in 1964 with Tony Ryan, Will Coghlan and Max Senior.

Mary Hoban has been a regular midweek

player at the Club but is now heavily involved with the Club's Wine and Food Society.

Social groups like this one have helped to make the full club experience possible at Kooyong.

Everyone enjoyed another wonderful night at the club, catching up with old friends and reminiscing about the wonderful times they have spent at Kooyong.

## *Club Legend Reaches Another Milestone*

Despite not being able to attend the 50 Year Members' Cocktail Party, Max Senior joined this exclusive membership category of the Club in 2011.

Max currently lives in Queensland but for many years he was a star at the Club and especially on the court as he racked up an enviable record.

In Victorian Pennant, Max won four A Grade titles with Glen Iris in 1962, 1963, 1964 and 1966 alongside names like Will Coghlan, Tony Ryan, Allan Stone and Peter Avery.

Max still holds the record for the most games in doubles at the Australian Open when in 1968 he played a match over three days with Peter Avery, Cedric Mason and Warren Jacques that ended 4/6 18/16 7/9 17/15 2/0 in the fifth set. Exhaustion was the only thing that stopped this match at 94 games in total.

Max also held the record for most Club Championship titles at Kooyong, with seven, until Jay Salter surpassed that in recent years but he was also runner up seven times which makes 14 appearances in the final.

This is a remarkable achievement by any stretch of the imagination. Max also played a huge role in the development of Pennant tennis at the club as he featured in several winning Veterans Grade 1 teams.

Well done Max and enjoy the sunshine up north!



▲ Top: President Ian Hill congratulates Allan Stone and Mary Hoban



▼ Below: Twelve very proud members celebrating 50 years at Kooyong



# THE SKY IS

*"It must be  
in the genes  
of Kooyong  
Foundation  
Scholarship  
holder John  
Peers."*





# THE LIMIT

## FOR KOORYONG'S JOHN PEERS

**W**ith his sister, Sally, playing on the WTA tour and ranked inside the world's top 200 and mum, Elizabeth, having treaded the path before them both, you could understand John wanting to reach similar heights and he is well on the way.

Having just completed a decorated collegiate tennis career in America at both Middle Tennessee State and Baylor University, John has now embarked on a professional career that some think can reach Grand Slam levels.

'He has got weapons. He does have a world-class serve. He can get forward. He is a great mover. Those are the kinds of ingredients that you need to do well. I think that if he can continue to stay healthy and bring his good energy to the court every day, then I would certainly expect to see him playing at the Grand Slam tournaments,' said Baylor Head Coach Matt Knoll.

Having spent his first three years of College at Middle Tennessee building an enviable record in both singles, 72-25, and doubles, 56-31, John decided on a change of scenery for his senior year.

The move to Baylor University proved to be an overwhelming success as the Bears finished the year ranked in the nation's top eight teams for the tenth straight year and John earned countless honours along the way.

John was consistently ranked in the top 30 players for singles across America while producing a 17-3 record for the

season and in doubles he became an All American with partner Roberto Maytin with a 15-2 mark for the year.

This was enough to have them ranked the fifth best pair in the country and this success saw John become the first player in Baylor history to win back to back Big 12 Player of the Week awards.

'John has done a great job of being open to making some changes in his game,' Knoll said.

'That can't be understated. For a guy with his experience level and who has played tennis for as long as he has, to be coachable is really unique.'

Along with his All American honour, John was also named to the All Big 12 Singles and Doubles teams together with being awarded the Big 12 Men's Newcomer of the Year.

Obviously recruited with doubles firmly in mind, Baylor Head Coach Matt Knoll acknowledges the transformation in John's game over the past twelve months that now sees him ready to tackle the professional tour.

'I knew he was going to be a huge help in doubles,' Knoll said.

'But I really didn't think he would be able to play at the consistent level that he has in singles. He hadn't ever been in an environment with a lot of good guys to hit with and consistent training where he could develop the way that he is capable of.'

Another feather in John's cap was being presented with the 2011 NCAA Division

1 Men's ITA Regional Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.

'I can't say enough good things about him as a team player. He has a willingness to look outside of himself and recognise how he can help other guys get better,' said Knoll.

With his four year collegiate career now behind him, John began experiencing the grind of the professional circuit recently and had instant success in Venezuela.

At his first ITF Futures event, John qualified for the main draw of the singles and made it through to the final where he lost a tight encounter in the third set tiebreaker.

In the doubles he teamed up with his All American Bears teammate, Roberto Maytin, to comfortably win the title.

A pretty good start most would say but there was more to come as John made the round of 16 in the singles and the final of the doubles in his second event, while in his third event in Venezuela he was able to win the singles title while also reaching the doubles final.

These results have seen John's ranking come in at 879 after just three events and will be a great launching pad for what promises to be a huge Australian summer.

His coach, Matt Knoll, probably summed up his future best when he said, 'the sky is the limit for John'.

And we'll be keeping a close on his progress as it all unfolds.



# TRAFFIC

Traffic exiting the property onto Glenferrie Road should take care to observe local conditions. As traffic crosses the nearby footpath, particular care is required to look for pedestrians and bicycles before crossing to Glenferrie Road. To slow vehicles,

additional speed humps have been fitted at the exit at the front of the clubhouse. This measure appears to have improved safety at that point but Members are reminded of the need to exercise care when leaving the Club. Members are also reminded that car parking is only

available for use while Members are at the Club. Vehicles must not be left when the Member is not at the Club. In particular, it is not permissible to leave cars at the Club when connecting with other transport including trains or trams.

## MEMBERSHIP CHECKS

Membership cards are required to be carried at all times and presented when requested.

The display of cards and visitor payment slips is required when playing tennis so that staff may undertake regular membership checks. Checks can take place at any time and to avoid disruption of play, display boards are fitted around the courts to display cards or visitor slips. If cards are not displayed, play may be interrupted at any time so that membership checks may take place.

A glance at our grass courts at this time of year indicates clearly which season we are in. Winter maintenance is well advanced with the baselines currently being relayed to recover during the spring in time for the summer season.

Our returfing program this year reaches its conclusion and courts 6 to 9 are currently under work. The old turf has been removed and the area laser leveled in preparation for the new turf.

This will complete the staged program of recent years and results in Legend Couch across all of our courts.

Court conditions in recent seasons have shown the benefit this delivers in providing good playing conditions right through the summer and to the end of our playing season.



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# NEW FUNCTION MENUS



With the festive season approaching it's the perfect time to contact Kooyong for your upcoming function.

Kooyong's chefs have revised the menus and the website fully details the excellent options available.

Regardless of the type of event, from intimate dinners with family and friends to cocktail parties or a gala event, the Club can meet any need.

Our wedding menus have also been updated to provide everything needed to ensure your special day is an event to remember.

Contact Kristina or Sharon at the Club on 9822 3333 and discuss how they can make your event a truly special occasion.



# THE CITY CLUB

## *Wine Challenge*

**The City Club Wine challenge is a fun event to foster inter-club relationships by giving members an opportunity to participate in an entertaining and educational wine trivia complimented by a three course dinner.**

Teams of 6 to 8 will taste 2 brackets of wines (4 whites and 4 reds, local and international). Points will be awarded for accurately identifying variety, region, vintage and producer.

The winning team will receive prizes and the accolades of their colleagues and competitors.

The winning Club will hold the University House Cup for one year, and have the right to host the City Club Wine Challenge.

Palate training sessions will take place in preparation for the event.

To register your interest please contact Patrice RENAUDIN on 9822 3333 or prenaudin@kooyong.com.au

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## *News From The Kitchen*

**As I complete my first year as Executive Chef, I thank Members for their ongoing feedback in regard to the food at Kooyong.**

As Executive Chef of this historic Club, I have drawn on my experience from such restaurants as Marchettis Latin, Lynches and O'Connell's and during the last year we have made a commitment to provide exceptional food at the Club.

Our menus offer variety and take advantage of seasonal opportunities, but still meet the daily needs by offering the staple dishes expected by Members.

Our choices are aimed at sourcing quality ingredients. This is reflected in many ways including two seafood deliveries each day to ensure we provide the freshest food possible.

We are very excited to be launching our new Racquet Club menu in August, which will showcase new and exciting dishes.

◀ *Our pastry chef, Russell, has also introduced changes to the Racquet Club dessert menu, with many options to tempt and exceed your expectations.*

Winter draws thoughts of warming, slow-cooked, hearty dishes, and we have included a classic Coq Au Vin; a slow braised baby chicken in red wine, served with roasted mushrooms and shallots.

During August I encourage you to try our lunch and dinner special in the Racquet Club. For just \$45, you may enjoy two courses from the a la carte menu, a complimentary glass of our wine of the month and tea or coffee to finish. This will give everyone the opportunity to experience and sample the new menu offerings.

I offer a reminder that we also can cater for any of your functions and special requirements. We are very fortunate to have Roxy Flores looking after your function requirements and with many years at Crown Casino, she brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and passion.

The kitchen chefs are passionate people who strive to make the food the best it can be. I welcome your feedback or ideas. Feel free to approach me, also, for any cooking questions you may have.

**Chris Goulding**  
*Executive Chef*



# KOORYONG JUNIORS STAR AT CLAYCOURT NATIONALS



Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders Richard Yang, Destanee Aiava and Isabelle Wallace won their first National titles when they triumphed at the National Claycourt Championships in Queensland recently. Richard began the 12's National tournament as the seventh seed and comfortably accounted for Queensland's Adam Walton in the first round 6/2 6/0 before defeating young West Australian wildcard recipient Tyler Hung 6/1 6/0. In the third round Richard faced the twelfth seed from Queensland, Daniel Lane, and despite a tight first set was able to move through to the quarter finals on the back of a solid 6/4 6/2 victory. The quarter final was a match up with the top seed, Alexei Popyrin from New South Wales, and Richard was up to the task as he moved through to the semi final with a 6/2 6/3 win.

South Australia's Liam Bishop, seeded sixth, had knocked out Kooyong's Chase Ferguson in the previous round but it was Richard who came out firing as took the first set 6/3.

Bishop fought back in the second set and leveled the match at a set apiece before Richard again took control in the final set to ensure he moved through to his second consecutive National final with a 6/3 5/7 6/4 win.

***Another huge match was waiting as Richard faced off with South Australia's Mislav Bosnjak, the second seed, and it was Bosnjak who took the early ascendancy by winning the first set 6/4 but Richard wasn't to be denied as he fought his way back into the contest.***

Another two extremely tight sets ensued as Richard finally regained control of the match and went onto to win the title in an impressive performance 4/6 6/4 6/3 and take out his first National title.

In the girl's event Destanee Aiava went in to the tournament as the top seed and lived up to the top billing as she rolled through the event in ominous fashion. In the quarter final Destanee faced the seventh seed from NSW, Amne Ghamraoui, and won the first set comfortably before getting through in a tiebreak in the second set 6/0 7/6 and then faced fellow Victorian Michelle Pits in the semi final.

Pits stretched Destanee in the first set but she was able to come through and take it out before stamping her dominance on the match to eventually move through to the final 7/5 6/2.

The final was never in doubt as Destanee ran away with the match and the title by defeating the second seed, Western Australia's Sasha Bollweg, 6/0 6/2 in a commanding performance.

In the doubles, Kooyong's Chase Ferguson won another National title when he combined with Alexei Popyrin to win the final 1/6 6/2 10-4 while Richard Yang made it through to the semi final.

The girls' doubles saw Destanee Aiava make it through to the semi final before unfortunately losing to the eventual title winners in an extremely close match 2/6 6/1 10-7.

In the 14's event Isabelle Wallace was crowned the National Claycourt

Nationals only a few months earlier so also knew what it would take to win the title.

Annabelle Andrinopoulos' path to the decider was a fairly straight forward one as she won through the first two rounds comfortably but she was also tested in the third round by another Queenslander in Andjela Djokovic.

Djokovic won the first set 7/5 but Andrinopoulos fought back strongly to win 5/7 6/1 6/2 and move into the quarterfinals where she defeated yet another Queenslander Jaimee Gilbertson 6/4 6/4.

The semi final was an easier match for the Kooyong junior as she moved into the all-Victorian final win a 6/3 6/0 win over Priscilla Hon.

The final was a classic encounter as Andrinopoulos took the first set 6/3 but Wallace fought back gallantly in the second set to level it at a set apiece when she won 6/4.

The third set was another tight battle but it was Wallace who finished the stronger as she took the final set and the title 3/6 6/4 6/4.

In the boy's event Kooyong's Marc Polmans made the semi final before losing the eventual champion 7/6 6/2 while Daniel Nolan reached the quarterfinal before losing a tight match to the second seed Lawrence Bataljin 6/4 7/5.

In the doubles Marc Polmans won the National 14's title with his partner Jake Delaney from NSW. The boys defeated unseeded Queenslanders Lachlan Mcphee and Mitchell Robins 6/1 6/2 in the final.

In the girls' doubles final, Isabelle Wallace nearly clinched the double crown when she partnered Jaimee Gilbertson against Priscilla Hon and Olivia Tjandramulia but unfortunately they lost in straight sets 6/2 6/2 to be denied the title.

Congratulations to all of the Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders who competed at the National Championships.



▲ Kooyong's Isabelle Wallace won the 14's title

Champion after coming from a set down to defeat fellow Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holder Annabelle Andrinopoulos in the final.

After cruising through the opening two rounds, Wallace was challenged in the third round by emerging Queenslander Sara Tomic but fought her way through to the quarterfinals with a 6/4 6/4 win.

In the quarterfinal Wallace defeated Olivia Tjandramulia in straight sets to setup a semi final with another talented Queenslander, Naiktha Bains, who only a week earlier had won the National 16's Claycourt title over Kooyong's Molly Polak.

It was an extremely tight match as the first set entered a tiebreak but Wallace was able to clinch the first set 7/6 and then continued her fine form in the second set as she gained the crucial break to win the match in straight set 7/6 6/4.

This would have given Wallace plenty of confidence going into the final but her opponent had been to the final of the



▲ Kooyong's Destanee Aiava and Richard Yang (second & third from left)



# **Belinda Woolcock** *Helps Australia Qualify For* **Junior Fed Cup Finals**

**Australia's Junior Fed Cup team has mirrored the success of their Junior Davis Cup counterparts to finish on top in the Asia-Oceania qualifying final in New Delhi.**

The Australian team went through the round robin stage of the event undefeated and continued that run into the knockout stages of the event.

Seeded second, the Australians – Brooke Rischbieth, Belinda Woolcock and Ashleigh Barty – overcame the top seeds, Japan, in the final just like the Junior Davis Cup team did just a week before them.

In the final, Belinda kicked off proceedings with a three-set win over Japan's Mami Adachi, 6-2 3-6 6-2 to give Australia a 1-0 lead.

Barty faced a tough task as she dropped the first set against her opponent, Miho Kawase.

It was the first set the 15-year-old Australian had dropped all week but it spurred her into action.

The Queenslander clicked into gear and dropped just two games for the rest of the match as she claimed the rubber 6-7(5) 6-2 6-0.

The win gave the Australians an unassailable 2-0 lead, so the dead rubber doubles was not played.

The Junior Fed Cup team and Davis Cup team now progress to the final, which will be played in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, later this year.



▲ Brooke Rischbieth, Belinda Woolcock and Ashleigh Barty in New Delhi

## **KOORYONG HOSTS THE ALICIA MOLIK CUP**



**The Kooyong Foundation again showed its support for the development of junior tennis in Australia when the Alicia Molik Cup was held here in April. final.**

It was a wonderful event highlighted by the appearance of the event's patron as North Suburban Junior Tennis

Association won its first Alicia Molik Cup, defeating Berwick in the final.

The NSTJA team of Danny Ha, Lucas Vuradin, Samyuktha Rajagopalan and Stephanie Serafidis, featuring two Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders in Stephanie and Samyuktha, greatly improved on the team's eighth placing last year.

'There was some great tennis played over the two days by some of the best 12/u players from all across Victoria at the traditional home of tennis in this country, the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club,' said Jason Simmons, Tennis Victoria's Manager of Junior Competitions and Tournaments.

The final started out very one-sided, with NSJTA dominating Berwick to take an unassailable 3-0 lead, the final score being 4-43 to 2-28.

'It was a great experience for the kids because the event promotes healthy

competition,' said Tom Vuradin, the NSJTA Team Manager.

'The competition was strong and matches were played in the right spirit. The players played some tough tennis. It was a great event all around.'

It was fantastic to see Alicia Molik, a Kooyong member, drop in to have a chat to the kids and sign some autographs.

'The kids were absolutely stoked Alicia was there,' said Vuradin.

'She's a star of Australian tennis.'

The event is an opportunity for 16 teams of the best U/12 players from metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria to take part in the round robin tournament.

Ties consisted of two boys' singles, two girls' singles and two mixed doubles rubbers.

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# KOORYONG FOUNDATION



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

*The news out of Wimbledon 2011 must give great heart to tennis lovers who have watched Australia languish with little success at the top level in recent years.*

**T**he heroics of 18-year-old Bernard Tomic in the Men's Singles could be admired even more in the following days as his conqueror, Novak Djokovic, went on to defeat Rafael Nadal and claim the Championship.

There was much to admire, too, in the efforts of Luke Saville and Ashleigh Barty claiming the Boys' and Girls' Singles Titles, the first time that Australia has managed to snare both events in the same year. Then there was Sam Stosur reaching the final of Women's Doubles.

Tennis Australia, the coaches and the young players are all to be congratulated on their achievements, which offer us such exciting prospects for the future.

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and the Kooyong Foundation can also take some pride in the arrival of promising young stars on the horizon. At Wimbledon, players who have been given support by the Foundation were in action in both junior and senior competition, with Jason Kubler reaching the Boys' Singles Semi-finals and Andrew Whittington making the Quarters of the Doubles.

However, it was earlier in the year, at the Australian Open, that the full impact of the Kooyong Foundation's work could be properly measured. We had 13 players in the Junior Open and four in the main event. I doubt that any other tennis club in the world could claim results like that.

The best result was claimed by Andrew Whittington, who teamed with Ben Wagland to finish runners-up in the Boys' Doubles title. Andrew joined the Kooyong program at the age of 12 and has been climbing steadily up the world junior rankings. He is seen as a fine future prospect, particularly in doubles where he is rated at or near the top in the world.

Sally Peers is another success story for the grounding that the Kooyong Foundation helps to provide. Sally was given Foundation assistance early in her career and we were delighted when she won the Wimbledon Junior Doubles title in 2009, qualified at the 2010 US Open and played Kim Clijsters in the second round. She reached the quarter

finals of the mixed doubles at this year's Australian Open.

In recent years 25 of the Kooyong youngsters have played in the qualifying or main draw of the Australian Junior Open and 11 have played qualifiers or main draw in the Open itself.

Next year the Kooyong Foundation will celebrate its 10th birthday and Kooyong members have every reason to feel a deep sense of satisfaction at what our club has been able to achieve through the Foundation's work, both on and off the court.



▲ Wimbledon Junior Champion Ashleigh Barty

Since its official launch in April, 2002, members and friends of Kooyong have donated close to \$500,000 to enable the Foundation to support scores of talented young players and to purchase trophies and other memorabilia to put on show in the new display cabinets throughout the clubhouse – the first stages of the Australian Museum of Tennis at Kooyong.

Aiding the youngsters and developing the museum are helping to fulfil the Foundation's two primary goals:

- Preserving the Past
- Promoting the Future

Famous players have donated trophies and other memorabilia from their careers and Foundation sponsors have purchased other items for the collection. This is our way of recognising and preserving the past.

The future, too, is being catered for, through the range of programs designed to nurture young talent with financial and other support.

Each year the Foundation sponsors tournaments – cups named after Alicia Molik, Wayne Arthurs and Frank Sedgman – for youngsters in age groups 10, 11 and 12. Wayne and Frank, incidentally, are both Directors of the Kooyong Foundation. Another tennis legend, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, is patron of the Foundation and a heartfelt supporter of its work.

A relatively recent addition to the development program is the John Fitzgerald Kooyong Scholarship, named for the distinguished club member who was a key force behind the establishment of the Foundation.

These scholarships provide talented and deserving young players with club membership, coaching and other support to assist them to develop their game.

Each year a selection panel chooses the youngsters and they are introduced to the club and the coaching panel. They come from a wide range of social backgrounds and the cosmopolitan collection of names gives some idea of the diverse spread of national backgrounds of their families.

The Foundation also provides backing for the Kooyong Elite Squad, a select group of players who are highly ranked and showing great potential for the future. The players in the Kooyong Elite squad currently are Marc Polmans, Omar Jasika, Brigitte Beck and Mitchell Burman, all of whom have received John Fitzgerald Kooyong Scholarships.

The program sponsors players by assisting them with their overall weekly coaching program through private coaches Richard Fromberg, Paul McNamee and John McCurdy.

**Peter Quinn**  
Chairman

# FOUNDATION BACKING POINTS TO SUCCESS

***Of the 11 young players inducted into the Australian Institute program this year five were juniors who had been assisted by the Kooyong Foundation programs.***

Andrew Whittington followed up on his appearance in the final of the Junior Australian Open Doubles (and the round of 16 in singles) by winning two ITF Junior titles – the 17th Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup in Malaysia and the 22nd Mitsubishi Lancer International Junior Championships in the Philippines.

Andrew gained his first senior ATP Tour points when he reached the quarter finals on grass in Mildura. At Wimbledon, he reached the quarter finals of the Boys' Doubles. Andrew was ranked number 12 in the world for juniors in July but has been as high as six.

Belinda Woolcock also won her first WTA points earlier this year and continues to develop after a very successful Australian summer at both senior and junior level.

Belinda helped Australia qualify for the finals of the Junior Fed Cup when they won the Asia-Oceania Qualifying event held in New Delhi.

The Australian team defeated top seeds Japan in the final to keep their unbeaten run alive and move through to the finals to be held in Mexico later this year.

Belinda, recent Wimbledon Girl's Champion Ash Barty, and Brooke Rischbieth emulated the run of the Australian Junior Davis Cup team just one week prior to them.

Omar Jasika, part of the Kooyong Elite Squad, won the Optus Junior Grasscourt Nationals in Mildura while Marc Polmans, also part of the Elite Squad, was beaten in a tight semi-final.

Both are bottom age for the 14s. They are playing Grade 1 senior men's pennant for Kooyong this year and if they keep developing will start to push some of the fringe Premier League players for positions by the end of the year.

Isabelle Wallace was the top seed in the 14s and lost in the semi-finals to the eventual winner, while Annabelle



Kooyong's Andrew Whittington (far right) ▲

Andrinopoulos followed up her runner-up performance at the Nationals in December by making the semi-finals again in Mildura. The girls then teamed up to make the semi-final of the doubles.

Richard Yang was runner-up in singles at the 12s Nationals in Mildura while Chase Ferguson won the doubles event, his second National doubles title.

***Destanee Aiava, at just 10 years of age, was the top seed at the 12s Nationals in Mildura and lost in the quarter finals, but showed she was definitely a talent to keep an eye on. She also played off in the Open Mixed Doubles final at the Club Championships, playing with Matt Carroll, and wasn't at all overawed by the company she was in.***

Destanee broke through for her first National title when she triumphed at the 12s Claycourt Nationals in Queensland in April. She also made it through to the semi-finals of the doubles.

Richard Yang won his first National title when he came back from a set down in the final to win the 12s Claycourt Nationals.

He also made the semi-finals of the doubles while Kooyong's Chase Ferguson won his third consecutive 12s National doubles title.

In the 14s Claycourt Nationals, it was an all-Kooyong final in the girl's event as Isabelle Wallace fought back to defeat Annabelle Andrinopoulos after dropping the first set. Isabelle also made the final of the doubles.

Kooyong's Marc Polmans made the singles semi-final of the 14s Nationals before taking out the doubles title with Luke Delaney from NSW.

In the 16s Nationals, Kooyong's Molly Polak made the final of the singles but lost to talented Queenslander Naiktha Bains.

Marc Polmans and Omar Jasika represented Australia in the World Team Cup for juniors aged 14 and under. Although they didn't qualify for the finals later this year both are still eligible to play in this event again next year.

Sally Peers was selected for the first time in the Australian Fed Cup team that tackled the Ukraine in Melbourne in April.

John Peers has just completed his four-year stint in the US College system and has won his first ITF Futures singles title in Venezuela to go with two doubles titles in his first three tournaments.

We also had several juniors selected in the 2011 Victorian Pizzey Cup team: Romy Stephens, Alana Parnaby, Sophie Grumley, Will Kneale, James Sheppard and Lewis Karapanos.



# FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

***The Kooyong Foundation was sparked into life by two of its current directors, former Kooyong Presidents Terry Fraser and Peter Quinn.***

The idea evolved from conversations between the two men when Terry was President and Peter the club Treasurer.

They reasoned that there must be many Kooyong members who appreciated the enjoyment the club and the sport of tennis had given them and would like to "give something back".

It was a sentiment that was quickly embraced by the rest of the committee and the go-ahead was given for the formation of the Foundation with Terry as the first Chairman. It was officially incorporated in April, 2002.

Today Peter Quinn chairs the Foundation and Terry still serves on the board, along with the current club President, Ian Hill. With them are tennis greats Frank Sedgman and Wayne Arthurs, along with a number of other long-standing club members with business leadership experience.

The Foundation has three patrons: Frank Sedgman, Evonne Goolagong and Josh Frydenberg, the Federal Member for Kooyong. Josh is a former Kooyong Club Champion and board member of the Kids Tennis Foundation.

He represented Australia in tennis at two World University Games, in the UK in 1991 the US in 1993. Josh is a graduate of Monash, Oxford and Harvard universities and was a director at Deutsche Bank AG.

All of the directors work on a voluntary basis and the club provides the administration services for the Foundation. This ensures that all money donated to the Foundation goes directly to its programs.



***"As someone who works with young Aboriginal players to help develop their game, I can appreciate the importance of the support that our Kooyong Foundation is giving to juniors. Each year I bring a group of kids from the Goolagong National Development Camp to Melbourne and they simply love the experience of playing on the Kooyong courts. The Kooyong Foundation is doing a terrific job for junior tennis in this country."***

***- Evonne Goolagong-Cawley***

***The other directors are:***

## **Judy Robertson:**

A talented tennis player, Judy Robertson joined Kooyong in 1968. She is now retired (not from tennis!) having worked for firms of geologists, architects, merchant bankers, and wool brokers. She served as Secretary of the Collier Charitable Fund from 1975 until 2005.

## **Bruce Church:**

A Kooyong member for more than 40 years, Bruce practised as a chartered accountant for more than 50 years and was auditor of Lord Somers, Power House and the Victorian Amateur Football Association. He played District cricket for Hawthorn East Melbourne, and Amateurs for 10 years in A Grade. Over the years he served as Treasurer, Vice President and President of Melbourne Cricket Club.

## **Bert Dennis:**

A civil engineer with over 50 years' experience in the property and home building industry, Bert is Chairman of Dennis Family Corporation, which is 100 per cent owned by Bert and his family. An outstanding baseballer in his youth, he has been a playing member of Kooyong for nearly 20 years.

## **Colin Duck:**

Colin spent his career in newspapers and magazines in Australia and in Fleet Street. He was Editor of The Sun from 1986 until its merger with The Herald in 1990, and was later Chief Executive of the Geelong Advertiser group and Pacific Publications, Australia's second largest magazine publisher. He has been a playing member for 27 years.

## **Philip Munz:**

A lawyer, Philip is Chairman of the global manufacturing and distribution group Reliance Worldwide. He has been a playing member at Kooyong for 14 years.

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Scores of Kooyong members and friends have made donations, large and small, to the Kooyong Foundation since it first came into existence.

The amounts have ranged from \$10 up to many thousands, with most donors taking advantage of the tax deductibility available through the Australian Sports Foundation.

Each year when the club subscriptions are sent out, members are given the opportunity to "top up" their cheque or

creditcard payment with a gift to the Foundation.

The Foundation has also benefited from legacies provided by members and supporters in their wills.

If you would like to support the Foundation's ongoing work, please fill out the form below and return it with your donation to the club. For any inquiries about donations or legacies, please feel free to ring:

Chris Brown (9822 3333) or  
Peter Quinn (0418 396 999).



*"There is no doubt that the Kooyong Foundation is providing a great launching pad for the talented young juniors who come into our program each year. It is clear from their results that the Foundation is grooming them well for the future."*

- Frank Sedgman



## Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club Inc.

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## PREMIER LEAGUE PREVIEW

# MEN THE STARS COME OUT TO PLAY

**Tennis Victoria's second Premier League season is set to kick off in early October and the Club is hopeful of taking the next step in the men's competition.**

After narrowly losing the semi final to Geelong last year, Jay Salter's team will be hoping they can add the necessary weaponry to be able to match it with the big guns this season.

Liston had the perfect season to win the inaugural Premier League title in 2010 and will be favoured to repeat the dose if they keep their squad together and especially if they're able to improve it.

This will prove to be a huge challenge for the Club's star players but one they are sure to attack head on.

The Club's team should still feature experienced campaigners Jay Salter, Richard Fromberg and Paul Arber while 2011 Club champion David Bidmeade, Daniel Byrnes, Anthony Zafiris and Matthew Carroll will all return this season.

The return of John Peers from College in America and Andrew Coelho after a long injury layoff should be two welcome additions to the team.

Both have been part of the Club's scholarship program since they were very young and they would provide the team with the depth to compete with the top sides.

John has been in sizzling form over the past few months and would relish the chance to compete with the big guns of the competition and his doubles prowess could be crucial.

Other Clubs likely to submit teams will be MCC, Grace Park and Dendy Park to make up the six team competition.

Ben Ellwood will again lead MCC into battle and they can never be discounted especially if they feature NSW star Adam Feeney again in 2011 while Grace Park will be looking to Kaden Hensel and Adam Hubble to lead them back to prominence.

The stature of this new competition continues to grow and this should see the depth of the teams continue to improve.

Members should take the time to come and watch our team in action over this short five match season starting on Sunday October 2nd.

Following the Premier League competition, the Club may be offered the

opportunity to play in Tennis Australia's pilot State Tennis League competition.

This new competition will feature a shortened format and hopes to attract the country's top players into what will hopefully become a national club championship with winning clubs from across Australia competing in finals to be played during the second week of the Australian Open.

More details about this competition will be known soon but this is another exciting tennis opportunity opening to players at club level.

**Editor's Prediction:** The Premier League should be a fantastic competition if the first season is anything to go by. Liston will be tough to beat and you'd expect Geelong will be keen to atone for their loss in last year's final. A spot in the final should be the minimum expectation with all of our players up and firing.



◀David Bidmeade, ▲Daniel Byrnes



# THE CHALLENGE BEGINS AGAIN WOMEN

**The Club will look to the next generation of stars to help regenerate the women's team in search of a second Premier League title in 2011.**

After winning the inaugural Tennis Victoria Premier League pennant, the Club will need to reach the top without star number one Viktorija Rajcic and last year's captain Sandy Vo.

Sandy has moved to America to play with Boise State while we may see Viktorija in opposition colours this season.

This year's team is likely to be built around the likes of AIS star Belinda Woolcock, Michaela Capannolo, Adriana Szili, Molly Polak, Michaela Johansson, Kate Antosik, Laura McNamara and Karen Kleverlaan.

Rising stars Isabelle Wallace and Brigitte Beck could also come into calculations along with doubles star Laura Rabinovich.

Belinda Woolcock would probably headline this side if she is available but her AIS duties might prevent her from playing.

Michaela Capannolo has been a revelation in her first season with the Club

and will be an integral part of the side along with the return of a fit and firing Adriana Szili after the birth of her first child.

Molly Polak, Kate Antosik, Laura McNamara, Karen Kleverlaan and Laura Rabinovich were part of the side that won last season and should provide the backbone to a solid defence of the title while Sweden's Michaela Johansson could be that ace in the pack.

It will also be a great opportunity to see some of the Club's juniors come through and make their debuts at this level and Isabelle Wallace and Brigitte Beck deserve their opportunity.

Both have won National titles in the past twelve months and this is the next step in their development.

Emerging Russian star Yana Mogilnitskaya is another who should feature at this level in 2011 and she is sure to surprise a few teams.

Geelong and Royal South Yarra will again pose the biggest threats after all three teams finished within a few points of each other last year and the grand finalists were decided in the very last round.

Geelong stars Alenka Hubacek and Olivia Rich were the key to their success last season and are sure to be part of their plans for another attack on the title and they are sure to have added more depth to their line up.

Royal South Yarra has an extremely strong women's program and they have several juniors that continue to develop within their teams which should make them strong again this season.

Liston is also likely to enter the competition this season and if their men's team is anything to go by then they'll be extremely strong from day one which will be great for the competition.

The women will also have the opportunity to take part in the State Tennis League following the Premier League season but only the top four sides will be offered this chance.

Editor's Prediction: The likely submission of a team from Liston will make things extremely interesting but the strength of the Club continues to be its depth. Hopefully we can blood several emerging stars alongside our experienced girls to keep ourselves competitive this season. Can we win our fourth title on the trot? There's no reason why not.



▲ Laura McNamara. ► Kate Antosik

*Men's Pennant News*

# Finals Just Around *The Corner*

*Despite being in the midst of winter, it's an exciting time of year for most of the Club's Tennis Victoria Pennant teams.*

Finals are within sight and most teams can see the light at the end of another long season.

The Club is fielding 19 men's teams this season and 11 of them have either locked away a top four spot or are on the cusp of the top four heading into the final few rounds.

Matthew Carroll's Grade 1 team has the chance to repeat their pennant winning performance of 2010 despite a long term injury to Mitch Burman.

The continued emergence of Ricky Robertson and Marc Polmans at this level has been extremely impressive and they will play a big part throughout the finals while Anthony Zafiris, Matthew Carroll and Scott McNamara continue to anchor the side.

Currently on top of the ladder, a home final should see this team through to the Tier 2 finals and from there anything is possible.

Matthew Findlay's Grade 1 side is another that could pose problems for teams during the finals.

With a full side on the court they are capable of troubling almost any side in this competition especially with the quality of David Bidmeade leading the youngsters from the front and Daniel Byrnes by his side.

Hopefully we see the best of this side at the business end of the season.

Matthew Nickels' Grade 1 side has been extremely competitive throughout the season but look likely to just miss out the finals.

The performances of the younger boys in this team are encouraging for years to come as Matthew Nickels, James Sheppard, Will Kneale and Lewis Karapanos continue to improve.

In Grade 3, Kooyong has two sides in contention for finals action but they'll be hoping to avoid each other in the semi finals.

Michael Jeffrey's team has been on top of the ladder for the whole season and

looks to be a class above most teams in this section while Joel Wickman's team is heading for its second consecutive finals series as it currently sits in third spot.

Matthew Brown-Greaves' team, although having an excellent season, looks like it will just miss out on the finals in Grade 3 despite the best efforts of both Alexander and Lachlan Puyol who have been the foundation of this team.

In Grade 4, Martin Cassidy's team has battled out the season with some solid wins along the way but won't make the top four this year. They'll be keen to avoid the bottom spot when they play their nearest rivals in the final round.

Big things were expected from our 3 sides in Grade 5 but only Bryce Mitchelson's team will represent the Club when the finals roll around as they sit neatly on top of the ladder.

Cam Taranto's team has been cruelled by injuries and players travelling overseas while Caleb Boland's team has been desperately unlucky in several matches this season and the finals look to be just out of reach.

The fortunes of Ned Whittaker's Grade 6 team have been polar opposites to their Grade 5 counterparts as the team sits clear on top of the ladder despite missing their captain for much of the season.

The continued development of Billy Friend, Dexter Bonet, Aaden Hughes, Will Nichols and Michael Commings together with

Ned Whittaker has been a highlight of an exceptional run and hopefully that continues.

Justin Shepherd's Grade 9 team is another experiencing a great deal of success this season and with a full team on court should be tough to beat in finals.

Martin Kaminsky's continued improvement has helped lift this side into the top four.

In Grade 10, Harrison Young's team looks set to play finals and it's been a fantastic year of development for all of these boys. They've come a long way from their first Pennant season in 2010 and could surprise a few teams in the finals.

In Seniors Pennant, Chris Straford's Grade 1 side looks set to make another grand final if everything goes to plan.

Despite having a different team nearly every week, the team has lost just one game and Warrandyte seems the only challenger capable of stopping them.

Graeme Heath's Grade 1 team should finish the season in seventh spot on the ladder and there's no doubt planning for next season begins now.

In Grade 2 Seniors, Anthony Coxon's team has done a fantastic job in their first season together to still be in the hunt for the top four with a couple of rounds to go.

Barry Evans' Grade 3 Seniors team has been in great form again this season and should sow up a vital home final in the next few weeks.

In Grade 4, James Tulloch's side hasn't had much continuity with players this season and has found the step up from Grade 6 to Grade 4 to be a huge leap. Finals won't be on the schedule this year.

Doug Bell's Grade 5 team continues to cruise along nicely and should finish the season in third spot on the ladder. Two wins on the trot is all that's required from there.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the upcoming finals series and hopefully we'll see a few Pennant flags flying above the bar in late August.

Ricky Robertson ▶





# Teams Making The Most Of Their Opportunities

*Like the men, the Club's 10 women's teams are having a fantastic season when you look at their results to this point and considering the number of quality players that have been overseas or interstate playing tournaments.*

This has opened the door for many of the Club's emerging stars to garner much needed experience in the higher grades and most have shown they are well and truly capable of meeting the challenge.

As the finals approach we have 9 teams either in the top four or capable of making the top four, which is a wonderful achievement by everyone involved this season, and there's a lot to look forward to as the younger girls continue to develop in the coming years.

In Grade 1, Laura McNamara's team is having a near perfect season in defence of the title they won nearly 12 months ago.

With the experience of Karen Kleverlaan, Catherine Louis, Anna Clarkson and the captain, Laura McNamara, coming to the fore, and the continued development of Ashleigh Capannolo and Laura Rabinovich, this side couldn't be better placed.

Also in Grade 1, Kate Antosik's team is having a solid season and currently sits in fourth spot on the ladder but they'll need to get a few wins on the board over the last three rounds to avoid a semi final against Laura McNamara's team.

Molly Polak and Kate Antosik will be vital to this team as they attack the top sides in the finals and if they're in good form then this team could ride all the way to the flag.

Jessie Tamber's Grade 1 team have played short all season but continue to find the wins they need to be in the top four at this stage of the season.

With Belinda Woolcock, Isabelle Wallace Jessie Tamber and Georgiana Ruhrig unavailable for the majority of the year, this team has survived on the spectacular

form of Maddison Springall, Romy Stephens and Elly Fourlis along with various emergencies.

They've done an amazing job to this point and if Isabelle Wallace returns in time for finals they might cause a few teams some headaches at the business end of the season.

Adriana Szili's Grade 1 team has also done a wonderful job throughout a hectic season as they've juggled the availability of junior stars Michaela Capannolo, Brigitte Beck and Annabelle Andrinopoulos.

Isabella Beischer and Grace Nolan have shown they are more than capable at this level and together with the other girls they are capable of big things come finals time.

The captain could be the key to their finals campaign; she's an experienced player and will guide her younger teammates in the right direction, especially in doubles.

In Grade 2, Kate Francis' team is having a fantastic season and is well clear on top of the ladder at this late juncture in the season.

They have a great mix of experience and emerging talent and they could deliver the elusive Grade 2 flag that some of the girls have narrowly missed out on in recent times.

With Natalie Baic, Lucinda McKillop and the captain, Kate Francis, guiding the younger players, Taylor Capannolo, Briony McKenzie and Alana Parnaby, they have a huge opportunity in front of them.

Also in Grade 2, Sophie Grumley's team looks like it will sneak into the top four and from there anything is possible.

This young side has the capacity to beat any team when playing well but they'll have to be at their best without the injured Katerina Valos for the rest of the season.

This is a bitter blow for the team but with Destanne Aiava playing some amazing tennis they might cause an upset or two in the finals.

Siobhan Stagg's Grade 3 team will miss out on the finals this year but as the season has progressed they've shown some good signs.

The younger girls in this team continue to gather more and more experience and they'll no doubt benefit from this in the long term.

Also in Grade 3, Daphne Mantzanidis' team could finish on top of the ladder by the end of the home and away season.

This talented young group seems to be up for any challenge thrown their way and with Daphne, Sara Kyriazopoulos, Vivian Fidantsis, Samyuktha Rajagopalan and Stephenie Serafidis teamed with the experienced Tijana Zoric and Katie Foos they are entitled to be confident.

In Grade 5, Jill Kaminsky's team are still in the hunt for a finals spot but face a tough run over the last few rounds.

This team has featured the emergence of Peta Valos and Cindy Tamber as stars of the future and seen the debut of several girls who have come through the Club's junior teams program.

Their development is exciting for the Club and there looks to be several others capable of making that jump in the next twelve months.

Angela Woodruff's Grade 6 team should finish the season in third spot on the ladder and are likely to face Grace Park in the semi finals.

This team knows what finals are all about having made a long run in this grade just two years ago and their experience could be vital.

We wish all our teams the best of luck for the remainder of the season and the upcoming finals series.



# junior competition news

Kooyong's Junior Competition teams have just completed the Bayside Regional Tennis Association's February to June season with great success.

The Club's 22 teams were well represented in the finals with 12 teams making the top four and 9 teams winning their way through to grand final in seven different sections.

This is fantastic strike rate and shows the continued development of the kids this season and we look forward to their continued improvement in higher grades for the upcoming July to December season.

On Saturday mornings the Club fielded six teams across the two sections, with three teams in Section 1 and three teams in Section 2.



▲ Cory Pabst's Saturday Section 1 team

Corey Pabst's Section 1 team finished the season on top of the ladder and won their semi final before playing Madeleine Bailey's Section 1 team who had also won their semi final.

The grand final went right down to the wire but it was the team of Corey Pabst, Campbell Eade, James McNab, John Amato, Alex Savage and Simon Savage that won by just one game.

Madeleine's team of Sarah Lockwood, Madeleine and Alexandra Bailey, Alexandra McGrath, Olivia McGrath and Sophia McGrath had a fantastic first season in Section 1 despite losing gallantly in the grand final.

In Section 2, Natalie Ronge's team made it all the way to the grand final before going down to Carmelite in another close match.

On Sunday morning the Club fielded 16 teams including two in the top section of the competition.

Scott Kaiser's Section 1 team had a fantastic season and finished the home and away rounds on top of the ladder but unfortunately they ran into Martin Kaminsky's Section 1 side for a nail biting semi final.

Martin's team had a few things fall their way in the lead up to the finals and took full advantage of the situation by winning the all-Kooyong final by a couple of games to move into the final against Dendy Park.

In the grand final, Dendy Park showed their depth with a strong performance to win four rubbers to two.

Hugh Davenport's Section 2 team also made the grand final this season after finishing on top of the ladder.

The team of Jordan Swire, Harry Higgins, Hugh and Kipp Davenport won an extremely close grand final against Glen Eira Beech by just 5 games.

In Section 5, Calum Bennett's team finished in third place on the ladder but unfortunately lost their semi final to Tennis World who went on to win the flag.

Sarah Shellard's Section 7 side had another good season culminating in a grand final appearance against Beaumaris Lawn Tennis Club. Unfortunately the team from Beaumaris was too good on the day.



▲ Erin Ronge's Sunday Section 8 team

The Club had three teams in Section 8 and all three made it through to the semi finals and two played off against each other in the grand final.

Erin Ronge's team of Will Swansson, Jessica Garzarella, Erin Ronge, Quentin Zeigler, Stephanie Hird, Maddy Maren and Harriet Davenport finished on top of the ladder and faced Lachlan Goller's team in the semi final and there wasn't much separating the two sides but Erin's team was able to move through to the grand final by winning 4 rubbers to 2.

In the other semi final, Henry Marcel's team of Sam Quinn, Henry, Harry Atkins, Nick Pullen, Cate Vesely, Laura Hallam and Katya Foster was able to defeat St Louis de Mont to make the all-Kooyong final a reality.

The final was another nail biter as it came down to the last rubber of the day with both teams equal on games and it was Will Swansson who defeated Sam Quinn to help Erin Ronge's team win the grand final by two games.

In Section 10, Alex Main's team knocked off the top team from Tennis World in the semi final but unfortunately ran into a red hot Dendy Park side in the grand final.

Congratulations to all the kids that represented the Club in the February to June season and we look forward to the start of the July to December season with great anticipation.

The Club will have 7 teams competing on a Saturday morning and 16 again on a Sunday morning.

Any kids, either members or on the waiting list, wanting to get involved in competition tennis at the Club should contact Daniel O'Neill on 9822 3333 for more information.

Kooyong vs Royal South Yarra Junior Round Robin

The Club hopes to host the kids from Royal South Yarra later in the year so keep an eye out for letters inviting you to play in what should be a fun event.

Our kids had a great time when they travelled to Royal South Yarra last year and are sure to enjoy the return bout here at Kooyong.



▲ Hugh Davenport's Sunday Section 2 team



▲ Martin Kaminsky's Sunday Section 1 team



▲ Natalie Ronge's Saturday Section 2 team



# PENNANT PROFILES



**NAME: RICKY ROBERTSON**

**AGE: 17    GRADE: 1 PENNANT    PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH**

**AUSTRALIAN RANKING:**

**184**

## TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

### SINGLES

- Vic Metro AMT Series #4 - BOROONDARA, VIC-QUATER FINAL
- Diadora AMT Classic - BOROONDARA, VIC-SEMI FINAL
- Rosebud Claycourt Championships, QUARTER FINAL
- Alpha Facilities AR Series #1-QUARTER FINAL
- VF Trainor Trophies #2-SEMI FINAL

### DOUBLES

- Gosford AMT Platinum #1- SEMI FINAL
- Alpha Facilities AR Series #1-SEMI FINAL

## MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

Rafael Nadal, he works so hard on and off the court. He has a great attitude and always plays to his strengths. What I most admire about Nadal is how he wears his opponents into the ground.

## GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

My parents and Emily Arnott, my parents have supported me since I started playing tennis and encouraged me to follow my dream. Emily has helped me improve my game and fitness a great deal.

## GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

The 2008 Wimbledon final. Nadal beating Federer 9/7 in the fifth set.

## WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

My goal is to play futures events after I finish school and try to be ranked inside the top 100 so I can play the Australian Open.

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

I enjoy being part of a team; it creates a good competitive environment, team members fire each other up and most of the time it produces high quality tennis.

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

I would be playing footy.

## WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF TENNIS?

I play basketball and go down to the beach a lot.

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

16 hours per week.

## SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

You have to be disciplined, organise school work so you have time for tennis. Sometimes give up weekends/weeknights with friends. You also have to eat well and work on your strength and cardio.



**NAME: ROMY STEPHENS**

**AGE: 15    GRADE: 1 PENNANT    PLAY L/H OR R/H: RH**

**AUSTRALIAN RANKING:**

**203**

## TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

Was number one 11 year old in Victoria August- November 2006, Won Junior Pennant 2007 and runner up 2008, won Kooyong's Most Improved Pennant Player 2009, Runner up singles /winner doubles 2010 Victorian Junior Hardcourts, member of 2011 Victorian Pizzey Cup team where we won the silver medal, Won 2011 Waverley Gold AMT Doubles with Laura Mcnamara and placed top 10 at two Nationals.

## MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

Maria Sharapova because my coach (Michael Baroch) worked with her and I know how slight and small she was when she was younger and how hard she had to work to achieve her goals.

## GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

Mum, Dad and my coach Michael Baroch. Mum and Dad because of all the time they have put into me driving everywhere/helping me train etc and Michael because he has always believed in me and given me so much inner strength and a positive attitude.

## GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

Cadel Evans (who was a former student at my school) winning 2011 Tour De France.

## WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

I would love to play on the circuit and travel the world doing what I love. Hopefully playing College tennis in the US.

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

Playing for Kooyong is such a privilege. I also love the friendships I have made at this club and always look forward to Saturday mornings.

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

Either a ballet dancer or a writer. I was a published author at 9 years old!

## WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF TENNIS?

I play competition netball and volleyball at national level. Also like to keep up my writing, I play the flute and love going to the footy when I can.

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

I try to go to gym 3 times a week, train for tennis at least 8 to 10 hours a week.

## SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

Going out with friends and to parties, sometimes missing school and going to football matches.



## Kooyong International Tennis Academy

### KITA Stars Program

KITA is now offering a new & Innovative Balls Skills and Tennis Program – KITA Stars for our tennis stars of the future, beginning in Term 3 2011. KITA Stars is targeting the 3-5 year old age bracket, to encourage kids to start playing tennis at the early age.

KITA will be aiming at developing children's all important hand eye co-ordination, reaction and movement skills to prepare children for learning specific tennis skills as they grow older. Children will learn basic skills to play real tennis and naturally progress to the next level of junior tennis development.

Equipment and activities will be tailored specifically for the 3-5 year old age group. Smaller court space, light weight tennis rackets, low compression tennis balls that move slower and require less force to fit.

New students who sign up will receive a free Junior Tennis Racket!

KITA Stars will be run:

<b>Monday</b>	9:30-10:15am
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30-10:15am
<b>Friday</b>	10:00-10:45am

*\* times / days subject to change depending on number of applicants. \*Where required at the completion of the session the coach can check the children into crèche.*

### KITA Travel Team

In April 2011 KITA took its first team of players away to compete in the Sunraysia Junior Grasscourt Championships in Mildura. This was a Bronze level Australian Ranking point's tournament, where the players had the opportunity to boost or gain their rankings.

The team was accompanied by KITA coaches Kate Antosik and Greg Wikman. The team travelled by mini bus to Mildura, where they stayed in a 4 bedroom house where they lived and worked together as a team.

This being KITA's first trip away, the kids and the coaches had a blast with all the kids saying they would love to be part of the future travel teams. All the players were very well behaved, focused on their tennis and put in 100% in all areas. Congratulations to all the players!!

### The team and the results;

**Ned Hummerston** - U/10 Singles Placed 4th, U/10 Doubles Runner Up, U/10 Mixed Doubles Runner Up

**Blake Crouch** - U/12 Singles Consolation Winner, U/12 Doubles Winner with Calum Bennett, U/12 Mixed Doubles Winner with Sarah Cameron

**Calum Bennett** - U/12 Singles Quarter Finalist, U/12 Doubles Winner with Blake Crouch

**Alex Main** - U/14 Singles Placed 5th

**Sam Liebelt** - U/14 Singles Placed 3rd, U/14 Mixed Doubles Runner Up

**Harrison Young** - U/16 Singles Quarter Finalist, U/16 Doubles Runner Up

**Sarah Cameron** - U/12 Singles Quarter Finalist, U/12 Mixed Doubles Winner with Blake Crouch

**Matteo Savio** - U/12 Singles Consolation Semi-Finalist

**Dina Gregg** - U/14 Singles Monrad Consolation Semi-Finalist

During the July School Holidays KITA players were competing in various tournaments throughout the State.

The following players, whom are part of the Performance Squad Program, will be competing;

**U/10 Events** – John Amato, Hannah Williams, Tom Hird & Ned Hummerston

**U/12 Events** – Calum Bennett, Blake Crouch, Matteo Savio, Steph Hird & Anna Ponnampalam

**U/14 Events** – Maddie Bailey, Alex Bailey, Nicole Kaminsky, Jess Garzarella, Alex Bielinski & Ganesh Ponnampalam

**Open Events** – Alex Bielinski

During the first week head coach, Greg Wikman, accompanied players to Warrnambool to compete in the Warrnambool Indoor Winter Junior Championships, whilst in the second week KITA coach, Kate Antosik, accompanied players to Bendigo to compete in the Bendigo Tennis Association Winter Australian Money Tournament.

### Ladies Clinic Program

**Monday 9:30-11:30am  
& Wednesday 9:30-11:00am**

The ladies clinic program has always been popular and there are limited spaces available. This is a great environment for players whom may want to return to tennis after a break, are a beginner or a competition player right up to Section 1 and Pennant.

The ladies clinics involve technical, tactical and fitness based activities to meet the individual group abilities. Places are booking up fast so be sure to get in early!



# Midweek Ladies Report



The Club's Midweek Ladies teams have just completed another very successful February to June season in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association.

On Tuesday mornings, Kate Wraith-Bell's Section 1 team finished the season in fifth while Jacqui Abbott's Section 2 team finished on top of the ladder but unfortunately lost their grand final after a lengthy delay due to inclement weather.

On Thursday mornings, Kris Tulloch's Section A team finished fourth but lost their semi final against Eaglemont.

In Section 1, Sue Lester's team (pictured left) finished second and knocked off the top side, St Paul's No 1, in the grand final while

Rebecca Diederich's team finished in fifth spot in the same section.

Heather Anderson's Section 2 team (pictured middle) also finished in second spot and were able to go through and win the grand final against the top side from Wellington.

In Section 4, Cate Robinson's team finished the season just out side the top four while the Club won another pennant in Section 5.

Anne Fitzpatrick's Section 5 side (pictured right) finished on top of the ladder and defeated the third placed side from East Malvern in the grand final.

In the Waverley and Districts Association, Wendy Johnson's A Reserve 1 team

finished eighth in their first season across in a new competition and have now been joined in Waverley by Mandy Lugg's team.

On Tuesday mornings in the MEMRLTA competition, the Club has three teams currently in the middle of the winter season.

Judy Mullen's A1 Gold team currently sits in sixth position on the ladder while Sue Taylor's A1 Blue team sits just one spot above them in fifth spot.

In A6, Sandra Daly's team are in good form and look to be a chance to win another pennant for the Club as they sit in second spot at this stage.

Congratulations to all our teams who have just completed their season especially those that won their respective pennants.

## THE PRO SHOP

### KLTC MERCHANDISE

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# SQUASH NEWS



## PENNANT

*The Autumn pennant season finished in June. After 14 rounds of pennant Kooyong had 8 teams make the finals.*

Each grade has eight teams, the team finishing on top go straight into the grand final, teams who finish second and third play off for the right to play the number one team for the blue pennant flag. The A grade final was held at Kooyong, after winning the semi final our Kooyong team was beaten in the final, it won't happen again was the cry from the bar. Our B2 and D1 teams were unfortunately beaten in the semis and did not make the final.



The surprise of the finals was all the C grade teams winning the final, C1, C2, C3, the C1 and C3 teams finished on top, the C2 team had to battle through a semi and then went on to win the flag. In F grade our team won the flag for the second time in two seasons, a great result. Teams have already been selected and submitted for the Spring season which kicks off on August 1.

## VICTORIAN OPEN

*The Victorian Open was a fantastic event held recently at MSAC with over 50% percent of participants from overseas.*

It was also great to see Kooyong's Melody Francis win the women's Open trophy and continue her run of great results. During the event Kooyong Squash Members looked after a number of the visitors and many of them trained and used the Kooyong facilities. Members were not surprised at the feedback from visitors; in general the message was that we have a fantastic club with state of art facilities for sporting people. I think we would all agree with them.

## OUR GIRLS

*Some major highlights concerning Kooyong pennant players, we can now boast of a number of additional Internationals.*

### Selena Shaikh

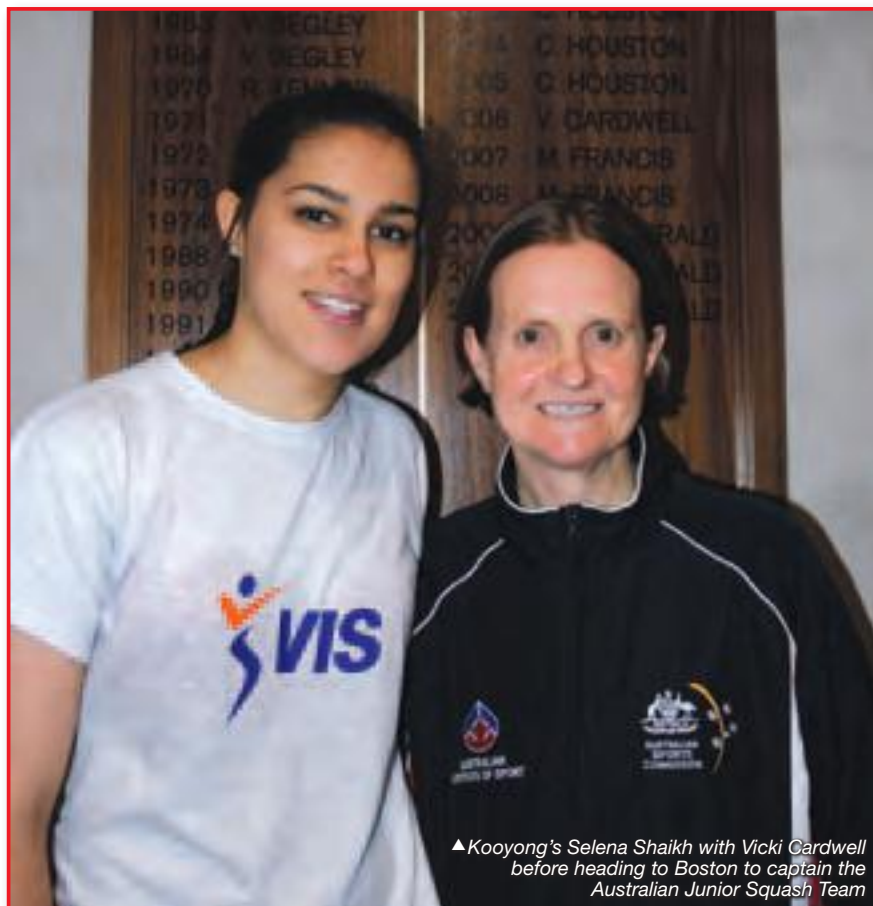
18 year old junior, who was introduced to squash at Kooyong when she was 13, looked promising so a sponsorship program was initiated. We were ecstatic when news was received recently that Selena had been chosen in the Junior Womens Team representing Australia in the Women's World Junior Squash Championships. Those Championships will be held at the prestigious Harvard University Boston, USA. If we thought that was great, what about this. Selena was appointed CAPTAIN of the Australian team, what a thrill, what an achievement, how many sports players earn the right to Captain their team representing Australia, and she is Kooyong's Selena and just turned 18. Go Selena Go!

### Melody Francis

Incredibly hard working, training is 100% squash dedicated. Has just added the Victorian Open Trophy to her earlier achievements in the South Australian and Millicent Opens. Ranked number five in Australia and moving up the International rankings, played tournaments in Hong Kong and India this year, will play many other international events throughout the year. All our world ranked players will be heading to Canberra for the Australian Open in August.

### Lisa Camilleri

Currently ranked 28 in the World, had a great 2010 and is following that form up in 2011. Winner of the ACT open, City Of Perth International and the Westerfolds WISPA World tour. Semi Finalist in the Indian and Hong Kong WISPA world tour events. Also heading for the Australian Open and then to Europe and the USA for International Tournaments.



▲ Kooyong's Selena Shaikh with Vicki Cardwell before heading to Boston to captain the Australian Junior Squash Team



# KLTC SOCIAL COMMITTEE



## RSY/KLTC Tennis Day

The RSY/KLTC Tennis was a resounding success with over 60 people in attendance, and despite showers the night before restricting play to the entoucas courts, we managed to put on a fantastic day.

Due to the weather we unfortunately clashed with the Alicia Molik Cup players, but thanks to Tennis Victoria and their great crew we all managed to have a great time. Thanks go to the Committee and the Club catering for all their great efforts under difficult conditions on the day.

RSY won the tournament on the day with a great score, but it was a close affair, and I am sure KLTC will be out to reclaim the trophy when we play at RSY next year.

## Wimbeldon Trivia Night

The trivia Night held recently on June 24th was attended by 130 people and was a fantastic event. Our professional Quiz master managed to keep everyone happy and guessing, and ensured competition was fierce indeed.

A huge thank you must go to Janet Wainwright for all her fantastic work, as well as Jenny Silvers, Rowan Harris, Tanya Fryc, Cindi Damien, Frankie Katz who did a great job securing the quizmaster/numbers and also to the Club, all of whom helped enormously to make a great event.

Judging by the popularity we would suggest another Trivia night (different theme) for next year's calendar, let's know your thoughts?



## Friday Footy Fever

Coming up we have the Footy Fever at Kooyong on Friday the 26th of August, so come along and join the normal Happy Hour. It would be a great opportunity to meet lots of people. Drinks will be at bar prices – so come along and show your colours.

## JJ Tennis Tournament

The JJ Tennis Tournament on October 23rd is a wonderful day, and testimony to this was the 60 plus attendees last year. So please ensure that if you wish to play to submit your form early to avoid disappointment as places will be limited. It is always a fantastic day and a prime opportunity to meet others.

## Cool Xmas Jazz

Preparations are also underway for the Xmas Jazz Cocktail Party on Friday 24th November 2011, and I am pleased to announce we have managed to secure a fantastic band for the night, none other than Bobby Valentine & The Providers. They are a fantastic band and extremely well known around Melbourne.

This will ensure a fabulous night of cocktail food and drinks along with fabulous entertainment for a great night out. So be early and invite your friends to this event.

Flyers will be about shortly, so I would urge you to mark this in your diary and get your forms in very quickly once we have this publicised, as it will fill up fast. Dress will be "Cool" smart casual with a touch of Xmas. So, dust off your Ray bans and head for the cool sounds of Xmas Jazz at Kooyong.

We are also pleased to advise that we have two new committee members Cindi Damien (whose work on our flyers and wine labels has been fantastic) and also Frankie Katz for her great efforts. This is very encouraging and we welcome all suggestions from interested people.

In addition we are working on next years calendar of events for 2012, so if you have some suggestions here also, please let us know.

**David Hadley**  
President



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# CRÈCHE NEWS !

The Kooyong Crèche provides a happy, safe and nurturing environment for children whilst parents make the most of the Club's facilities. For more details and to arrange a tour, please contact the pro-shop.

## CRÈCHE SESSION TIMES & FEES

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 2011 is \$65, with a session fee of \$11 per child.

## RECENT SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING

**Parents Tennis Night** – Friday 1st April. At our first tennis night for the year, we enjoyed a relaxed hit of tennis, followed

by drinks and dinner in the bistro to raise funds for the crèche. A fun night was had by the 10 ladies who attended, and by the two gentlemen.

## DIARY DATES

Please diarise the social and fundraising events we have planned for this year, and come along and support the crèche:

**Parents Dinner** - Friday 12th August  
It will be cold outside so let's forget the tennis and enjoy a 3 course dinner and drinks in the Racquet Club.

**Ladies Tennis Night** - Friday 9th September. Tennis followed by dinner. Leave the kids with dad, have fun on the courts and enjoy dinner with the girls.

**Parents Tennis Night** - Friday 21st October. Tennis followed by dinner. Leave the kids with dad or with a babysitter if he wants to come along too, play some doubles and then enjoy drinks and dinner.

**Crèche Committee AGM** - Wednesday 25th October. If you're interested in joining the committee, please come along. We'd love to have some new committee members.

**Kooyong Children's Christmas Party** - Sunday 27th November. An annual tradition – a wonderful party to celebrate Christmas for the children of Kooyong members (not just Crèche children) and their non-member friends, suitable for children 6 years and under.

**Samantha Wood** President

## Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

The **Royal Children's Hospital** Melbourne



*The first six months of 2011 have been very successful for our Royal Children's Hospital Committee's fundraising efforts.*

The Ladies Doubles Tournament in March drew a large entry from country clubs, 250 players, and this was followed up by a good attendance at the first Card day in April.

Both functions combined raised in excess of \$10,000 which is an excellent result.

In addition, we conducted an Easter Raffle, which proved very popular with our friends and club members, and we thank them all for their support.

Unfortunately, we have had to make some changes to our

## Events Calendar:

**Monday 22nd August** – Card Day rescheduled for Monday 19th September in the Kooyong Room

A new concept to our functions this year will be a Trivia Night to be held in the Kooyong Room on Friday 21st October at 7.30pm priced at \$35pp.

This promises to be a great Club night for all members and their friends, featuring questions on sport, races, footy etc. and many other surprises. Please check our noticeboard in the foyer for further details.

Also make a note of our Christmas function, a Sunday lunch in December.

We look forward to welcoming our good friends to our forthcoming events.

**Marie Devereux**  
President

▲ Top: The raffle table from the April Card Day  
◀ Left: The Ladies Tennis Day in March



# BILLIARDS & SNOOKER

Many of you will have seen the Fox Sports coverage of the Goldfields Open Snooker tournament held in Bendigo from 18 – 24 July.

Kooyong member and Australia's top amateur player, Steve Mifsud received a wildcard entry to this event and played some quality snooker before losing 5-2 to Dominic Dale in the first round.

Dale then went on to beat Australia's former world champion Neil Robertson 5-4 in an epic last sixteen final encounter. The week was an orgy of high class play, featuring 25 century breaks.

The previous week Robertson and Mifsud teamed up to represent Australia

in the Snooker World Cup in Thailand, reaching the quarter final before being knocked out by Wales (boasting the aforementioned Dale, and world number one Mark Williams).

The 2011 Club Snooker Championship has reached the semi-final stage, with some top seeds being eliminated in the early rounds.

This year's more widely publicised tournament attracted 19 entries, and the high break thus far is a solid 65 from octogenarian legend Harry Andrews.

The 2011 club Billiards Championship will be held in October / November, and entry information will be posted in

the Billiards Room and around the club shortly.

Increased interest from members has allowed us to field a second pennant team for the first time in many years.

The 4 player C Grade snooker team will commence hostilities on Monday 8 August, with a squad almost entirely new to competitive play. Keep still on the shot!

The A Grade Billiards team play on Wednesdays, and is confidently expecting to improve on last year's third placing in what is a strong (and geographically challenging) competition.

## Bridge Club News

Our Bridge Club just keeps thriving. Roger, our Secretary, reported at our last Meeting that we had 140 Members.

Congratulations to the following Members who have improved their rankings:

### National Masters:

Susie Hawkins,  
Virginia Rugless.

### Regional Master:

Carolyn Righetti

### Local Master:

Wilson Chan,  
Jeanette Sheehan,  
Jules Stewart

### Graduate Master:

Felicity Batchelor,  
Deb Fogarty and Eva Taylor

The three week competition for the Borin Trophy was held in June/July and the trophy was won by Paulina Baker and Maggie Kelly, with runners-up being Susie Hawkins and Leeron Branicki.

Kooyong has maintained its Bridge reputation by emerging winners in the

Teams match at Royal South Yarra Bridge Club at the event held in May.

The Club also was involved in the May "Bridge for Brain Research" in which Bridge Clubs from all over Australia play the same set of hands.

Our first major social event focusing on the Monday Bridge Group was held in June being a two course Luncheon followed by Red Point Duplicate.

As it was a huge success it is expected that it will become an annual event on the Bridge Calendar.

Among the winners on that occasion were: Paulina Baker/Barbara Lovell, Neville/Olwen Houghton, Nancy Tacey/Val Miles, Leeron/Alf Branicki. The Best Kooyong Pair were Anne Bean/Anne Yates.

A reminder to everyone to keep an eye on the Events Calendar as changes do occur. Notifications appear on the Main Notice Board and on the website.

Lessons with Jeff Fust continue to be held on the third Monday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

Supervised Bridge that was being run concurrently with Monday Duplicate Sessions has been discontinued and Members are encouraged to take Supervised Sessions elsewhere then return to us when they are ready for Duplicate.

Monday Duplicate is weekly at 12.20 p.m. and Tuesday Duplicate is weekly at 7.20 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting will be on the 18th of October, and the Annual Congress will be on Sunday 13th of November this year.

**Leeron Branicki** President



▲Paulina Baker and Maggie Kelly, winners of the Borin Trophy



▲Teck Chan and Susie Hawkins, Kooyong Members at the Royal South Yarra Match

# Wine & FOOD

## SOCIETY

While Brian and I were overseas visiting family and a new grandson, the Committee organised a highly successful dinner at Zio's in East Melbourne. Graham Schmidt and Christine Johnson were responsible for the food and wine selection and Susan Young was Function Secretary.

When I returned in mid June the Committee had everything in hand for the Winemaker's Dinner to be held in the Racquet Club on July 1st.

It proved to be a wonderful evening and unfortunately a few members and guests had to miss out as we were overbooked.

When it is our major function for the year we need to hold the numbers in the Racquet Club down to 60 as it becomes difficult for the Kitchen to maintain the very high standard they set themselves if the numbers increase beyond this point.

Please make sure you get your bookings in early to avoid disappointment.

Our Executive Chef, Chris Goulding, was not able to arrive home from Vietnam until the morning after the function as he was on a special chefs only tour of Vietnam including master classes and visits to many restaurants.

His pre-planning and trust in his staff were rewarded. Roxanne Flores prepared the canapés, Matteo and Steve were responsible for the entrées and Russell was in charge of the desserts and petit fours and the charming chocolate flowers that were brought out as we were leaving.

It was a sumptuous meal and we were probably overfed. The pressed venison shanks, although delicious with a rich and robust flavour, were beyond the capacity of many of the ladies.

I did notice that some of the gentlemen "valiantly" removed the evidence from their partner's plate!

I must admit, when I was leaving at the end of the night I absconded with some of the petit fours and flowers after first checking that there were plenty left for the hard working Racquet Club and kitchen staff.

They are to be congratulated for their attentive service and care of us and Patrice and Chris Brown should be very proud of the way they all handled the evening.

Matteo and Steve came out and spoke to us about the food preparation and a number of the guests asked them more detailed questions.

Later in the evening, our chefs, Matteo, Steve, Russell and Matthew, came out to accept our thanks to the kitchen staff and to answer some more questions.

Patrice Renaudin, Kooyong's Food and Beverage Manager, suggested Buller Wines of Rutherglen and Beverford, out from Swan Hill, as suppliers of the wines for the dinner.

Their Rutherglen vineyard was purchased ninety years ago and the vineyard at Beverford sixty years ago. Members of the family are still heavily involved in the growing and processing of the vines.

Their Winemaker, David Darlow, Angela Buller, Julie Howard and Paul Crowe all attended the dinner and David explained the provenance of each wine over the course of the evening and answered a number of questions from the guests.

Having additional representatives from the winery meant that several tables had the pleasure of accessing their knowledge. The wines were well received and it was a treat to have a sparkling burgundy blended from three back vintages and released in 2005 – a full-bodied sparkling red.

Buller Wines generously provided additional wines as table prizes and after a wine quiz a member of Fleur Cameron's table took home a very fine mature Muscat. Once again Patrice turned up trumps for us.

The President of the Club, Ian Hill and his wife, Amy, came as our guests and Chris Brown, our Chief Executive Officer, despite being unwell and unable to stay for the dinner, came at the beginning and met the winery representatives. The Society really appreciates the acknowledgement and support we receive from both Ian and Chris.

Our next Function will be held on about the 7th of September at an outside venue and as soon as the date and location are finalised it will be shown on the Wine and Food Society section of the Noticeboard near the Members' Lounge.

The End of Year/Christmas Function will be held in the Racquet Club on Saturday, 26th November.

**Mary Hoban**  
President

Following is the Menu served at the dinner:

### *On Arrival*

Sliced Woodridge smoked ocean trout in a savoury cone with crème fraîche, salmon caviar and young herbs.

2006 Buller Wines 'Reginald Langdon Buller' Sparkling Pinot Noir/Chardonnay, Indigo Valley

Bouillabaisse: fresh blue swimmer crab and ginger bisque with seared red mullet, fricassee of local calamari and saffron angel hair pasta

2009 Buller Wines 'Beverford' Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc, Swan Hill

Boned and roasted Yarra Valley free range quail with herb bread stuffing, roasted baby pears and a truffle broth

NV Buller Wines 'Reginald Langdon Buller' Sparkling Burgundy, Rutherglen

Slow cooked New Zealand venison Ballantine wrapped in pancetta with parsnip puree, sage, roasted baby carrots, beetroot and thyme jus

2009 Buller Wines 'Langdon' Cabernet S./Merlot, Petit Verdot, King Valley

2009 Buller Wines 'Langdon' Shiraz, Rutherglen

Sides – Roasted baby King Edward potatoes with tomatoes, thyme and garlic

Steamed green baby beans with Persian feta and toasted flaked almonds

Buller Wines – Mystery Wine

Honey poached pear, served with mascarpone, lemon sponge and orange Muscat sorbet

2010 Buller Wines 'Beverford' Botrytis Semillon, Swan Hill



▲ Winemaker David Darlow



# HEALTH CLUB NEWS

## SUCCESS STORY

*Kooyong health club has more and more success stories. An increased number of members of all fitness levels and age groups are utilising resistance training. In a world class facility, where comradeship and a supportive atmosphere are part of the club culture. Riley Anderson is an experienced personal trainer at the club with a fun and outgoing personality. He has made an amazing change to Leanne Chan's Fitness, here is her story.*



### How did you feel prior to starting Personal Training with the Riley?

Overweight. I was running 7 times a week and not eating much, but the excess weight wasn't shifting. I felt as though all the running was ruining my already fragile knees.

### Why did you start Personal Training?

I had seen other members training and I wanted to learn how to do weight training. I was getting bored with running 7 days a week and my weight wasn't shifting and had read about the benefits of mixing cardio with weight training.

### How did you find the training once you got started?

I didn't know how long it would take to start to see results. I was initially impatient and didn't see much progress and wondered why we weren't using more machines; however my weight dropped 5kg in a matter of months.

### When did you start to see results?

I noticed my arms and shoulders started to look stronger and more defined a few months later, looking in the mirror during a group exercise class. During the same class a woman asked where she could get arms like mine. Coming into summer, the sleeveless season, my girlfriends started to notice my now fabulous looking arms and shoulders.

### What about your legs?

I have always had "bad knees", not helped by jogging 7 days a week, 10kms a day and countless group exercise classes. They were fragile and easily strained, and often were sore at night. When Riley introduced squats, I thought "my knees are bad enough".

### What do you think about the exercise (Squats)?

When I learnt correct technique my knees became stronger and more stable, and the swelling, which was a regular occurrence began to disappear. This was fantastic, I never had confidence in my knees, and they were always holding

me back. I was surprised by my ability to increase the weight on the squats as my knees kept improving. I realise my knees will never be 100%, but the squats have given me the confidence that I never had before.

### Tell me about your operation.

In May 2010 I had an operation on my left knee, I had a long overdue arthroscopy, clean up of osteoarthritis and bone re-sculpture, my 3rd knee operation in 10 years. The thought of 10 steps back after coming so far was depressing. What could I do while hobbling around on crutches?

The rehab was longer than expected compared to previous operations when I was younger. After following the prescribed and frustratingly conservative rehabilitation program for 12 weeks, we took a more progressive approach, and saw a dramatic improvement in the strength and stability of the left knee, and began to walk again shortly thereafter.

### What kept you motivated when you were feeling down during rehab?

Even though my performance was far from inspiring compared to pre-op, Riley assured me that I would return to and surpass previous fitness levels, he gave me hope. Riley pushed me to improve every time, whilst being wary of my limitations. The sessions were also quite enjoyable, Riley was a barrel of laughs, but never lost sight of the goal for each session.

### What have you achieved with professional guidance?

- I can do Chin Ups
- Deadlift 90kg
- I have the confidence to try anything that comes my way, after beginning from no weight training experience.
- I have lost 5 Kg in body fat.

### What are your Future goals?

- Do more Chin Ups in a row
- Improve deadlift strength and technique
- Bodyweight Bench Press
- Keep progressing
- Look fabulous

### What do you like about Kooyong Health Club?

- A friendly safe environment which allows various facets of exercise for the casual to keen member
- The members have gym etiquette which is not common amongst the bigger franchise gyms
- Modern & clean
- The view is nice and a picturesque, the outlook encourages the person who is training
- The staff are always keen to help with any gym question you have

### What is your message to members who want to start training in the gym?

I absolutely recommend personal training to Kooyong members, especially those who are facing physical challenges or are stuck in an old-stale routine.

Members interested in weight loss, strength and conditioning, injury rehabilitation, general fitness, or personal training. Contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on

0419 003 762 / 9822 3333

**Leanne Chan with  
Riley Anderson**

True Inspiration  
– Leanne Chan



# Diary dates

August 2011 - December 2011

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Join us on facebook to keep up to date with events, invites and the latest young members news  
<http://groups.to/youngmembers/>  
 \*for all KLTC members aged 18-40ish

*August*

1st

New Members' Night

12th

President's Lunch featuring  
Damien Oliver & Mick Molloy



12th

Crèche Parents' Dinner  
in the Racquet Club

26th

Social Committee  
Friday Footy Fever  
Night

*September*

4th

Father's Day Buffet  
Lunch

7th

Wine & Food Society  
Function

9th

Crèche Ladies  
Tennis Night

16th

Year 8 Party. Download  
the booking form from  
our website  
[www.kooyong.com.au](http://www.kooyong.com.au)

19th

Royal Children's  
Hospital Auxiliary  
Card Day

*October*

18th

Bridge Club Annual  
General Meeting



21st

Royal Children's  
Hospital Auxiliary  
Trivia Night

21st

Crèche Parents  
Tennis Night

23rd

Social Committee's JJ  
Tennis Tournament

27th

KLTC Annual  
General Meeting

*November*

13th

Bridge Annual  
Congress

17th

The Tennis Legends'  
Lunch featuring Mark  
Edmondson and  
Chris O'Neil

24th

Social Committee's Cool  
Christmas Jazz Cocktail  
Party featuring Bobby  
Valentine & The Providers

25th

Crèche Committee  
Annual General  
Meeting

26th

Wine & Food Society  
Christmas Function in  
the Racquet Club

*17th December*

Crèche Kids  
Christmas Party

**FATHER'S DAY  
LUNCHEON**  
Sunday 4th September

The Kooyong Room  
12pm - 3pm

Buffet Lunch with drinks  
at bar prices

\$60 Adults, \$35 Kids  
(Under 15 years of age)

Contact reception for more  
details on 9822 3333







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