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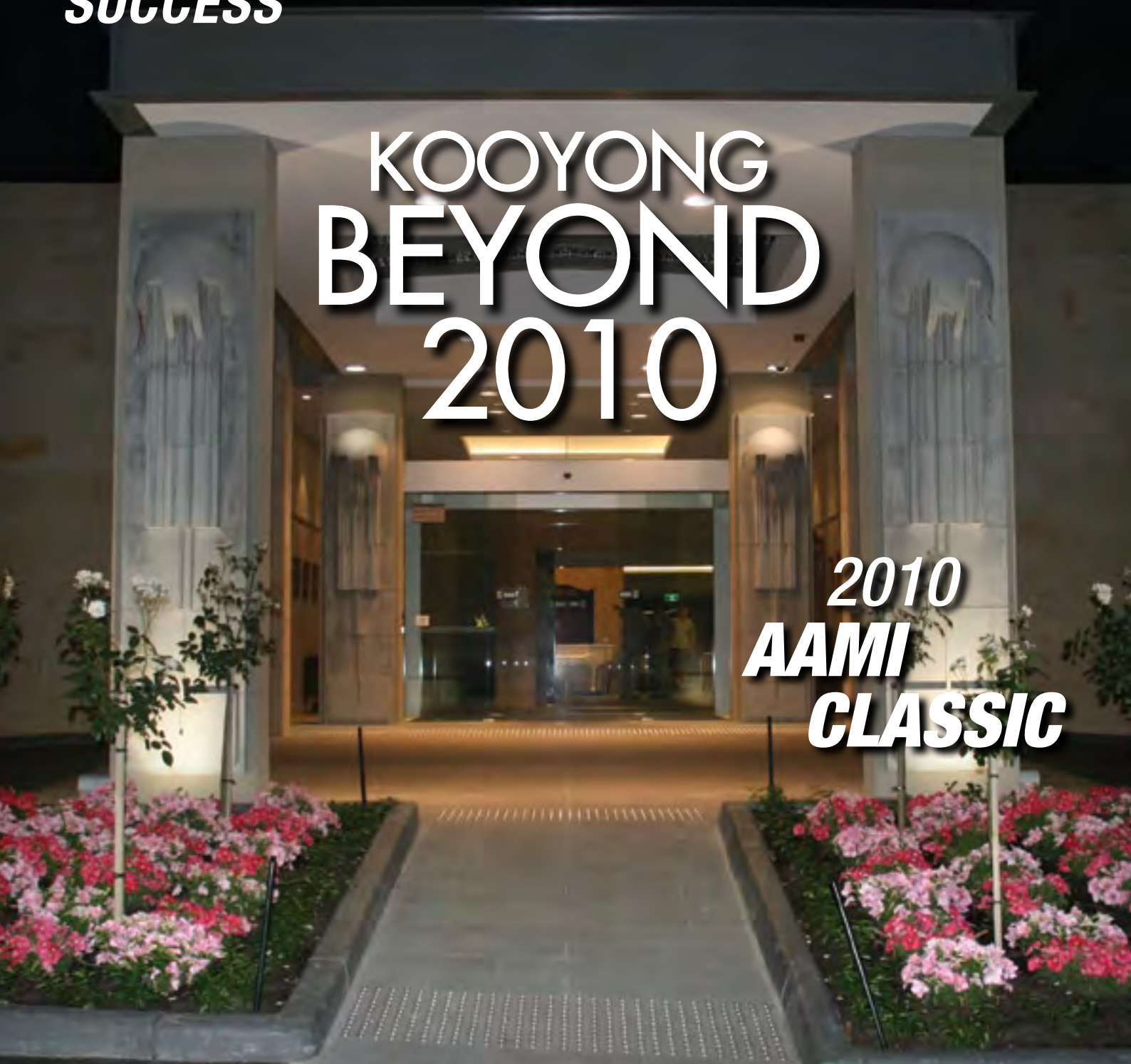
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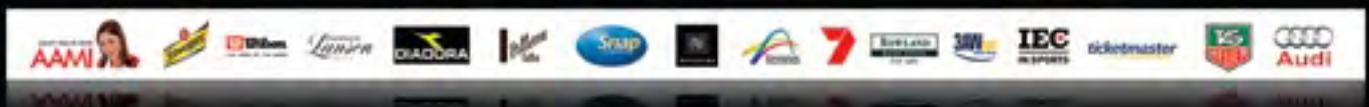
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More than 23,000 medals were awarded during the nine-day event and Kooyong was well represented in the seventh Games, which started in Toronto in 1985.

Our Squash Chairman and former KLTC Committee Member, Bert Armstrong, was heavily involved in October as he prepared to compete in his seventh World Masters Games.

As the only person to have competed at every World Masters Games since Toronto, Bert was given the honour of reading the Validation Oath to open the Games in front of 50,000 competitors and spectators at the Sydney Olympic Stadium.

"I was a bit apprehensive when approached by the organising committee knowing it would be late in the evening and probably with marginal lighting, making reading a bit difficult for an old boiler but the speech, simplistically written by Peter Fitzsimons, thankfully, was on a parchment scroll in letters 20mm high."

"The Oath was also preceded by the best rendition of our national anthem I've ever heard, sung in two tongues, quite moving, and it certainly loosened me up for my gig," said Bert.

Bert topped off this amazing experience by winning the gold medal in the over 65's and he was presented with his medal by a very familiar face.

As President of the Australian Masters Squash Association and a previous gold medal winner in Toronto and Brisbane, KLTC Member Peter Wright presented Bert with his gold medal.

Another star of the squash courts here at Kooyong also won a gold medal and added to her two British Opens and five World Championships, Sarah Fitz-Gerald was successful in the over 40's event.

Sarah was in super form throughout the event and showed she is still in amazing shape by winning the tournament without losing a game.

Congratulations to both Bert and Sarah on their wonderful achievements and to any other Members who may have taken part in this wonderful sporting event.



Kooyong's Bert Armstrong read out the Validation Oath at the recent World Masters Games. Inset: Bert received his gold medal from fellow Kooyong member Peter Wright.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Last year I had the good fortune to visit Gaudi's most famous building, the Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. It made me somewhat anxious to learn, on the eve of commencing our own building program at Kooyong, that work on Gaudi's building commenced in 1883 and continues to this day.

While not on the same scale as Gaudi's masterpiece, it has still been a major feat of design and construction to achieve practical completion of our Clubhouse in less than eleven months.

The builders will hand over remaining areas prior to Christmas in time for Members to enjoy the magnificent new facilities over the summer. Small amounts of finishing work will complete the project in the New Year.

The Clubhouse terraces overlook the courts and provide magnificent views and facilities to enjoy. Now that our grass courts are back in play for the season and complimented by the new Clubhouse, the benefits of a Kooyong membership are even more substantial. There are many good times ahead for Members to enjoy with family and friends.

This has been a busy year with a number of challenges. I congratulate the Committees and staff on their efforts and achievements.

In closing I wish Members a very enjoyable and safe festive period. We very much look forward to great times at Kooyong in 2010.



Chris Brown
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Kooyong – Beyond 2010

The run up to the end of the year at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club has been exceptionally busy. Our builders have been working hard to handover the last areas of the Clubhouse during December 2009 following completion of stage one works at the end of September.

Despite the building work, Member use of the Club has been strong during the renovation period and, with the grass courts now in play, activity around the Club has picked up even further.

The warmer weather has turned Member attention to the new balconies with great expectations of a more comfortable and spacious area than was previously available. The new terraces will undoubtedly prove popular with quality furnishings, a functional BBQ area, sun protection, new lighting, improved food and beverage services and a separation of Member and function areas.

Members have also been enjoying the new gym and our lady members have welcomed a return to an expanded and renovated change room. The flexibility of the Clubhouse has been demonstrated with temporary dining facilities set in the Davis Cup, Sir Norman Brookes and The President's Room areas while a temporary bar has operated nearby.

There has also been a significant amount of feedback from Members congratulating the Club for managing to deliver services to Members in the midst of the major building works. All credit goes to our CEO, Chris Brown, and his team who have worked tirelessly during the year to service Members. Early reactions from Members to the sections of the Club already handed back are positive.

Sporting Success

Kooyong has enjoyed a very successful 2009 on both the tennis and squash courts. Kooyong, for the first ever time in our 118-year history, holds both the Men's and Women's State Grade tennis pennants. The Club also currently holds the A1 Club Circuit squash pennant after Kooyong #2 overcame their underdog status to win the title against MCC earlier in the year.

Kooyong Foundation

Kooyong Members can be proud of the efforts of the Kooyong Foundation, which continues to successfully raise funds for the support and development of tennis in Australia.

The Foundation with the support of AAMI, Tennis Victoria, and a number of friends of the Foundation have once again supported the Wayne Arthurs Cup, The Alicia Molik Cup and the Yakka Talent Identification Days designed to identify and foster junior tennis talent.

The Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarships have also helped raise Kooyong's pennant tennis profile and results.

Perhaps one of the most important events that the Foundation was involved in during 2009 was the Bushfire Relief Day held at Whittlesea. On behalf of all Members, I wish to thank our staff and the tennis stars who gave so freely of their time to help make this event a success.

The Kooyong Foundation has also made a sizable contribution to the Club renovation by providing funds to purchase cabinets to display the Club's wealth of important and historically significant memorabilia. Just as our tennis Members contributed funds to the Foundation for the display cabinets in the new breakout area, our past and present squash players are currently raising funds to enable squash memorabilia to be displayed in an area specifically set aside for our Club's Squash Section.

Social Events

I am often reminded that the Club remains a social hub for many Members and that the Committee must cater for Members who primarily use the Club to socialise with other Members. All of our social groups are planning to run events in 2010 and are excited about the opportunities provided by the new facilities.

The Committee continues to support the various social committees at the Club and intends holding a number of Club organised events during 2010 including an Open Day to celebrate the renovated Clubhouse, which will coincide with the finals of the Club Championships.

2010 AAMI Classic

The 2010 AAMI Classic to be held between January 13 – 16th at Kooyong is one special opportunity each year where our Members can showcase their Club to friends, family and work colleagues.

The vibe at Kooyong during the AAMI Classic is hard to beat and given the outstanding field assembled by tournament partner Colin Stubbs Enterprises, 2010 promises to be the best AAMI Classic yet. With Member discounts and various dining opportunities available Members should act early to book a day at the best lead up event to the Australian Open.

Thank You

As a wrap up to 2009 I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of all Members to thank our CEO, his heads of departments and team members for their efforts during a year where the building works presented challenges almost every day to the delivery of services to Members.

Congratulations are extended to Duncan McCulloch, Adam Cossar, and David Wilson who stood for re-election to the Committee for a further three years and who were returned unopposed.

I would also like to thank all Committee members for their contributions during the year to the governance of the Club, in particular the Executive and the building development committee, which included co-opted members and consultants. The contributions of these groups have greatly assisted the Club during the year.

Ian Hill

President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

CLUBHOUSE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

On the 5th October 2009, we handed back the Stage 1 areas of the Clubhouse to the Members and have now proactively moved into the Stage 2 (or the original Clubhouse areas) as we look to completion at the end of the year.

The Stage 1 new areas that have been handed back include:

- Portion of front eastern car park, entry and exit roads
- Porte cohere at front entry
- Entry foyer, reception and staff administration offices
- Function breakout areas for Kooyong Room and Function Rooms
- Function rooms – Davis Cup, Sir Norman Brookes & Presidents Room
- Male, female and disabled toilets
- Functions kitchen
- Kooyong Room bar
- Squash seating
- Male and Female change areas
- Gymnasium, Gymnasium office and Pool
- Entry and exit from courts to Clubhouse including court stairs

We understand that the Stage 1 areas are working well and we will look to progressively hand back various other areas as they are completed. There are many work fronts at this stage of the project and works are nearing completion in a few of them.

The next areas to be handed back include the main stairs and lift off the main breakout space between the function rooms and the Kooyong Room. This will make a big difference in the transition from the ground floor to the lower ground floor; from the locker rooms to the function rooms and tennis courts. We are expecting this to occur by the end of November 09.

The Stage 2 areas that are currently being worked on include:

- Kooyong Room upgrade
- Hopman Bistro upgrade, new winter garden and bar extension
- Racquet Club upgrade and new private dining room
- External terraces and access stair
- Aerobics room with timber sprung floor and stretch area
- Members entry off eastern car park
- Members lounge and members foyer
- Staff room and staff change areas to the south
- Basement car park and entry into Clubhouse
- Balance of eastern car park and the south, west and northern roadways.

As you can see from the above, there are many exciting areas to still be occupied by the Members. The Clubhouse will start to really develop over November and December with all of the final finishes being progressed over this time. The movement around the Clubhouse is still a little trying but as we start to open up some major links between the areas, Members will start to benefit from the interface between the newly created areas.



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BEYOND 2010

It is going to be a very intense time from now until completion and we are looking at having close to 70 builders and trades people working 6-7 days weeks in this final stretch.

As there has been from day one, the momentum on site is strong and our Builder and design Consultants are pulling out all stops to meet our target dates. We have had challenges all the way through the project and will not be getting any reprieve until the end, but we are all confident that the late run to the finish will be tight but successful.

There will be some areas that require further attention in January 2010 when the Builders return to work, but our aim is to have the building substantially completed for occupation, by the Christmas break. In January 2010 after the AAMI Classic we will return to site to clean up the balance of items / areas that just needed that extra time to complete the standard required of the building contract.

Chris Nash

Project Manager



From left (clockwise): 1. The new gym is now in operation.
2. The extended and refurbished ladies change room has been welcomed by our female Members. 3. The new reception area is starting to take shape.



THE FINISH LINE IS IN SIGHT

As we move late into the year we are seeing more renovated and extended areas of the Clubhouse being handed over by our builder.

We expect that practical completion of the remaining areas will take place during December.

It has been a major task to complete the work of the building program to this stage inside a year and minor work early in 2010 will put the finishing touches to the building.

Pleasingly, before the end of the year we will be enjoying the surrounds of the new bar, dining areas and terraces and Members will have the opportunity to celebrate Christmas and New Year activities with family and friends at the Club.

Flexibility of the Clubhouse design was demonstrated after handover of Stage 1. The new function rooms were used to establish temporary bar and dining areas and relocate the Pro Shop briefly. We also opened the new gym and female change room.

This has ensured Members were provided with continued opportunities to enjoy their club, even during the construction.

With positive feedback regarding the renovations and extensions, it is with anticipation that we look ahead to the remaining areas providing even more prospects and improved facilities.

The year 2010 will offer Members a range of opportunities including new

function rooms with terraces overlooking the courts and a Members lounge for quiet times and relaxation.

The upgraded bistro and dining areas, which include the winter garden and the renovated Racquet Club, will provide spectacular new terraces overlooking the courts.

The commissioning of our kitchens will aid staff to service all areas of the Clubhouse and the chefs are currently working on new menus to meet the dining needs of patrons.

It has been a year of achievement laced with moments of challenge but this close to completion we are excited about great times to come and look forward with anticipation to using the unrivalled facilities that will be on offer.



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THE STARS COME OUT TO PLAY



It will be an all-star cast that takes to the court when the AAMI Classic kicks off here at Kooyong in January 2010.

The addition of some of the biggest names in men's tennis will make this an event not to be missed on Kooyong's famous centre court.

Heading the list will be world number three Novak Djokovic, the twenty two year old, who has had another stellar year on the ATP Tour.

The young Serb really hit his straps through the middle of the year as he made four consecutive finals in Miami, Monte Carlo, Rome and then in Belgrade which he went on to win against Lukasz Kubot.

He then lost to Tommy Haas in consecutive tournaments in Halle and at Wimbledon but again turned things around to make the final in Cincinnati and the semi final at the US Open, eventually going down to Federer in both events.

His wins in Beijing, Shanghai and Paris towards the end of the year again highlighted his consistency on the Tour and we can't wait to see his flair and personality here at Kooyong.

The next young gun to play at Kooyong for the first time is the current US Open champion, Juan Martin del Potro, who has had a breakout year and will finish the season as the fifth ranked player in the world.

The big Argentinean stunned Roger Federer to come from two sets to one down to claim his first Grand Slam title and in doing so announced himself as a star of world tennis.

The third big name added to the field for 2010 is the big Frenchman, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who is currently tenth in the rankings and is as entertaining as anyone in the game at the moment.

He's had a busy year on the Tour after breaking onto the scene at the 2008 Australian Open where he finished runner up to Djokovic and his recent results include titles in Johannesburg, Marseille and most recently Tokyo and he reached the quarterfinals of the Australian Open and the round of sixteen at both Roland Garros and the US Open.

We look forward to welcoming this giant personality of the game to Kooyong for the first time as he seeks to continue his recent good form in Melbourne.

The fourth player to debut at the AAMI Classic is one of the hottest players on the Tour this year.

Robin Soderling reached the final at the French Open after knocking Rafael Nadal out of the event and after losing to Roger Federer at Roland Garros, he had an impressive run including winning the title in Bastad in Sweden, reaching the quarterfinals in Washington and at the US Open before reaching the semi final in Kuala Lumpur and Beijing and his ranking is at a career high of nine.

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It has taken some of the world's best players to slow down the Swede in the second half of the year as he produces the best tennis of his career so it will be an ideal time to see him make his first appearance at Kooyong.

World number eight Fernando Verdasco is returning for his second AAMI Classic after finishing third in last year's event.

The maturing Spaniard has had a fantastic year that began with eight consecutive quarterfinals or better, highlighted by his appearance in the final in Brisbane and an historic Australian Open semi final against Rafael Nadal that lasted a record five hours and fourteen minutes.

The left-hander has been in great form recently with a win in the final at New Haven, an appearance in the final in Kuala Lumpur, the semi final in Valencia and two quarterfinal appearances at the US Open and in Beijing.

Verdasco brings an exciting flavour to the event and is sure to be a favourite with the female fans at Kooyong again in 2010.

The second Fernando in the field, Fernando Gonzalez, is now a veteran of the event as he returns for his fourth appearance at the AAMI Classic.

The Chilean player currently ranked eleven in the world has been a class act in all of his appearances here at Kooyong and knows how to entertain the crowd.

Gonzalez has had another exciting year that included three successive semi finals in Barcelona, Rome and at the French Open.

He also made the semi finals in Washington and Kuala Lumpur and lost to Rafael Nadal in the quarterfinals at the US Open and we look forward to seeing him here again in the New Year.

Another player we're always pleased to see back at Kooyong is Tommy Haas and this year will be no different as the always-popular German player notches up his fifth visit for the AAMI Classic.

The 31 year old continues to compete with the best players on the ATP Tour and his ranking of seventeen is a testament to his success again this year.

Haas hit form during the middle of the year after losing close matches to Andy Roddick and Roger Federer in consecutive weeks in Madrid and at Roland Garros, the latter after being up by two sets to love.

He then won the grass court event in Halle before losing to Federer in the semi finals at Wimbledon and making another semi final and quarterfinal over the next two weeks in Los Angeles and Washington.

Haas' presence at the AAMI Classic is always a popular choice amongst tennis fans and 2010 will be no different.

The last spot for the event has been kept open for the world number one, Roger Federer, who is still unsure of his preparation for the 2010 Australian Open after the birth of his twin daughters earlier in the year.

"I have been asked by Roger to keep a spot open for him in January's field. He has not yet decided on his Australian

Open preparation because of the recent birth of his twin girls, Myla and Charlene, with wife Mirka Vavrinc. Naturally I said I would do so and clarity is not expected until early in the New Year," said Tournament Director Colin Stubbs.

Federer's presence would round out one of the best line ups in the history of the event and it is sure to be another action packed week as the big names of world tennis warm up at Kooyong for a shot at grand slam glory in the 2010 Australian Open.

January is a great time to be in Melbourne and the 2010 AAMI Classic field ensures some of the best tennis this summer will be seen right here at Kooyong.

For tickets see the Members discount voucher with Courtside or call Ticketmaster on 136 100.



FOUNDATION NURTURES STAR OF THE FUTURE

Kooyong's budding young tennis star Belinda Woolcock has one very demanding ambition: to win all four Grand Slams.

She's not being a big-noter, she just believes that it's best to aim high and she wants most of all "to become the best player I can be".

Belinda took a small but important step along her path to the tennis heights by winning the 14s Optus Spring National Singles title in Perth in September. It was no mean achievement by the 14-year-old who enjoys support from the Kooyong Foundation and is being coached by a well-known Kooyong identity, her great uncle and former champion Will Coghlan.

The Perth tournament was a stern test of Belinda's talent and fighting qualities, battling through a tough three-setter in the third round, then clinching her quarter and semi-finals before facing the Number One seed, Kassandra Dunser, from the Northern Territory, in the final.

The championship match was tight for the first two sets, Belinda taking the first in a tie-break then going down 3/6 in the second. However, she got right on top in the final set, racing away to a 6/1 victory and her first national title.

The Belinda Woolcock story begins with a three-year-old banging tennis balls against a brick wall at her parents' home, then watching with envy as her two older sisters were being coached by Will Coghlan. Will remembers Belinda badgering him to give her a lesson and he eventually agreed when she turned five.

These days she puts in 13 hours a week on the court and another three hours in the gym. Will says she is a delight to coach, "a girl who always listens to advice". It is never necessary to urge her to practise, he explains, rather it is a case of making sure she doesn't get any niggling injuries by over-doing the hard work.

The Coghlan family have a long association with success in Australian tennis and close ties with Kooyong. Will's



The family connection... Kooyong's Belinda Woolcock is following in the footsteps of great uncle Will Coghlan and her cousin Matthew Coghlan.

sister, Lorraine, won a mixed doubles title at Wimbledon, was runner-up in the Italian title and won championships in Switzerland and Germany.

Will reached the third round of the US Singles, played the Australian Open for 13 years running, including one epic five-set loss to John Newcombe, won the Victorian Hardcourt Championships for three consecutive years from 1963 to 1965 (beating Neale Fraser in one of the finals) and was a dominant player in State Grade pennant in Melbourne for nearly 20 years.

Will's son Matthew, who is an occasional hitting partner with Belinda, is one of Kooyong's leading pennant stars, but is devoting more time lately to his work as an anaesthetist.

Belinda, the grand-daughter of Will and Lorraine's elder sister, Valmai, says the players she most admires are Kim Clijsters and Roger Federer, both for the style of their games and their sporting behaviour on the court.

Will says Belinda has the physical qualities and the strokeplay to go a long way in the game. "We have been working on her serve," he explains, "and she is getting a lot more pace on it. She is fast around the court, a natural athlete. There are no marked weaknesses in her strokes and she has a very strong backhand."

Both player and coach are grateful for the sponsorship that the Kooyong Foundation has provided for her. Earlier this year Foundation supporters Neville and Di Bertalli provided some extra help for Belinda to join a squad of other young Australians competing in Europe.

"We are delighted to see Belinda making such great progress," said Neville, the Executive Chairman of the Patterson Cheney Motor Group and a 47-year member of Kooyong.

Kooyong Foundation President Peter Quinn also offered his congratulations to the young star. "The Coghlan family have strong links with the club so it was a real pleasure to be able to offer Foundation backing to Belinda," he said.

Peter says he couldn't be happier with the excellent progress the Foundation had made since it was launched 10 years ago. "We have been able to make a real contribution to the careers of Australian youngsters and we have built up a strong stable of supporters, people willing to donate large and small amounts to help the cause."

The Foundation is funded by contributions (which can be tax-deductible) from Kooyong members and other supporters, along with bequests from people who include the Foundation in their will.

Anyone who would like to assist can find further information on the website at http://www.kooyong.com.au/club_Foundation_2.htm or you can speak directly with Kooyong CEO, Chris Brown, on 9822 3333.

Arthurs Joins Foundation Board

Davis Cup stalwart Wayne Arthurs has been appointed to the Board of the Kooyong Foundation.

Announcing his appointment this week, Foundation Chairman Peter Quinn said he was delighted to welcome a former player of Wayne's stature and experience. "Wayne was a highly-successful competitor for many years and he brings a wealth of knowledge to our board," Peter said.

"Following his retirement he has been keenly involved in coaching youngsters and promoting the game. He can now make a further contribution to tennis through his involvement with the Foundation."

Wayne said he felt "privileged" to be invited to take a role on the Foundation Board. "Tennis has been very kind to me and I am really happy to be able to give something back to the sport through the Foundation."

Wayne's name is already linked to the Kooyong Foundation through the Wayne Arthurs Cup, which brings Victoria's best under 10 players to compete at Kooyong each year. With Richard Fromberg he is also involved with the Kooyong Elite Squad, set up through the Kooyong Foundation to provide top-level coaching to promising youngsters.

They are concentrating on a small group of highly-talented juniors aged between 10 and 12 and members may occasionally see them in action on the Kooyong courts.

One thing that really stood out in Wayne Arthurs' career was his outstanding character and grace under pressure, qualities that he is bound to try to pass on to his young charges.

Most tennis followers had a vague knowledge of Wayne's exploits as a doubles specialist in the 1990s, but it was his sudden arrival as a serious singles contender that caught the attention of fans and scribes alike.

It was 1999 and the big left-hander was determined to have a real crack at the Wimbledon singles. He was already 27, and whilst a highly-regarded player on the doubles circuit he had never really troubled the singles competition.

People began to take notice as he battled his way through three rounds of qualifying to gain entry to the singles main draw, blasting opponents off the grass with his giant serve. He then proceeded to win his first three matches of the main draw while, somehow, managing to fit in three rounds of doubles.

By the time Wayne took to the court for his fourth round clash with Andre Agassi he was, understandably, a little leg weary.

However, the fairytale continued with the Australian again using his brute of a serve to grab the first set against the man regarded as having the best return in the business.

The second set went to a tie-breaker and Agassi grabbed it. Wayne fought on but Agassi took the match in four sets and went on to be runner-up to Pete Sampras in the final.

Wayne's record for the tournament was an astounding winning run of 111 service games in a row before Agassi finally broke him. His performance caught the attention of Australia's Davis Cup coach John Newcombe and Wayne became a fixture in the Cup side. His record representing Australia stands at 18 wins and 10 losses (10-4 singles, 8-6 doubles).

The Wimbledon heroics signalled Wayne's arrival as a singles player and he went on to reach a singles ranking of 44. He also managed to make the round of 16 again at Wimbledon in 2002, the US Open in 2000 and the French Open in 2001.

One last hurdle was finally conquered in February 2005 when he won his first ATP title, beating Mario Ancic in the final at Scottsdale in the US. At 33, he was the oldest first-time winner in ATP history.

Wayne is married to the former Swedish junior singles champion Caroline Gideskog and they have a daughter, Amber, now three and a half. What are the odds on us having the pleasure of watching a big-serving Australian girl blasting opponents off the court in around 15 or 16 years time?

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KOOYONG TO HOST WAYNE ARTHURS CUP

The best 10 year olds in the state will converge on Kooyong for the upcoming Wayne Arthurs' Cup.

This year's event will kick off on Saturday December 12th at 9am and will continue on Sunday December 13th at 8.30am with the finals due to be played at around 1pm.

The Wayne Arthurs Cup is played between 16 teams from metropolitan associations and country regions and forms part of Tennis Victoria's Regional Teams Events calendar providing teams competition for players from the 10/U age group through to the 18/U Country Cup event.

The event, now in its third year, has been dominated by Waverley Tennis who won the inaugural event in 2007 by defeating Bayside TA and defeated Eastern Region Tennis in 2008.

The Waverley team from 2007 remained largely unchanged going on to also win the 11/U Frank Sedgman Cup in 2008 and the 12/U Alicia Molik Cup in March this year.

That team comprised players such as Daniel Nickels, a recent victor in the doubles at the 12's Spring Nationals in Perth in September, Long Nguyen, Stephanie Raux, a winner of two Optus Junior Tour titles this year, and Noelleda Ah San.

The Wayne Arthurs Cup should again attract some of the best 10 and under players from across Victoria and we look forward to hosting them here at Kooyong in early December.



Kooyong Girls Show Fighting Qualities On World Stage

Viktorija Rajcic and Molly Polak have helped Australia finish in twelfth place at the Junior Fed Cup in Mexico, just a month after helping Kooyong win the Tennis Victoria State Grade pennant.

The girls, aged 15 and 14 respectively, teamed with Alexandra Nancarrow to take on some of the world's best 16 year olds in what will prove to be a great experience for these rising stars.

On day one, the Australian girls faced the huge task of defeating the second seeds, Slovak Republik, and despite going in as the underdogs the team showed they could match it with any team in the competition by taking it up to their more fancied opponents.

Molly took on the Slovak's number two player, Vivien Juhaszova, and lost a close first set before fighting back to win the second set in a tiebreak. She eventually lost 6/4 6/7 6/3 but showed her determination to win for her country against a girl ranked much higher than her.

At number one, Viktorija showed her class with a strong 6/2 6/2 win over the Slovak's number one player, Jana Cepelova, who is ranked number 20 in the world and this sent the match to the doubles but unfortunately Alexandra and Viktorija couldn't quite get over the line against the team who eventually finished third.

They went down in three sets but showed enough to suggest they would be able to match it with most teams in the event.

On day two the Australian girls took on Canada, seeded seventh, in another big test against world class opposition but they again showed their fighting qualities. Molly took on Elizabeth Abanda and unfortunately for the Aussies she went down 6/2 6/3 against her older and more experienced opponent.

In the second singles match Viktorija faced off against Eugenie Bouchard, who is ranked just four places behind the young Victorian but the Canadian jumped out of the blocks to take the first set 6/1.

The second set was extremely close as both players battled to gain the ascendancy but the only thing that could separate them was a tiebreaker that Viktorija was able to win to send the match into a deciding set.

It was another battle in the third set as both girls fought to win for their country but unfortunately Bouchard got the vital break to ensure she won the match 6/1 6/7 6/4 to give Canada an unassailable two rubbers to love lead.

In the doubles, Molly and Alexandra teamed up to beat the Canadians in another long battle 6/2 6/7 6/4 to get the Aussies on the board.

The final match of the group round saw the girls take on Belarus and they were able to get a much-needed win under their belts to give the girls some confidence going into next year's event as both Molly and Viktorija will still be eligible to play again in 2010.

Although Molly lost another close match, this time to Ilona Kremona 6/4 6/3, Viktorija had a very solid win against Aliaksandra Sasnovich 6/4 6/1 to send the tie into the doubles where Alexandra and Viktorija teamed well to give the Aussies a win 6/3 3/6 6/0.

This win meant the girls moved into the playoff for 9th to 12th and unfortunately they lost to the fifth seeded team from Tunisia and then Peru to finish in twelfth position but the experience gained will be of great benefit to all of the girls as they continue to build their international careers.



Kooyong's Viktorija Rajcic, Molly Polak and Alexandra Nancarrow practiced at Kooyong before the Junior Fed Cup qualifying round in April.

Colin Long and the 1946 Victorian Championships

Many members will have read with pleasure Stephen Phillips excellent obituary of Colin Long, Australian Davis Cup player, in the Age last month.

While Phillips rightly highlights Long's memorable victory with John Bromwich over Jack Kramer and Ted Schroeder in the 1947 Davis Cup Challenge Round doubles at Forest Hills, it is worth recording that Long and Bromwich had scored a previous victory over Kramer and Schroeder in the Victorian Championships just three weeks before the 1946 Challenge Round at Kooyong.

Long, who had not been considered for selection in the 1946 Davis Cup squad, caused a sensation when he partnered Lionel Brodie to defeat the current Australian title holders, Bromwich and Quist, in the semi-finals of the NSW Championships only six weeks before the start of the Challenge Round.

Alarmed by Quist's patchy form since being discharged from the army, Davis Cup captain Gerald Patterson and his selectors promptly added Long to the squad and paired him with Bromwich in the Victorian Championships.

With the Challenge Round looming up, the new pairing defeated Kramer and Schroeder in the semi-finals in four sets to the relief of the selectors who were criticised for breaking up a

doubles combination which had played a crucial role in winning the Cup for Australia in 1939.

Commenting on the concluding stages of the crucial fourth set the Melbourne Herald's tennis writer wrote: "The Americans did not like the way Bromwich handled their speedy shots, and played to Long but the Australian pair contrived to gain an equal share of the returns. If speed was required to kill the return, Long provided it. Where finesse was needed Bromwich had the answer."

The next day the Sydney Daily Telegraph did not mince words: "Colin Long's brilliant teaming with John Bromwich in the Victorian doubles semi-finals has provided a headache for Australian Davis Cup selectors".

The headache got worse when the new pairing took the Victorian title by defeating Bill Talbert and Gardnar Mulloy, the current American National Doubles title holders, in four sets. The selectors were also aware that Long had given notice of his rapid improvement by causing the first upset of the tournament when he defeated Bill Talbert in four sets.

The Challenge Round was a huge disappointment for Australian tennis fans. On Boxing Day Bromwich went down in five sets to Ted Schroeder and Pails in straight sets to Jack Kramer. Colin Long, the fourth member of the

team, was passed over in favour of the thirty three year old Adrian Quist to partner John Bromwich the next day in a last ditch attempt to keep the tie alive.

History did not repeat itself and Bromwich and Quist lost in straight sets to Kramer and Schroeder. Whether Long, who was five years younger than Quist, would have performed as brilliantly as he did at Forest Hills nine months later we will never know. The selectors faced a conundrum and probably played it safe.

Norman Marshall
Club Archivist



Australia's 1946 Davis Cup Team: (L to R) Dinny Pails, John Bromwich, Adrian Quist and Colin Long

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Sally Peers Wins Gordon Moffatt Award

Kooyong's Sally Peers has continued her fine form on the court with an award as much about sportsmanship and on court demeanour as her fantastic recent results.

Following on from Kooyong's Stephanie Wiltshire, who won the award for 2007, Sally's mum Elizabeth received the award on her behalf at the recent Tennis Victoria Annual General Meeting.

The Gordon Moffatt Award is given to a male and female junior player who has been in a Victorian State or Talent Squad during the preceding 12 months and must have displayed sportsmanship, and a good demeanour both on and off the court.

As well as this, the players must be correctly attired during play, exhibit a proper attitude to coaches, officers, training, discipline and match results.

Sally's results have continued to impress over the past 12 months and she recently rose up the rankings again

when she made the final of the Northern Territory International held in Darwin.

Defeating several highly regarded opponents on her way to the final, including French and US Open wildcard Olivia Rogowska, Sally faced Alicia Molik for the title and despite playing well she unfortunately went down 6/3 6/4.

Her ranking rose to a career high of 320 after this event and she will continue to fight her way up the rankings over the next few months as the Pro Tour Circuit continues around Australia.

This will hopefully culminate at the upcoming wildcard playoff for the Australian Open where Sally will be hoping to win directly through to the first round of the main draw.

We wish Sally luck for the remainder of the Pro Circuit Tour and hopefully we'll see her on Rod Laver Arena in January 2010.



Tennis Victoria President David Stobart presents Elizabeth Peers with Sally's Gordon Moffatt award. Photographer: Andrew Gyopar

STATE GRADE STARS SWEEP PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

After a hugely successful State Grade campaign by Kooyong's teams in 2009, it was fantastic to see two of the Club's players recognised for their performances this season.

Matthew Carroll was named State Grade Player of the Year in the men's competition after a near faultless performance in Jay Salter's team.

He received the award after winning all four of his singles matches and ten out of his eleven doubles matches.

The only match he lost was against Donvale and unfortunately his team was unable to finish off a stellar season when they went down to Paul Arber's team in the final.

The Club capped off an unbelievable season in the women's competition when Ewa Radzikowska won the State Grade Player of the Year award.

Ewa's season was amazing, she won all 14 singles matches and lost just one doubles match in a dominant performance that included her brilliant form that helped guide Kooyong No 2 to win the pennant in spectacular fashion.

Her form in the drawn final was a huge reason behind the Club being able to go on and win the pennant.

Congratulations to both players on being rewarded for their fantastic season in Victoria's elite competition.

Matthew Carroll receives his State Grade Player of the Year award from Tennis Victoria President David Stobart.
Photographer: Andrew Gyopar



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VANCOUVER

LAWN TENNIS & BADMINTON CLUB



The Vancouver Lawn Tennis & Badminton Club has a celebrated reputation as one of the finest racquet clubs in the city and with the upcoming Winter Olympics to be held there they are happy to welcome Kooyong Members to their club.

The Club's fine social and sporting facilities provide leading year-round amenities that define the private club lifestyle.

Conveniently located just 10 minutes from downtown Vancouver, the Club's facilities include:

- 16 tennis courts – 4 Clay Courts, 8 Hard Courts, 4 Indoor Hard Courts
- 6 Badminton Courts
- 3 Singles Squash Courts
- 1 Doubles Squash Courts
- 20 Metre Heated Swimming Pool
- Whirlpool
- Steam rooms
- Fitness Room & Studio
- Formal & Informal Dining
- Pub
- Function Facilities
- Sports Shop
- Massage

The Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club came into existence in 1897 after property was acquired in the West End on Barclay Street, between Denman and Bidwell Streets, with grass courts, cinder courts and a croquet lawn.

After negotiations for the purchase of land from the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Club moved to its present premises on the corner of Fir Street and 16th Avenue in 1914.

The Club had nine grass courts, four clay courts, and two croquet lawns. These croquet lawns were changed later into grass and clay tennis courts.



The Club now has 16 championship tennis courts in two types of surfaces. With four clay courts, eight hard courts (half of these are under cover in the winter months) and four hard court indoor courts, the VLTBC is open for tennis year-round.

Originally built in 1928, the specially designed Badminton Hall was the first of its kind in Canada. Today there are six courts under a soaring arched roof that play host to first timers and champions alike.

With 3 singles and 1 doubles court, the VLTBC is a fantastic venue for squash players. The Club offers programs for all levels of play from the social to competitive player.



The VLTBC also offers a variety of fitness programs and classes to suit your individual lifestyle and needs. They have an aerobics program that offers an encompassing selection of classes such as Step, Body Sculpt, Low Impact and Spinning, with certified, experienced instructors.

They also have rejuvenating mind/body classes such as Yoga, Pilates and Body Rolling.

The weight room features state of the art cardio and strength training equipment, free weights, stability/medicine balls and Bosu trainers.

The VLTBC offers three dining options, the Players Lounge, the Tudor Lounge featuring the Pub and the Centre Court Dining Room.

A few paces from the tennis courts and pool, the Players' Lounge offers the perfect atmosphere to relax.

The Tudor Lounge, with its fireplace and neighbouring Pub, is the favoured gathering spot for post-game reviews and summer-time patio dining.

The elegant Centre Court Dining Room, overlooking tennis courts and pool, offers splendid west coast cuisine and the poolside BBQ's in the summer make the VLTBC an outstanding choice for casual dining.

Please contact KLTC prior to your departure from Melbourne to make arrangements for a letter of introduction for any clubs you intend to visit.

This enables us to advise the reciprocal club of your visit in advance to ensure they are prepared for your arrival. We can also provide you with an information sheet detailing the club's facilities and services.



FUNCTIONS AT

Kooyong



MEMBER PRIORITY BOOKING OFFER

With our new and refurbished function rooms opening in 2010, we would like to offer Members the first opportunity to experience the fabulous facilities and celebrate in style with family and friends.

Members will be given priority opportunity to book a special event with
FREE ROOM HIRE FOR ALL MEMBERS (conditions apply)

OUR SPECTACULAR CLUBHOUSE WILL OFFER MEMBERS:

A stunning renovation and redesign of the Kooyong Room

Three new adjoining function rooms

A new lobby and breakout area with adjoining terraces for pre-event gatherings

Enlarged terraces with magnificent views of the tennis courts

A new cloakroom for function guests

A new kitchen to service all rooms

New toilet facilities in close proximity to all function rooms

Our new function menus maintain Kooyong's premium quality and variety and these menus can be viewed on our website at **www.kooyong.com.au**

New Grass Court Season Opens

The new grass court season kicked off in hot conditions on the 14th of November.

The Club's grass courts were enjoyed by a loyal group of Members keen to enjoy the early part of the season.

Tigermania reined over Melbourne for the weekend resulting in smaller Opening Day numbers.

Some Members began playing on the courts at 10am and didn't leave until nearly 3pm, tired but very happy to be back on the grass courts.

The Club has continued its returfing program in 2009 with courts 15 to 18 due to return to play in the next few weeks.

This means two thirds of the Club's grass courts have now been laser levelled and returfed to ensure our Members have the best possible grass courts to play on each year.

The Club has also invested in the re-engineering of the net posts and net winding mechanisms to ensure they are much safer and more efficient to use.

We look forward to another wonderful season of grass court tennis in 2009/2010.



2010 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2010 Club Championships should again be a highlight of the year when they get underway from the 20th of February.

Jay Salter will attempt to extend his record to nine Club Championship titles while several of the Club's rising stars will challenge two time champion Adriana Szili for the women's title.

The finals of the event will also coincide with the official opening of the new Clubhouse on the 28th of February, which should provide a fantastic atmosphere for all of our Members who are still involved in the event on the second weekend.

The new balconies are sure to be full on those beautiful summer nights as we see some of the best players in the State fight for a spot in the history books at this great Club.

Jay's toughest opposition could come from his teammate Richard Fromberg, last year's finalist Paul Arber or State Grade stars Matthew Breen and Lee Pearson.

David Bidmeade, Daniel and Nathan Byrnes, Matthew Coghlan and Glenn Busby are others who should feature late into this event if they're available.

The depth has always been a feature of this event in recent times and maybe we'll see former Davis Cup representative Wayne Arthurs attempt to knock Jay off his perch in 2010 while Andrew Whittington is the youngster to keep your eyes on.

On the women's side of the event, Adriana Szili should again be the player to beat but the challenge could come from rising stars Viktorija Rajcic, Molly Polak, Sandy Vo, Belinda Woolcock and Stefani Stojic.

Lisa D'Amelio is always a huge chance to win this event due to her strong serve and volley game and Karolina Wlodarczak is another who could feature if she plays in 2010.

The one to watch, if she plays, is Ewa Radzikowska. The State Grade star of 2009 is a quality player and would take some beating but the only question mark is on her availability.

As always, the Club Championships caters for all standards, ages and categories of membership so get your entries in and enjoy some matches on the beautiful grass courts while meeting some of your fellow Members.

Entries close on the 5th of February so make sure you have your form into the office by 5pm.

Official CLUBHOUSE OPENING DAY

Date: Sunday 28th February 2010

Time: 10am onwards



Our Clubhouse will be showcased at an Open Day to be held on Sunday 28th February 2010.

Members will have the opportunity to enjoy the new facilities with family and friends with activities including tours of the new Clubhouse and an opening ceremony to celebrate the new building.

The day will coincide with the finals of Club Championships for tennis and squash, which will provide an opportunity for you to watch some of the Club's best sports people in action.

A drink and a meal on the terraces, the finals on the courts and a celebration of the new building should make it a wonderful day.

MORE DETAILS TO COME



STATE GRADE WOMEN

WOMEN WIN AFTER FINAL REPLAY



Kooyong's first foray into fielding a second women's State Grade team was a huge success but a disappointment at the same time.

Only one of the two teams made it through to the finals and it wasn't our defending champions, Kooyong No 1, who found the going tough without Karolina Wlodarczak at number one.

They also battled with the unavailability of several girls throughout the season and once they got going it was too late to make a run at the finals but the same can't be said for the young girls in Kooyong No 2 who took all before them throughout their first season in the competition.

Viktorija Rajcic, Molly Polak and Sandy Vo joined forces with Ewa Radzikowska, Karen Kleverlaan and captain Nicole Pratt to form a fantastic team with a great blend of youth and experience.

The girls lost just four matches throughout the season and it was clear early on that it was a two horse race with Royal South Yarra being the other stand out team in the competition.

The dream match up became reality when both teams cruised to comfortable wins in their respective semi finals but the Kooyong girls were going to be without their youngsters for the final.

The three girls had to travel to Fiji for the Oceania Closed Championships and wouldn't be back in Melbourne until the Friday after the final but the Club brought two very capable girls into the team in the hope of producing a competitive day.

Former State Grade player Catherine Louis came in to play Laura Harkness at number two and Bairnsdale's Sophie Vickers would play RSY's captain, Lisa Newman, at number three.

This left Ewa Radzikowska to go head to head with Jessica Engels and Karen Kleverlaan to take on Kerrie Douglas, both must win matches for Kooyong.

The matches were split by both clubs as Radzikowska and Kleverlaan won their respective encounters to give the Kooyong girls a chance of an upset but Louis and Vickers couldn't quite

match it with their respective opponents.

Going into the doubles, Kooyong trailed by just three games and both teams would have expected to win one of the doubles matches so it looked likely to come down to games.

Both matches were one sided as Radzikowska and Kleverlaan destroyed Newman and Douglas 6/0 6/0 to leave Louis and Vickers needing just four games to win the match.

The girls played their hearts out and were able to get two games from Engels and Harkness in the first set but they struggled to get the decisive points they needed in the second set.

Late in the set they won a game to set up a draw but they couldn't quite manage to get themselves all the way over the line and had to settle for the draw, which was a fantastic result for the girls considering the players they were missing.

With the choice of playing a doubles set or coming back for a replay the Kooyong girls opted to wait for the cavalry to arrive the following weekend.

This turned out to be a fantastic move as the three youngsters returned from a fantastic week of tennis in Fiji ready to play and they made the most of the opportunity.

Viktorija Rajcic turned the tables on Jessica Engels, who had defeated her earlier in the season, to win a great match between two quality players 6/2 7/6.

The second set tiebreaker was an epic with Rajcic getting up after trailing six points to three but winning 13/11 after showing plenty of character to get back into the set.

Molly Polak then overcame a slow start to put Laura Harkness out of action with a 7/5 6/2 victory while the State Grade Player of the Year, Ewa Radzikowska, easily outclassed Lisa Newman 6/1 6/0.

The final match was unfinished but Kooyong No 2's captain, Sandy Vo, did enough to win the title for Kooyong for the second consecutive year when she won the second set against Kerrie Douglas in a tiebreaker to clinch the victory.

Congratulations to all the girls involved in this wonderful achievement and we look forward to seeing the Kooyong girls defend their title in some form in 2010.



Top: From left: Karen Kleverlaan, Sophie Vickers, Catherine Louis and Ewa Radzikowska.

Bottom: Ewa Radzikowska, Viktorija Rajcic, Sandy Vo, Molly Polak and Karen Kleverlaan celebrate winning the State Grade pennant.

STATE GRADE MEN

FAIRYTALE WIN FOR ARBER'S MEN



Kooyong's two men's State Grade teams produced wonderful seasons in 2009 but unfortunately there could only be one winner.

That winner turned out to be the underdog on this occasion but it was still a wonderful and historic day for the Club and we can be proud of all of these young men for the way they represented Kooyong.

This doesn't make it any easier for Jay Salter's team, who has now lost the last two finals and has had several other close misses over the past few years but they were just beaten by a better team on the day.

The final was expected to be a great battle between two sides with the ability to beat anyone on their day and in the end this is how things worked out but it ended quicker than most expected.

The first match to go on was between Nathan Byrnes and Anthony Zafiris and it was a match that Paul Arber's team needed to win to set the tone for the day and Byrnes didn't disappoint, getting off to a great start.

He broke Zafiris several times in the opening set to take control of the match and went on to win the first set comfortably 6/2.

Byrnes didn't let up in the second set and kept his nose in front right through the set to win a crucial rubber 6/2 6/3 while his teammate, Matthew Breen, did battle with Richard Fromberg on the next court.

Breen, who once held a world ranking of around 250, had missed the semi final win over MCC and was ready to take on the former Davis Cup player. He was focussed and had prepared specifically to

play the big left-hander and it showed early as the match looked like it could have gone either way.

Neither player was giving away easy points and the match was on a knife's edge as the set got down to the business end before a crucial break of serve gave Breen the first set 7/5 and things started to look a little shaky for Jay Salter's all conquering team.

The second set wasn't much different to the first set as both men gave little away and things happily rolled along in the windy conditions until we reached the crucial tiebreaker.

Breen jumped out to an early lead and, despite the best efforts of Fromberg, he was able to hold on to his advantage and won a vital rubber for Kooyong No 1 in the search of their second title in three years.

The next match on court were the big boys, the number ones, and there's plenty of history between the two captains, Paul Arber and Jay Salter, and you only have to look back to this year's Club Championships final where both men fought out a huge battle for supremacy that ended in Salter holding up a record eighth title.

This match held just as much importance for both as one was looking to land the knockout blow and the other was hoping to drag his team off the canvas.

Salter was favourite but you can never count out someone as determined and as competitive as Paul Arber and that was on show again in this match.

The match started as expected with Salter skipping out to an early lead and he took the first set 6/2 while on the next court David Bidmeade and Rob Phillips began another bruising encounter.

Both boys would have been pumped to help their sides by getting a win in this match so it was always going to be a case of who took their chances and who would go the extra mile to get the win.

It was a tight first set as both players fought tooth and nail for their respective team as the result sat precariously in the balance but it was Bidmeade who struck the crucial blow late in the set to take it 7/5.

Back with Salter and Arber and a fight back was in progress as Arber tried to drag himself back into the match with his trademark grit and determination as he won the second set 6/3.

This was a huge blow for Arber's team as they now just needed Bidmeade to win his match in straight sets to secure the pennant and that's exactly what he did as he broke several times early in set to hold a commanding lead which eventually allowed him to go on and win the set, the match and of course the title with a 7/5 6/3 victory.

It was a fantastic win by the team of Paul Arber, Matthew Breen, David Bidmeade, Nathan Byrnes, Lee Pearson, Matthew Coghlan and Daniel Byrnes and they celebrated late into the night with everyone at Kooyong.

Unfortunately, for Jay Salter, Richard Fromberg, Rob Phillips, Anthony Zafiris, Matthew Carroll, Andrew Gregory and Jason Lee, the disappointment remains but like all sports there's always next year and we hope the guys can pick themselves up for another shot at the title in 2010.



Top: From left: Paul Arber, David Bidmeade, Nathan Byrnes, Lee Pearson, Matthew Breen and Matthew Coghlan celebrate their second title in three years.

Bottom: Richard Fromberg, Jay Salter, Anthony Zafiris, Rob Phillips and Matthew Carroll had to settle for runners up after another great season.

PENNANT WINS TOP OFF GREAT SEASON

The Tennis Victoria Pennant season came to a close with the Club winning four flags and being runner up in two other grades, which amounts to a very successful season for all involved.

20 of the Club's 26 teams involved this year finished fifth or better so everyone can be proud of their efforts in representing Kooyong in the 2009 Pennant season.

In the Grade 1 Seniors, Jeremy Brown-Greaves' team played a fantastic finals series to win the pennant against Beaumaris Lawn after knocking out last year's winners, MCC, in the semi final.

Steve Gay and Wes Horskins were in brilliant form against Beaumaris as they went about destroying both pairs they played. The guys struggled to lose a game between the two rubbers, setting up a great win for the Club along with Chris Straford and Rob Dalton who won the first set of their second match to ensure victory for the Kooyong boys.

In Grade 4, Taylor Capannolo's team came out victorious after three huge battles during their five week finals campaign.

The girls faced off with Box Hill in the first week and got over the line in the last doubles match of the day before cruising past Donvale in the second week of the finals.

They then faced Royal South Yarra in the semi final and this was another huge battle and it took a huge performance from their captain, Taylor Capannolo, to help the girls get through prior to finally facing East Camberwell in the final.

This was another huge battle but Romy Stephens, Taylor Capannolo, Sarah Tanner, Alana Parnaby and Kaitlin Familiari all contributed to a great win and another pennant for the Club.

Kate Francis' Grade 2 side was the last to finish their season after a protest and appeal held things up over the last few weeks but unfortunately they couldn't quite get past a very strong Essendon team in the final.

The girls played well over the two weekends but with four doubles matches to encounter they faced an uphill battle against two strong pairs. They split the first two matches but on the cross over they found the going tough, needing to win both matches to win the day.

It was Kate Francis' third consecutive runners up flag but another very impressive season from all the girls involved. Laura Rabinovich, Stephanie Hughes and Monika Rajicic showed enough to suggest they will be very good players for the Club over the next few years and Lucinda McKillop was a rock at number one all season while the two Kate's, Francis and Haussegger, held the team together.

Kooyong's Grade 2 men's team also finished runner up, John Bertram's team of youngsters brilliantly fought their way through the finals but eventually went down to a very accomplished team from Glen Iris.

The boys came up against some very experienced teams and players throughout the finals and fought back from match points down two weeks in a row to win through to the pennant final.



They were missing their number one player, Lorenzo Alforque, for one of those finals and drew with the team from Hawthorn but John and Sam Bertram won the tiebreak set that decided the day to get them through again.

The boys should be congratulated on a wonderful season especially since three of the boys, John Bertram, Sam Bertram and Jarryd Byrnes, were playing Grade 9 just two years ago and together with Lorenzo, John Meadows and Mark Dohnt they formed a fantastic team.

Their achievements while playing for the Club this year have been nothing short of spectacular.

A couple of other notable performances included Andrew Whittington's Grade 1 team that pushed the eventual winners, Geelong, in their Tier 2 semi final without their number one player, Andrew Whittington, and Angela Woodruff's Grade 6 team that also made it through to the Tier 2 semi finals before losing to Eildon Park.

Congratulations to all of the players who represented the Club in 2009 and we look forward to seeing you all at the Club Championships next February.

Top: From left: Taylor Capannolo, Sarah Tanner, Alana Parnaby and Romy Stephens after their brave win in Grade 4.

Bottom: Lucinda McKillop, Laura Rabinovich, Kate Francis, Monika Rajicic, Kate Haussegger and Stephanie Hughes were runners up in Grade 2.



KOORYONG'S TENNIS

pennant profiles

Viki Rajicic

Age: 15

Grade: State

Play L/H or R/H: RH



Tennis Achievements:

SINGLES: Winner – State Grade Pennant, Winner – Auckland ITF G4, Winner – Wilson AMT #2, Runner-up – 16 Nationals, Runner-up – Gallipoli ITF, Runner-up – NT ITF, Winner – Fiji ITF B2. DOUBLES: Winner – Auckland ITF G4, Winner – Wellington ITF G4, Winner – Wilson AMT #2, Winner – Wilson AMT #3, Winner – Gallipoli ITF, Winner – Fiji ITF B2.

Most admired sportsperson/why?

I admire Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Sam Stosur, Alicia Molik, Serena Williams etc because they are all working extremely hard to achieve their goals.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

The person who influences me the most is Alicia Molik. Having the opportunity to hit with her and to get coached by her in Junior Fed cup was a great experience for me and when I heard she was making a comeback I was happy for her and I just know she will do well.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

I would have to say watching Sam Stosur win her first WTA tournament. Being there in Japan watching her live was awesome.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

Besides the fact that Kooyong has great facilities and is a great club I also enjoy meeting new great people through playing pennant.

What qualities do you admire in people?

I think I must say that I admire someone who is honest, funny and has a good sense of humour.

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

Ummmm.....I would probably turn out to be a bum on the street.

What do you do outside tennis?

When I am not playing tennis I enjoy doing many other things such as drawing, listening to music, bike riding and just playing any other sports for fun.

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

I spend approximately 15 hours on the court a week plus gym work.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

I don't consider anything as a sacrifice because I enjoy playing tennis.

Belinda Woolcock

Age: 14

Grade: State

Play L/H or R/H: R/H



Tennis Achievements:

Winning the 2009 Spring Nationals in Perth. Representing Australia in the 2009 World Teams Event in Czech Republic. Representing Victoria 3 times in the 12s/14s Australian Teams Event. Winning the 2009 Autumn Nationals and 2008 14s Australian Championships doubles titles.

Most admired sportsperson/why?

Kim Clijsters, because after two years of retirement, she came back and won the 2009 US Open. Kim also has such great determination when she plays which I admire.

Greatest influence on tennis career/why?

My greatest influence would have to be my family, because they have always supported me through out my development which I'm very grateful for.

Greatest sporting moment witnessed?

The 2002 Olympics, when Steven Bradbury won the speed skating, due to the lucky trip of all the other competitors in front of him.

Reason for playing for Kooyong?

Playing for Kooyong is such an honour because the club is so well known for hosting the great names of tennis eras past and present and providing fantastic facilities for the members.

What qualities do you admire in people?

I admire courage and determination.

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

I'm not quite certain yet, but probably something that involves sport.

What do you do outside tennis?

I attend school at Wesley College, I play other sports such as soccer and athletics and socialize with my friends.

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

My tennis training varies between 13-14 hours, which includes 4 hours of gym per week.

Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?

Spending a lot of time with friends and family, and eating junk food.

Junior Competition News

The Club's junior teams are in finals mode as the competition year comes to an end.

It has been another exciting year for many of Kooyong's junior players and hopefully the Club will see a few successful teams in the next few weeks.

We've also seen several players rise rapidly through the sections and look likely to move into the senior ranks in the next twelve months.

As the finals get underway, Kooyong has accomplished a rare feat on Saturday mornings with all four Section 1 teams making the top four.

The semi finals will be played at Kooyong with Alex Meadows' team taking on Campbell Eade's team and Isabella Grooby's team doing battle with Harry Atkins' team.

All four teams have had a wonderful season but Alex Meadows' team of girls will go in as favourites to take out the pennant.

In Section 2 Erin Ronge's team has played extremely well to finish third on the ladder and will play Carmelite 1 in the semi final.

On Sunday morning Kooyong fielded ten teams and three have made it into the semi finals and several others have just missed out.

Martin Kaminsky's Section 3 team has continued on their fantastic form from last season when they won Section 5 by finishing third, just two points behind the top team, and will take on Maccabi for a spot in their second successive grand final.

In Section 9 Monica Boundy's team have made the finals after a solid season but will be forced to win it the hard way when they take on the top team, Black Rock, in the semi final.

Millicent Madsen's Section 14 girls have made an impact this season and will contest the finals in what is, for many, either their first or second season playing

competition for the Club, which is a great effort by this team.

They will take on Murrumbeena in the semi final in the hope of moving through to the grand final.

Congratulations to all the teams on another wonderful year of junior tennis at Kooyong and we look forward to seeing you all back for 2010.



Alexandra Meadows, Gemma Seeley and Sarah Travis won the Saturday Section 1 flag recently. Absent: Alex Pierri

MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT

The Midweek Ladies have again been busy throughout the year as 11 teams represented the Club on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

The Bayside Regional Tennis Association finals for Wednesday and Thursday are about to kick off and Kooyong is in the thick of the action in most grades.

On Wednesday morning Bridget Laird's Section 1 team has again made the finals after finishing on top of the ladder and will play Mt Eliza in their semi final.

In Section 2 Jill Kaminsky's team finished fourth and will play the top team, Stella Maris, in the hope of keeping their season alive.

On Thursday morning Kris Tulloch's Section 1 team has finished clear on top and will play Beaumaris Lawn for a spot in the grand final.

Anne Forbes' Section 1 team finished in fourth spot and will play East Malvern in the semi final.

In Section 3 Kooyong fielded two teams and they finished third and fourth and will play off against each other in the hope of making it through to the preliminary final.

Jan MacLeod's team finished in third spot while Alita Davis' team finished just one point behind them.

In Section 4 Gena Ferguson's team finished a respectable sixth, just nine

points outside the top four while Anne Fitzpatrick's Section 5 team finished on top of the ladder and will face St James in a semi final.

Hopefully we'll have several pennants to celebrate in the next issue of Courtside.

On Tuesday mornings the MEMRLTA competition is in full swing with Rosie Kovacs' A1 team in fifth place, Sandra Daly's A4 team is currently on top of the ladder and Kaye Auty's A5 team is in tenth position.

Congratulations to all the ladies on another fantastic year representing the Club.

KOORYONG INTERNATIONAL TENNIS ACADEMY

2009 is winding down at the Kooyong International Tennis Academy. A big thank you to all our clients for their patience and understanding during our wet weather Term 3.

Term 3 was one of the worst terms in recent history for tennis coaches in regards to weather. Every afternoon at 3:30pm the clouds would gather and our courts would be flooded just in time for our afternoon lessons to be canceled.

Coaches worked very hard over the weekends and well into the school holidays making up lessons washed out during the term. The Summer months bring a different set of weather related problems, dealing with Melbourne's extreme heat.

Extreme Heat Policy

- Lessons will be canceled if the temperature is recorded as being at or above 36°C (and a make-up session offered)
- When the temperature is between 28°C & 35°C lessons will be modified by the coach according to the conditions.

It is very important that ALL players come properly prepared for their lesson.

Drink plenty of water, wear sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses; a towel and sweat-bands may be useful in wiping away annoying sweat getting into your hands and eyes.

Players should have a snack between completing school and starting their lesson, eg. Muesli Bar, yoghurt.

Kooyong Advanced Tennis Program - *New in 2010*

The Kooyong Advanced Tennis Program is a daytime training program for post-junior tennis players who have finished school and would like to work on improving their tennis in a professional training environment.

The Kooyong ATP caters for:

- 18-25 year-olds who wish to combine University study with tennis training and competing (without going to the US College System)
- VCE Graduates who are looking to gain a Tennis Scholarship at a US College in August 2010 or January 2011. We offer a comprehensive College Tennis Preparation Course for your GAP year, as well as helping with college placement.
- Ex-National and State Academy players who are cast-adrift from the system once they turn 18 and have not 'made-it'. We believe in continuing to support their dreams. Australian's are traditionally late-bloomers, just ask Wayne Arthurs.
- Tournament players looking for a home-training base while trying to improve their National or International ranking.
- Pennant players with time to train during the week.

Monday & Wednesday Morning Ladies Clinics

Limited places are NOW available in our Monday (9:30am-11:30am) & Wednesday (9:30am-11:00am) morning ladies programs. This is a great place to start for beginners to gain skill and confidence before beginning competition. Or for competition players looking to improve their game and doubles tactics.

Congratulations to our Champion Grade 1 Wednesday Morning Bayside Women's team of Bridget Laird, Judy Mullen, Lauren Dennis, Jody Cody, & Sue Thomas. These ladies were original members of our 2002 Monday Morning Ladies Clinics, and continue to participate in clinics and team training sessions weekly. Great job girls!

KITA Stars Monday Squads

– Monday 3.30-7pm

Atmosphere is beginning to build on a Monday afternoon around the J.P. Young Pavillion. 70+ kids from 3-17 years-old participate in our squad night. This program offers a pathway for kids to progress from the beginning player to the tournament player all within a fun dynamic team environment. Plans are underway to make this night even better. WATCH THIS SPACE IN 2010!

Kooyong Tennis BootCamp

Tuesday/Thursday 6:30am-8:00am
(6-week training blocks)

For players of all ages and competition standards. Lessons are designed by our team of qualified coaches that hold human movement/exercise science degrees and have State Grade Pennant and US College coaching and playing experience.

Tournament players: come and train in a fun and supportive team environment. Sessions are designed with the elite player in mind, with drills designed to improve your footwork patterns, speed, power, agility and endurance while using your core to keep balanced. Intermediate and recreational players will find great tennis and fitness benefits too. It's a dynamic, safe, fun and social way to work out instead of just turning out the km's on the bike or treadmill.

Improve your:

- Strokes
- Footwork technique
- Movement patterns
- Cardiovascular endurance
- Speed
- Power
- Agility
- Reaction time

Tennis BootCamp mornings give you a head start on the competition. Participants vary from 10 year-olds to 60 year-olds, State-Graders to C-Graders, Mum & Son, Dad & Daughter, even a couple of sets of twins. This is a High-Intensity, High-Energy, High-Repetition Tennis Workout – are you up for the BootCamp challenge?

Midday Tennis BootCamp

- 12Noon-1pm Tuesday & Thursday

Get out of the office/house and onto the court!

Run by Greg Wickman (B.App.Sci Sports Science, Level 2 Advanced Coach), Midday Tennis BootCamp has been a great addition to our daytime services and is proving very popular with our adult members. Midday BootCamp gives you a fun 60minute Cardio and full-body tennis workout. Catering for all-ages and standards. Casual passes available, discounts for term bookings!

KITA Stars Tournament Program & Challenge Matches

In the September School Holidays we had 18 kids represent Team Kooyong KITA Stars in four different points & development tournaments across Victoria. Players represented Kooyong sporting a KITA Stars t-shirt and cap. This was our second ever KITA Stars Tournament Program, and it was great to see kids working together and supporting each other in the often lonely land of Junior tournaments.

Coaches prepare players for matches every morning, consulting them on their pre-game nutrition, proper warm-up, game-plan & strategies, match support and analysis, video-analysis, and cool-down.

Once players are finished with their tournament commitments they continue to train with KITA Stars coaches and players, a great opportunity to improve on areas highlighted during the tournament.

Every player receives a biomechanical analysis of their strokes, as well as a self-evaluation and goal-setting session. KITA Stars Tournament Programs operate every school holidays for selected tournaments.

Kooyong Stars Challenge Matches are run on the last two weekends of every term. Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights from 6-8pm. The Kooyong Stars Challenge Committee attempts to select players of similar standards to play against each other in 'Challenge Matches'. Players earn points and move up and down the 'Challenge Ladder' depending on results. Awards and prizes will be earned by players for good winning records, most improved, sportsmanship awards, and many others.



These are exciting times for the kitchen.

During the detailed design stage of the building work, the chefs were asked to identify ways that the building design and kitchens would be able to better serve the Members and compliment the wonderful new bars, dining areas and function rooms.

The completion of the new functions kitchen during stage one of the building works has already provided an insight into how food service will be improved at the completion of the project. Since September the chefs have prepared all meals in the new area and the results have demonstrated the flexibility provided by the new facilities.

The day is now drawing near when the chefs will have both new kitchens operating and we are enthusiastically looking forward to showcasing the talent we have in the kitchen. The advantages of separate kitchens are numerous and will allow us to better serve the different needs of areas of the club.

Kooyong will certainly be the perfect venue for Members' functions. The vista from the function terraces is breath taking and few venues boast such a view.

Elsewhere we are preparing for the return of the Bistro and Racquet Club and new menus are being prepared to offer Members quality and variety the equal of the best restaurants and private clubs anywhere.

At the end of the day we want the members to be proud of their 'NEW' clubhouse and proud of the food and service we provide. We are looking forward to exciting times so please join us in the New Year.

Kevin Ley

Executive Chef

FOOD & BEVERAGE NEWS

Wine List Recognised in Australian Wine List of the Year Awards

For the second year running, Kooyong has entered the coveted Australian Wine list of the Year Awards organised by Gourmet Wine Magazine and Fine Wine Partners.

Kooyong managed to be a finalist in the Best Club Wine List category with the RACV (Vic.) (Winner of the award) and the Queen's Club (N.S.W.).

The review reads:

"How anyone ever gets five sets finished here is beyond us when there's a list like this waiting inside the clubhouse. It is compact yet travels as widely as a touring pro, and covers Alsace, Oregon and Sauternes as well as an interesting collection of emerging Australian regions."

A full listing of the entries and winners is available in the current Gourmet Wine Magazine.

2009 Inter Club Wine Challenge

In early October, the Inter Club Wine Challenge was again fought out at the RACV.

Teams from some of Melbourne's finest Clubs were represented, with teams formed with members of the University Club, Athenaeum Club, Australia Club, Lyceum Club, the RACV Club and of course Kooyong.

3 white wines (Riesling, Chardonnay and Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc), with the addition of a wildcard (Gruner Veltliner) from Austria, were assessed in the first line up.

Following the entrée, a similar selection (Pinot Noir, Shiraz and Cabernet/Merlot) was served and assessed. Another European wine (Shiraz/Grenache), from France, was included to bring an additional challenge to the tasters.

A delicious main course was then served and a mystery wine poured for a final taste off.

As the last course was served, the tasting sheets were scored and results were announced: "Good Evans" from the University Club was declared the winner.

Prizes were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and last team, as well as for the most accurate and funniest tasting notes.

Winner of last year's event, the RACV, was keen to impress and delivered an excellent evening.

Want to be part of the fun and bring the trophy to Kooyong?

Register your interest now and contact Patrice Renaudin via email: patrice@kooyongltdc.asn.au



Swimming Pool Guidelines

Members using the swimming pool must comply with the guidelines of conduct and give appropriate consideration to other swimmers.

Attention is drawn to the following guidelines for conduct:

LAP LANE ETIQUETTE

- Select a lane based on speed signage
- Keep to the left of the lane while swimming
- Wait until the end of the lane to pass a swimmer in front of you
 - Check both directions before moving across any lanes
 - Stand in the corners of the lane to allow other swimmers to continue swimming laps

Consideration of other swimmers and compliance with these guidelines will ensure enjoyment of all Members using the pool.

Kooyong Juniors Take Out Rare Double



Tennis Victoria's flagship junior competition, Junior Pennant, is a breeding ground for talented young players from across metropolitan Melbourne.

It is played in the second half of each year and gives junior players from the various Associations a chance to battle it out in a similar format to the State Grade players to help with their development.

This season two of Kooyong's talented juniors were rewarded for their stand out performances in the competition in a rare double.

Stephanie Hughes and her younger brother, Aaden Hughes, represented Waverley Tennis Association in the 16A and 12A competitions respectively.

Both players went on to win their respective sections in the Association based competition and their individual performances also won them Player of the Year honours.

Congratulations to both of these kids and to all the Kooyong juniors who represented their respective Associations in the Junior Pennant in 2009.

MEMBERSHIP CHECKS

In the New Year a membership display system will be introduced for the tennis courts to verify memberships for players.

Members will be required to display their membership cards or visitor receipts in the units fitted to the fence of the court they are using.

The system will allow membership checks to take place without staff needing to enter a court in the middle of a match causing disruption.

Where courts do not have membership cards displayed, staff will conduct checks to verify memberships of players.



AROUND THE CLUB

CRêche REPORT

Sue, Gill, Chelsea, Marie and Karen continue to provide a happy and fun environment in the crèche; with the children able to participate in lots of activities including art and craft, dressing up, sand play and physical play. With our children settled and happily playing, parents can enjoy making the most of the club's facilities.

During school terms, the crèche operates from 9.15 am to 12.00 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 9.15 am to 12.15 pm on Fridays. For 2010, the annual family registration fee will be \$65, with a session fee of \$10 per child. Please see the pro-shop for more details or to organise a tour of the crèche.

Recent Movie Night

A movie night was held on Thursday 12th November at the Palace Cinemas, Balwyn. About 40 crèche members and friends enjoyed pre-movie drinks followed by an opening night screening of "The Boys are Back" starring Clive Owen and directed by Scott Hicks. I would like to thank Annie Saville for all the work involved in organising a successful night.

Thanks to those who kindly donated items for our raffle hampers:

Le Marais Children's Wear, Kooyong Village (Children's hamper and \$100 voucher)

Kooyong Cellars, Kooyong Village (2 bottles of wine)

Callister's Pharmacy, Kooyong Village (3 Elizabeth Arden perfumes)

Malvern Central Pharmacy, (Prada perfume)

818 Dental, Armadale (Clean & check up for 2 children)

UPCOMING AGM

The AGM is being held on Tuesday 1st December at 8.00 pm. It would be great to have some new people on the committee so if you are interested, please come along.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Samantha Wood

President, Crèche Committee



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BILLIARDS & SNOOKER REPORT

by Alistair Macindoe

Since the last Courtside the Kooyong billiards and snooker players have hardly seen their spouses, being so busy.

In the A grade snooker, our team had a poor end to the season and finished last. The situation in the A grade billiards is much brighter: towards the end of the season we are involved in a tight three-way struggle to make the finals with Ballarat and Yarraville.

Undoubtedly the highlight of the season has been the excellent form of David Pitt, who is pictured in control at the top of the table, as is his habit.

David has won almost every match at the lofty no. 2 position, and has made three ninety breaks in the process (the best was a 99 unfinished).

On the social side, Kooyong has been involved in two very successful evenings of snooker. The first match was against Royal South Yarra Tennis Club, where an eight-a-side game of lightning risk snooker culminated in a tie-breaking eight-handed deciding frame!

Kooyong established a good lead, and then the ubiquitous David Pitt administered the coup de grâce at midnight with a tremendous 84 break.

In the other evening of social snooker, our team travelled to Sandringham. We had a great night of close snooker, but had to relinquish the Sandringham-Kooyong Cup after we lost 5 frames to 7.



David Pitt has been in great form for the Club recently.

Handicap Snooker Event

The proposed single frame knockout Handicap Snooker Championship had to be postponed because of the building works.

It will now be held on the evening of Friday 12 February 2010 starting at 7pm. All those who entered the October tournament will be invited to play in this one.

As well, anyone else who'd like to enter please send me an email at alistairmacindoe@yahoo.com.au Entry is free.

Shot of the Month

– THE GRIP

Grip the cue more or less as you would a hammer. The cue is held well in the hand. Most of the pressure is applied by the thumb and index finger.

Note the nice right angle formed by Ian Dale's forearm and cue. Ian has an excellent set-up.



Reading of the Month

- Taken from Billiards (1930) by Australia's greatest ever sportsman Walter Lindrum. Here he talks about the use of sidespin when playing against the nap of the cloth.

"This introduces a factor of such baffling intricacy that I do not suppose that I employ side directly against the nap of the cloth once in a week's play.

All the ball-control I can command is directed against leaving such a shot. Should one be left for me by an opponent, I do all I can to extemporize a shot without side which will compel an opening score. And I am advising you to do the same thing.

Life is short, and you can only devote a certain amount of it to your billiards. There is so much before you which is straight and clear, and which will make a full call on every moment you can spare for billiards, that I do not advise you to worry a lot about the complexities of an occasional leave against the nap."

SQUASH REPORT

Pennant Teams Ready for Finals

The spring season has just finished with seven KLTC teams making the finals, our best result for a few years. Four teams won the coveted 'blue flag', B4, C1, D2 and D3, with three of these teams being absolute underdogs. The A1 and A2 finals are yet to be played.

Our D2 team claim to be odds on favourite to win the flag for their grade but hopefully we come away with some memorable wins.

There have also been some excellent individual performances by Ben Armstrong, Darren James, Barry Barnes and Mike Daglish while Josh Cardwell's world ranking has continued to rise and he now sits at 195 in the world.

2010 Pennant Season

The 2010 Pennant season will start in late February and any Members that want to improve their fitness and develop the strength to play those Roger Federer wrist shots should come and play in the Club Circuit pennant competition.

All grades are catered for so contact Cory Thorsen at the Club for all the details.

Club Championships

We are hoping to play the Squash Club Championships at the same time as the tennis next year with the finals to be played on the 28th of February.

Keep an eye out for all the details.

Ladies On The Way Up

Our ladies continue to improve both their national and world rankings.



The winning B4 team after their recent pennant win.



Bert Armstrong and Sarah Fitzgerald with their gold medals from the recent World Masters Games.

Sarah Cardwell and Selena Shaikh recently played in the Australian Junior Championships and both performed extremely well.

Sarah is currently ranked 2nd in the Australian under 19's and is up to 14th in the world U/19 rising stars rankings while Selena is ranked 3rd in Australia for under 17's and is up to 29th in the world U/19's rising stars rankings.

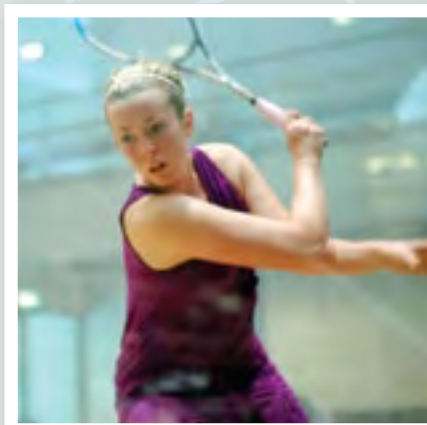
Both girls have been selected in the National Squad for the 2011 World Junior Championships. This is a fantastic effort by both girls and we look forward to hearing all their results coming through over the next twelve months.

World Class

Melody Francis is another Kooyong star on the squash circuit and she continues to shine on the world stage.

She has recently played in Amsterdam and Cincinnati and her semi final performance in Shanghai was a highlight.

Melody is currently celebrating a career high world ranking of 60 and she is also the number 4 ranked woman in Australia.



Melody Francis has her world ranking at a career high of 60.

I LOVE THE 80'S



Kooyong Young Members invite you to the 80's prom...

Huge Punch Bowl - Fairy Floss - Snow Cones - 80's Style Buffet
Have your hair sprayed with glitter - Extra blue eye shadow on hand - Non stop 80's tunes from our old school dj - drinks -

Saturday 20th February 2010

7.00 pm in the prom hall aka the refurbished Kooyong Room

Dress: your 80's prom finest threads - **COMPULSARY**

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RSVP: collect booking form @ KLTC reception, download form from website or contact KLTC for it to be faxed 9822 3333

* REMEMBER TO REGISTER ON FACEBOOK TOO!!

*18- 40ish members & friends



AROUND THE CLUB

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary



The year 2009 has been rather a lean fundraiser for our Auxiliary due to the redevelopment and major works occurring at Kooyong.

We had planned to hold a Christmas Luncheon in the new Clubhouse in early December but unfortunately we had to cancel this function due to the ongoing renovations.

However, our Auxiliary will again be selling tickets, including lunch, for the AAMI Classic on Wednesday 13th January and Friday 15th January 2010. Please contact our ticket secretary Carmel Quinn on 9827 3810 for any tickets you require for these days.

Our tennis tournament on the grass courts is scheduled for Monday 1st March 2010 and all the invitations have been mailed out.

Should we have missed anyone on our mailing list, please contact reception at Kooyong, leave your name and address, and we will happily send you an entry form.

I take this opportunity, as President of the Auxiliary, to wish everyone a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year and I look forward to your continuing support in 2010.

Marie Devereux

President



SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Our Bennett's Lane Jazz Club night was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere and Renee Geyer was excellent.

The 'JJ' Memorial Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin on 11th October was a wonderful afternoon of tennis, followed by drinks and canapés in our new Clubhouse. The winners on the day were as follows:

Paul and Janice Townsend

Francis and Marguerite Buaud

Harold and Dianne Coles

Derrick Wildi and Douglas McKinnon

Congratulations to the winners and well done to everyone who played and made the day a success. Please come and join us next year in March when we will be playing on the grass.

We are very sorry to have to announce that we are unable to hold our Christmas party as scheduled as the Clubhouse will not be finished.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2010:

4th February: AGM

21st March: Round Robin Tennis day

16th May: Round Robin Tennis day

10th October: The 'JJ' Memorial Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin.

We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2010 in our new Club.

Jessica Jasper

– President Social Committee



Wine & Food Society

On August 21st we celebrated Function No. 275 at Royal South Yarra Tennis Club in The Norman Brookes Room and we were delighted to finally be able to formally recognise Pamela Middleton's great contribution to the Society.

Pamela had been unable to attend our two earlier functions this year so it gave me great pleasure to present her with flowers and a framed Citation for her Life Membership. It read – "Life Membership Presented to Pamela Middleton on the occasion of her retirement as Bacchus of the L.T.A.V. Wine and Food Society".

In appreciation for her many years of leadership and commitment to the activities of the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club based LTAV Wine and Food Society.

Pamela is a 50-year member of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and has made a contribution to the Society over many years, in a variety of roles, but finally as President and Bacchus until her retirement in December 2008.

As we were unable to have a Winemaker's Dinner at Kooyong this year due to the renovations we appreciated the opportunity to hold a Function at Royal South Yarra and thank Philip Lambert and his staff for their assistance. The Menu and associated wines were as follows:

Mixed Canapes

Yarra Burn Pinot Noir Chardonnay Sparkling 2006

– Yarra Valley Vic.

Asparagus spears with cos lettuce hearts, crumbled boiled egg, crispy bacon, croutons and Caesar salad dressing

Delatite Riesling 2006

– Mansfield, Vic.

Wood Park Pinot Gris 2008

– King Valley Vic.

Veal roulade with mushroom risotto filling, chive mashed potato and chervil cream sauce, roasted cherry tomatoes

Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon 2005

– Coonawarra SA RSYLTC Club

label Shiraz 2001

– Frankland River WA

Crispy Spanish torta with citrus mascarpone and saffron poached pear

Freshly brewed coffee and tea with chocolate truffles

The Entree and the Yarra Burn Sparkling 2006 seemed to get the top accolades from our guests.

Our next Function on November 27th at Di Palmas, in East Kew, will be over by the time Courtside goes to print and the Winemakers Dinner will be held in the new Racquet Club on Friday, February 26th, 2010. I am sure that Kevin Ley and Patrice Renaudin and the catering staff at Kooyong will yet again ensure that it is a memorable evening.

I would like to again thank my Committee for their constant support this year and I would also like to thank the staff at Kooyong for their general assistance and for providing a space for our Committee meetings under difficult circumstances.

Mary Hoban

President

HEALTH CLUB NEWS



The Kooyong Health Club has certainly made some impressive inroads in the past twenty years. For members who remember, or even used, the old gymnasium facility, you might recall a tight space with some very basic weight training equipment.

The concept of a gymnasium at one of Australia's premier tennis clubs has made as much progress as the Club itself. Once thought of as a haven for heavy lifters with a preference for grunting and groaning, the idea of a modern and state of the art gymnasium at Kooyong was not commonly associated with the club.

Over the course of two decades, two renovations, a forward and modern approach and a progressive mindset, the fitness facilities at the club have evolved into a dynamic and new-age environment that caters for all club members at all ages and fitness levels.

The gymnasium is now an important part of Kooyong, and its popularity is clearly evident each day of the week. Whether it be our up and coming tennis enthusiasts undergoing sport specific workouts, or for the everyday member looking to keep fit and healthy and enjoying the picturesque view of our beautifully manicured grass courts, the gymnasium is now well and truly entrenched within the Kooyong culture.

From the days of our initial gymnasium space in the male change rooms with a singular black vinyl bench press to a state of the art facility with a 25-metre pool, our KLTC gymnasium has evolved into a wonderful and user-friendly amenity.

With renovations running into the completion stage at KLTC, members are delighted to have full access to the new gymnasium, which is currently fully operational. With a 65 per cent larger area, and an evenly spaced floor plan, the Health Club provides a broader range of

fitness equipment to complement our facilities.

To supplement our gymnasium, 2010 will see an introduction of more early morning and later evening group exercise classes. We are also excited to provide our members with a new lifestyle room.

The lifestyle room will be located in the old gymnasium space and our weekly classes will be conducted in there. This new area will contain a sprung-board floor with a class specific design for daily participation.



You can see the huge difference from the gym in 1989 to the new gym now open for Member use.

Sarah Costi, currently a member of our personal training team and aqua aerobics instructor, will be appointed as our group exercise co-ordinator. Sarah's enthusiasm, passion and dedication will ensure that our group exercise timetable is not only physically rewarding but also socially uplifting.

Julian Roberts, our personal training coordinator, will be initiating the inception of a brand new class for 2010, Strong to the Core. This new class will be a conditioning session designed to focus specifically on core strength, improvement of posture, core stability, improving lower back strength and all round fitness. Strong to the Core will be a welcome addition to our current twelve weekly classes.

Whilst 2010 will be a monumental step forward for the Health Club, 2009 has successfully seen the introduction of two valued members of our personal training team. Lachlan Gleeson and Steven Nicola joined the club earlier this year and have since brought vigour, uplifting presence and a commendable energy level to Kooyong. Congratulations lads!

As well as working as a personal trainer, Lachlan is also a fully qualified sports therapist. He will be available on a weekly basis for massage therapy, with a specific focus on remedial massage, sports massage and relaxation massage. Lachlan's services also include injury rehabilitation and progressive programming.

In 2009 we have also introduced a complimentary birthday personal training session for all our members. This session is a brief experience of the valuable service we provide. Many individuals have opted to maintain a healthy and fulfilling lifestyle by taking up this service on a continued basis with a trainer.

Our complimentary birthday sessions will continue in the New Year, and if you do have a birthday in the current month, please feel free to introduce yourself to one of our friendly trainers at the gym.

Any members interested in losing weight and feeling great, and having difficulties coming up with a tasty and creative healthy eating plan, please feel free to contact me as I am in the final stages of my commercial cookery course. I'm looking forward to communicating the healthy eating message with a gourmet flavour so members can lose weight and feel fantastic.

Michael Kull

Health Club Manager
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Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- 1st** Crèche AGM
12-13th Wayne Arthurs Cup
25th Christmas Lunch at Kooyong (See ad below)

JANUARY

- 12th** AAMI Classic Media Launch
13-16th AAMI Classic
31st Australian Open Men's Final Members Dinner

FEBRUARY

- 4th** Social Committee AGM
12th Handicap Snooker Championship
20-21st Club Championships
20th Young Members Prom Night
26th President's Lunch
26th Wine & Food Society Winemaker's Dinner
27-28th Club Championships
27-28th Squash Club Championships
28th Clubhouse Open Day

MARCH

- TBC** Alicia Molik Cup
1st Royal Children's Hospital Tennis Day
21st Social Committee Social Round Robin
28th Bridge Seminar with lunch

Eva Recognised with Stonnington Award

The Club would like to congratulate long time member and former Wimbledon player, Eva de Jong Duldig on receiving a Stonnington Citizen of the Year Award.

Eva, who has been a member at Kooyong for 55 years, was recognised for her contribution to the community in the area of Arts/Culture.

Her tireless promotion of art and culture within the Stonnington community, as well as to national and international audiences, was the driving force behind her award.

The former captain of Maccabi's A Grade Pennant team stressed in her acceptance speech that local government needed to provide more support for the arts.



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