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# *The President's Lunch*

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## Success is catching in the Peers Family



Following in the footsteps of a talented parent can be hard but so is following in the footsteps of a talented sibling and when you are doing both it could be quite daunting.

Not in the Peers family though as both John and Sally continue to impress with their results in Australia and overseas.

The kids are following in the footsteps of their mother, Elizabeth, who is a fourteen time Club Champion at Kooyong.

Earlier this year John and Sally were able to win a unique double when they won their respective Open Singles titles at the Shepparton Easter Tournament against quality opposition.

John defeated highly credentialed Kooyong State Grade star Jay Salter in a tough final 6/2 1/6 7/6 while Sally also won her final in three sets with a win over Eaglemont's State Grade player Carolyn McGann 6/3 3/6 6/1.

This was a unique double for the family and both John and Sally are building on this success as the year goes on.

Since this win John has been a huge part of Kooyong's quest for a second Men's State Grade Pennant and teamed with Jay Salter, Richard Fromberg, Will McNamee and Marinko Matosevic they are currently sitting on top of the ladder undefeated as the finals begin.

John has played in the number three position for most of the season and continues to improve his game alongside his more experienced teammates.

He provides the team with the enthusiasm and presence that will hopefully help Kooyong to take that extra step in 2007 and will end in the ultimate success, which the Club hasn't tasted since 2002.

John will also continue to develop his tennis career this August when he takes up a scholarship at an American university.

Several of Kooyong's young stars have taken up this great opportunity and have enjoyed the experience gained in the college system.

Sally has also continued her climb up through the junior tennis ranks on the world stage in 2007 with some extremely encouraging results.

At just 16 years of age Sally has already acquired some fantastic experience on the world stage with Junior Grand Slam appearances and will compete in the Junior Federation Cup final in late September.

Sally started her overseas tour with tournaments on clay in Austria leading up to the French Open where she was unfortunately beaten in the first round of qualifying.

She then turned her attention to the grass court season and with her experience on the grass courts in Australia and especially here at Kooyong Sally was able to achieve some fantastic results.

Making the round of 16 in a tournament in Germany would have been a great confidence booster for Sally and she then went close to beating a girl ranked number 34 in the world at the first round of a tournament in Roehampton.

The 3/6 6/2 4/6 loss to Malena Gordo from Argentina would have given Sally another feeling of belonging at this level as she prepared for the Junior Wimbledon qualifying where she eased past both of her opponents to make the main draw.

In the first round at Junior Wimbledon Sally faced Karumi Nara from Japan and despite losing 6/3 6/1 she should be proud of her efforts in her first attempt at these major events.

This experience will no doubt allow her to continue her rise through the junior ranks where she currently sits 99th in the world.

The Club would like to congratulate both John and Sally on their recent achievements and we look forward to them continuing their impressive form over the next few years.

The family success doesn't end there as Elizabeth Peers' brother, Peter Little, has recently been honoured with the Order of Australia for services to people with diabetes, particularly through executive roles with Diabetes Australia and to research into the vascular effects, treatment and prevention of the disease.

This is wonderful recognition of more than 20 years of service to helping people who suffer from Diabetes and the fight to cure the disease.

Congratulations to Peter and his family for their continued dedication to achieve at everything they apply themselves to.

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The 2007 Champions' Dinner:  
Squash Club Champion Mark  
Ikin with MC Darren James

## *... a word from the CEO*

Another club year has concluded at Kooyong and activity levels are at an all time high. It is a feature of Kooyong that members make great use of their club and participate strongly in the activities offered.

The recent Fifty Year Member night is an example of the friendship and camaraderie that distinguishes Kooyong as a unique and very special club and there was obvious warmth and affection among the group for a club that has offered so much over many years.

As a tennis club Kooyong continues to provide membership opportunities like no other club. Participation across all levels of competition is strong. From juniors to veterans and from social groups to State Grade, Kooyong members have an opportunity like no others.

Our squash group, other sporting groups and the social interest groups continue to enjoy the relevance that Kooyong offers members in an ever-changing environment.

The club is focussed on identifying and delivering new and expanded benefits of membership and the relationship with Portsea Golf Club is an example of ways the club is seeking to ensure that broader membership needs will be delivered in the future.

Courtside is a snapshot of activities at our club and the opportunities offered to our members. I hope you enjoy this update.

**Chris Brown**  
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

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# President's Report



Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club is a great club and members are enjoying a golden era which can be traced directly back to several bold decisions made by past committees. Successive Councils have sought to identify opportunities to create facilities and services, which meet both the sporting and recreational needs of the membership.

It is imperative that Kooyong remain forward thinking and with an eye to the future, Council has established a working group to review the current facilities and prepare recommendations regarding developments aimed at maintaining Kooyong as both an icon of sport and to provide for the future sporting and lifestyle needs of our members.

Council has remained strongly committed to the provision of quality food and beverage services and a series of decisions to develop the offer has been vindicated. Among them, the Members bar was modernized and the Racquet Club was upgraded to create a space commensurate with the standards and qualities members of Kooyong expect.

Patronage and as a consequence the atmosphere at Kooyong has been exceptional seven days a week. The working group review will include investigations of ways to further develop the bar, dining and balcony areas for the benefit and comfort of members.

The club is also seeking ways to develop relationships and expand membership benefits. Negotiations with Kew Heights Sports Club has resulted in the preparation of a proposal, which would extend KLTC membership benefits to include lawn bowls without increasing subscriptions. The matter will be considered by Kew Heights in September. If the decision taken is supportive of the proposal a detailed analysis will be mailed to KLTC members for consideration.

Our relationship with Portsea Golf Club continues to grow and create member opportunities. We are pleased to announce details of Corporate Annual Playing Rights for Kooyong members at Portsea. Based on sufficient interest from Kooyong members, there is opportunity to enjoy the ever-expanding facilities and services of the Portsea Golf Club on extremely favourable terms.

It is now 20 years since the launch of the Kooyong Classic, a tournament that has maintained Kooyong's link to International Tennis. Whilst confirming Kooyong's place as the spiritual home of Australian tennis.

The tournament is now entrenched as the major lead up event to the Australian Open attracting the greats of the modern game. The financial return has provided obvious benefit and with excellent sponsorship support secured with AAMI, the club is committed to a 3-Year program of stadium maintenance to ensure protection of our major asset.

A move to embrace Pennant Tennis at Kooyong has also proven popular and successful and has positioned Kooyong as one of Victoria's premier pennant tennis clubs.

Perhaps one of the most pleasing overall changes at Kooyong has been the move to a more family friendly lifestyle club. Small changes in member rights and privileges, over time, have combined to create a club environment recognised by Club Victoria at three successive award evenings.

The changes made over the last ten years or so have been embraced by members. The decision to reserve certain areas of the club for member parking and the Moonga Road entrance are examples that have contributed to the quality of club life at Kooyong.

I am pleased to welcome Peter Carew and Andrew Sutherland as new members of Council. Peter and Andrew have accepted nominations for the casual vacancies on Council and I am confident they will each contribute substantially to our club in these important roles in the future.

The challenge moving forward for the current and future committees is to build on the work of previous committees and to make bold decisions where bold decisions are demanded.

The current committee's strategic plan incorporates a raft of possibilities that if adopted will secure Kooyong Tennis Club's relevance to current and prospective members whilst enhancing our reputation as the premier tennis club in Australia.

**Ian Hill**

*President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club*

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# The 2007 Champions'

A wonderful night of celebrations was the culmination of another fantastic year of sporting achievements at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

Jay Salter's sixth Club Championship win under fire from some of the young stars of the future and Mark Ikin's third squash Club Championship win are just a few of the highlights.

Then there is Maddison Springall's surprise win after defeating some of her more fancied opponents in the Women's Open tennis final and Melody Francis' first win in the Women's Open squash final.

Not to mention Neil Croft's win in the Snooker Club Championship or the recognition, on the night, of Euan Campbell's contribution to the Club over many years as the Club presented him with the Distinguished Member award.

Euan's contribution has included many years on unrewarded service to the betterment of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club as he served on Council and its committees and also as the Vice President of the Club.

His passion for the Club and his hopes for its long future were evident in everything he did on those committees and Kooyong is a better place because of his involvement.

We welcome Euan to this select group and look forward to seeing him enjoy the Club he has given so much to for many years to come. Congratulations Euan Campbell!

Others to celebrate big wins on the night included the two time Open Men's Doubles Champions David Bidmeade and Jay Salter and Open Mixed Doubles winner Cam Dickinson minus his partner Emily Arnott.

Even the President, Ian Hill, and his partner Hal Hiramatsu celebrated their win in the D Grade Doubles as did one of the Club's improving youngsters, Nicole Parkes, who won the under 21 girl's singles.

It was also great to see so many rising squash stars at the event including Harrison Sinatra, Robert Templeton and the Women's Open Champion Melody Francis.

Our Club Champion and Kooyong coach, Mark Ikin, has been building a strong junior development program here at the Club for

some time and it's great to see so many youngsters involved at Kooyong.

The night also featured another huge star, paralympian Don Elgin, and although many wouldn't know him before this evening many would have left inspired by his feats and attitude to life.

Don's story was extraordinary and his attitude and mental strength were so evident that it sent chills down your spine to hear his stories of success on the world stage.

The 3-time paralympian has four paralympic medals under his belt, with three coming from the Athens games including a bronze medal in the pentathlon to follow on from the bronze he won in Sydney in the same event.

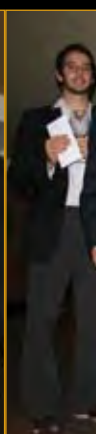
Don also won a silver medal in the 4 x 400 metre relay and a bronze medal in the 4 x 100 metre relay at the Athens Paralympics.

These achievements gained the attention of most in the Kooyong Room but it was Don's positive attitude and love of life that inspired most in attendance.

His smile was infectious and his outlook on life made for a wonderful story of success on this night of celebration at Kooyong.

It was fantastic to see the Kooyong Room filled with so many proud members celebrating some wonderful sporting achievements like those of Don Elgin.

No doubt it will be even bigger and better in 2008.



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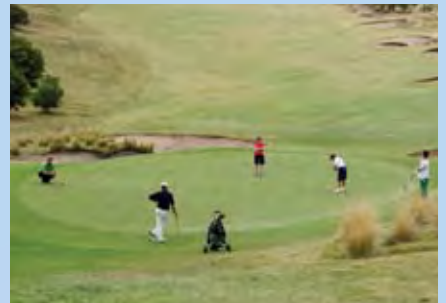
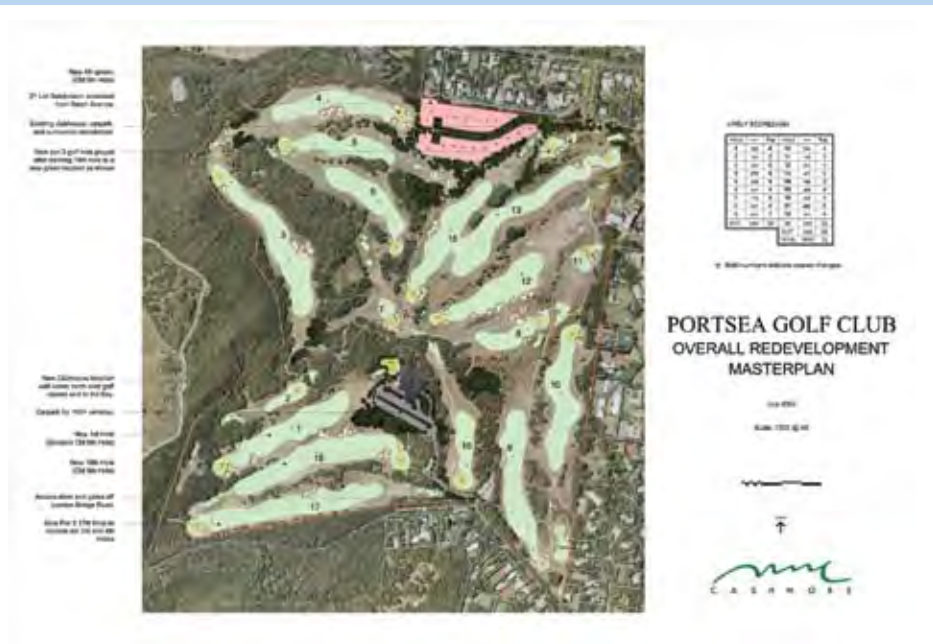


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# Spectacular new development at provides a wonderful opportunity





# Portsea Golf Club for Kooyong members

Portsea is consistently rated in the top 25 golf courses in Australia and offers a wonderful friendly experience for all golfers.

It happens to be the course the pro's love to play.

As Peter Thomson says... "Portsea stimulates me. It is in every way a champions course."

And so it is with these principles in mind, that Portsea is about to embark on a considerable, spectacular redevelopment retaining all the charm and history and providing wonderful amenities that members and patrons can enjoy for years to come.

This then provides a very special opportunity for Kooyong members to participate in the future of Portsea Golf Club.

## Exclusive offer to Kooyong members.

Kooyong and Portsea have entered into an arrangement that offers 150 Kooyong members Corporate Annual Playing Rights at \$1000 per year.

## The key aspects of the redevelopment are:

A subdivision that will create an exclusive golf course estate. This will be located on the current site of the car park and clubhouse resulting in the need for a new

clubhouse but having a minimal impact on golf course changes.

## A clubhouse you could live in.

The identification of a location for the new clubhouse was all about position.

Position to maximize views over the course and the distant ocean and bay.

Position to minimize change to natural vegetation and land form.

The proposal consists of a low profile two story development partially embedded into the contours of the plateau terrain.

And whilst contemporary, is relaxed and welcoming.

As well as all the appropriate golf facilities and hospitality experiences there will be on course accommodation.

\*All plans are currently lodged with, and subject to, Town Planning approvals

## Maximum course layout minimum vegetation removal.

The selection of the optimum location for the clubhouse has resulted in minimal changes or adjustments to the course by retaining a championship layout.

The course changes have been made in consultation with Flora and Fauna specialists

to identify areas where existing indigenous vegetation is most valuable and where flora and special fauna exists.

Site planning has been adjusted to respect their advices.

## Portsea to go green year round.

Historically Portsea has relied on a combination of bore and potable water for irrigation.

However with the current climate the need has become critical to secure a constant supply of suitable water for the whole course.

A decision has been made to invest in a desalination plant to convert the current saline bore water and secure the future supply.

As a result approximately 40 megalitres (40 million litres) will be returned to the community each year.

## A secure future.

Not only has Portsea Golf Club secured water for all future course requirements, with this spectacular new development it has secured the future for members and the continued pleasure of playing... "a champions course."

## Secure a place in this exciting future by being part of this exclusive offer.

A members information night will be held on Wednesday 5th September at 6pm to outline full details of the offer.

*For further information, members should contact Kooyong CEO Chris Brown on 9822 3333.*



# Kooyong Foundation

## KOOYONG FOUNDATION NEWS

### *Kooyong Foundation players join national high performance academy*

Three players supported by the Kooyong Foundation have achieved selection in the National High Performance Academy.

Young players Viktorja Rajjicic, Monika Rajjicic and Belinda Woolcock have achieved entry to this nursery for champions of the future. Each player has met the criteria in regard to rankings, results and performance to enter the program.

Melbourne's recently launched National High Performance Academy offers a comprehensive tennis-training program and allows athletes the opportunity to reach their full potential with the ultimate vision of producing Grand Slam champions.

Within the program athletes are offered an environment providing optimum on court training, physical preparation, sports science and medical services.

The NHPA aims at development of athletes with the ability to make an impact on the international tennis circuit and particularly in the Grand Slams.

Each player's development is reviewed every few months to ensure they continue reaching the standards set to stay within this extensive program.

"The support of the Kooyong Foundation is a fantastic initiative. It is designed to assist aspiring young tennis players in Victoria who need additional support in order to meet their tennis objectives" says Craig Tiley.

Director - Player Development | Tennis Australia  
Tournament Director | Australian Open

### *Foundation Supports Talent Search Clinics*

The Kooyong Foundation has agreed to sponsor two Tennis Victoria Talent Search Clinics to be conducted late in 2007.

These clinics will seek to identify talent in an event that is designed to capture athletes, under 12, from within tennis circles, who may be playing other sports at present. The programs encourage growth at the base of the player development programs, which in turn fuel the talent pool further along the pathway.

The initial talent search program is the Frank Sedgman Cup, which will take place in Bendigo on August 4th and 5th.

Kooyong Foundation patron, Frank Sedgman, has put his name to this important event and the Foundation is extremely pleased that it has established a relationship with Tennis Victoria to support this activity.

The second event will be a 10 and under team event, to be held on the 15th and 16th December, to be played at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on en-tout-cas.

Kooyong Club Members and touring professionals, Wayne Arthurs and Alicia Molik, have agreed to add their name to the trophies on offer for the winners of this event.

Further information regarding these events will be available soon.

***We encourage anyone who is interested in supporting these events via sponsorship opportunities for businesses or donations to contact Chris Brown on 9822 3333.***



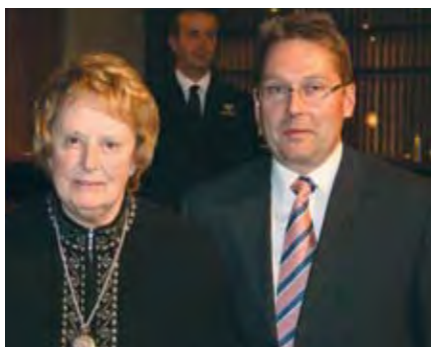
Monika and Viktorja Rajjicic.



Matthew Coghlan, Belinda Woolcock and Will Coghlan.



# 50 Year Members Inducted



It was with great pleasure that Kooyong inducted its newest group of 50 year members in late July.

This function is always a fantastic night as some of Kooyong's longest serving members come together to celebrate the new inductees each year.

Some famous names have been inducted over the years and this year was no exception with famed international tennis journalist, Alan Trengove, becoming a member of this select group.

The world famous tennis writer recounted some great memories of his time around the Club with MC Tony Charlton as he joined some of the biggest names in Australian tennis as a 50 year member of Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

Also inducted this year was great supporter of the Kooyong Foundation, John Laidlaw.

John's continued support is helping future Australian tennis stars reach their full potential.

Other members to be inducted into this group were Mary Gorman, John Shannon, Michael Law, Fred Murphy, David Ward, Michael Boyt, John Toohey, Beverley Lewis and Margary Murray.

Congratulations to all of our 2007 inductees and we hope you enjoy many more years of enjoyment at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club.

*50 year member inductees (from top) Beverley Lewis, John Laidlaw, David Ward, John Toohey and Fred Murphy with President Ian Hill*



## Archives and Research Centre

The Club is most grateful to the following donors for their contributions to our archival collection:

Chikao Tokuhisa: biography of Jiro Satoh, Japanese Davis Cup player who visited Australia in 1932/1933

Jean McFarland: photos of Kooyong circa 1930

Cam Dickinson: early 1900s "Meteor" Melbourne Sports Depot racquet

John Fanshaw: Dunlop Ultra Plus tennis racquet

Clark Hansen: 3 Sony videos of interviews with John Newcombe and Mark Edmondson.

Eric Brown: Robert Minton: Forest Hills : An Illustrated History

Tony Boardman : Australian Open Programs 2005/2006

Rob Sinclair (Cinedair- East Malvern) - archival footage of movie films of Kooyong in the 1930s, 1950s and 1960s

Alan Trengove: donation of Australian Open Programs: 1991-1993, 1997-2003, 2005

**Norman Marshall**  
*Club archivist*



*Kooyong Clubhouse in 1932. In 1953 the curved clubhouse verandah was glassed in and the courts in the foreground were dug up to make way for the construction of a second tier of seats to accommodate spectators for the Davis Cup Challenge Round in December that year. Photo courtesy Jean McFarland*

## COURT MAINTENANCE UPDATE

While water restrictions continue and there is a strong possibility of escalations during any essential recovery period, it was necessary that adjustments were made for this season to our grass court maintenance program to ensure the best court conditions will be delivered when we return to play later in the year.

Despite a dry summer and continued rigorous member use, our grass court season closed with the courts in relatively good condition.

The encouraging state of the courts has lead to a revision of our winter maintenance and the implemented program will be aimed at achieving optimum results by encouraging regrowth where possible to minimise the need to lay new turf.

A court-by-court analysis has taken place and a program has been prepared to reduce the dependence of new turf.

Grow cloths have been laid on the baseline turf and they allow light to penetrate while retaining heat below which encourages regrowth.

An additional benefit is that the material protects new growth from frost. Initial signs are encouraging and the regrowth will be monitored and the program adjusted based on the achieved results.

Some returfing will still take place but the activity will be confined to the worst affected areas and will take place at the end of winter when we move into the warmer spring weather which will stimulate the new turf to become established.

The en-tous-cas courts have been subjected to considerable ongoing maintenance as the drought and water restrictions have taken a toll.

The daily routine maintenance has been insufficient to meet the challenges of water restrictions and heavy use.

To deal with the wear and tear of the permitted on-again, off-again watering restrictions a further program of work will be completed in July to maintain court conditions.

## NEW GROUNDS MANAGER APPOINTED



The Club would like to announce the appointment of Nick Rennison as Grounds Manager, commencing Monday 30th July.

Nick is very experienced having been Assistant Superintendent at the National Golf Club from 1987.

Since the construction of the two new courses and opening of the new clubhouse in 2000 he has been Director Of Operations for Scotchgrange supervising a staff of 40 and overseeing all aspects of course development and maintenance.

His broader experience includes landscaping and gardening.

Those of you who are familiar with the National will know it as a Club of high renown and quality and we are fortunate to secure Nick's services at this time.

We are confident that he will provide excellent leadership for our group and ensure that our club thrives as a leading sporting and recreational facility into the future.





# Water Management Update

Kooyong is continuing to review methods of water management and implement changes to ensure that the club is safeguarded from continuation of the drought or the impact of future water restrictions.

The club is committed to changes aimed at achieving efficient water use for the site while reducing dependence on potable water.

The State Government recently announced Stage 3A water restrictions would continue until at least the end of September following good recent rains.

Despite encouraging seasonal rainfall during July however, water storages for Melbourne remain at concerning levels as we head into spring and the drier summer season.

Modeling trends for storages based on the last two years indicate a best outcome of Stage 3 restrictions applying throughout the summer

while less optimistic forecasts predict Stage 4 implementation late in the year.

During 2007 the club has operated under the challenges of water restrictions and implemented temporary measures to deal with the needs. At the same time, Council has appointed a working group to identify strategies to draw on available, alternative water sources and devise methods of storage and distribution around the property.

Application is being made to Stonnington Council to obtain a permit to construct water storage to the north of the property between courts 45 & 46. The tank would provide substantial storage and allow us to draw from several sources including potable water, Gardeners Creek, a recently established bore, stormwater and recycled water.

It is imperative that in modeling the options we create as many fall back positions for

supply as possible to ensure that impact is minimised if there are changes to availability of water from any of our supply sources.

Coupling systems would provide multiple feed and extraction methods to be implemented and staff will be able to manage the filling of the storage tank and the distribution of water to areas of the property.

A secondary water line is proposed to the en-tous-cas courts to ensure that our clean potable water lines and secondary lines are kept separate.

Temporary and also permanent water lines could also be established to our grass courts allowing controlled watering from the same storage facility.

A final feature of the proposed system is the capacity for future growth. If required, a second tank can be connected to the first tank, which would self level via a connection.

It is intended, subject to City of Stonnington planning approval, that the work commence immediately and members will be updated of future developments.



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# Chef's Notes

## *Food & Beverage - news -*

It has been a hectic last couple of months in the kitchen, which included the introduction of 2 new Racquet Club menus, 2 dessert menus, on going Bistro menu changes and busy times as members used their club in great numbers.

We have also seen our special wine and food dinner for the Bress Winery, which was a great success.

To seek the best produce for the club there have been changes of some suppliers made recently, adding strength to our future supply lines.

### **NEW APPOINTMENT**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Helen Thorrington to the kitchen.

Helen comes to us from the award winning Brisbane restaurant 'E'CCO'.

Helen, the 'Chef d'Cuisine', and the other chefs have been very busy putting in place the new menus for the restaurants.

Members may have noticed a simpler style of presentation but balanced with more complexities of flavour and texture.

We are look forward to Helen's future dishes and hope you will too by dining in the Restaurants, but please book to reserve your table as we would hate to you to be disappointed.

### *tip of the week...*

*It is fine to store your eggs for a week in your fridge but to get the most out of your eggs, take them out of the fridge and leave them at room temp for 2 hours before use.*

*You will find that the yolk doesn't break as easily when you fry them, the shells don't crack when you boil them and scrambled eggs are fluffier.*

## *Yarra Valley promotion*

Come and discover some of the hidden secrets of the Yarra Valley.

Sample selected produce and fine wines from the Yarra Valley from Monday August 20th to Sunday August 26th.

Due to our closeness to the Yarra Valley we thought we would take this opportunity and put together a special Yarra Valley menu in August.

The chefs will be putting together a fabulous menu to show case the area and their skills, so please again make a booking and join us for this treat in August.

We would also like to thank the members for coming out in droves the last couple of months to support the club when we do special dinner evenings.

Due to this support we are putting together a calendar of special dinners or promotions each month for the next year.

They will include Tasmanian promotions, salmon, oysters and venison.

Look out for the flyers and information on the website and book early as these are always popular events and generally book out quickly.



## Personal Accident Insurance for Kooyong Members

As a Tennis Victoria affiliated club, Kooyong is able to advise members of further advantages following recent changes to affiliation benefits.

Personal Accident Insurance is now a member benefit of the club's affiliation.

Kooyong members involved in competition representing Kooyong will no longer have to pay fees for this cover.

In addition, members enjoying a social game at the club will benefit from PAI cover for tennis activities at Kooyong.

The club has provided Tennis Victoria with details of competition players and we are

advised that within 2-4 weeks members should be sent a Tennis Victoria Player Registration Card.

The card will list the player registration number, and details will also be provided of benefits offered. Members are encouraged to check the Tennis Victoria website throughout the year for updated player benefits and details of cover.

In future, players competing in multiple clubs should also be advantaged by only having to register once.

The player registration will be valid from:  
1st July 2007 – 30th June 2008.



## Father's Day lunch

Sunday 2nd September  
12pm-3pm  
The Kooyong Room

*Delicious Buffet Luncheon*

Drinks at bar Prices  
Adults \$50, Children \$30

The booking form is available  
on the website [www.kooyong.com.au](http://www.kooyong.com.au)  
or at reception.

## Online Court Bookings



Some members will have noticed over the past few months the introduction of online booking of tennis and squash courts.

With the heavy use on the en tout cas courts at night and on Tuesday and Thursday mornings there are certain rules in place to help members have a fair and equitable opportunity to use these facilities.

Bookings can be made through reception or online and these can only be taken for up to 7 days in advance beginning at 8.30am.

The online bookings also begin at 8.30am so that people booking via reception have equal opportunity to book courts but obviously it is much quicker to do on the website.

If you are logged in as a member on the website you will see the Tennis Court Bookings link on the left hand side of the page.

Click on this and you will be forwarded to a page that has a drop down box with dates for the next seven days.

Select the date you wish to book a court from this drop down box.

This will then take you to that day's availability, this page will show you the court numbers and also the colour coded courts available for watering during play on that particular day under current water restrictions.

If a court is available during a particular timeslot you will see a box that says 'BOOK' which must be pressed to save the court for yourself.

Each member can only book for two hours on any given morning or night.

Once the court has been booked you will be taken back to a screen, which shows all of your court bookings.

If you wish to cancel this booking then you can click on the remove button next to the details of your booking.

Members who are not registered on the website are reminded that this is the quickest and easiest way to keep up to date with everything happening at the Club.

Go to [www.kooyong.com.au](http://www.kooyong.com.au) to register and you will also receive our email newsletter, which contains various important information and opportunities for members throughout the year.

## Lost Something Around The Club?

*Our lost property cupboard often swells with items left around the property and within the clubhouse.*

*Club staff gather up pieces found and store them in the lost property cupboard so that they can be collected when members return to the club.*

*Members are reminded that the lost property cupboard can be accessed by contacting Reception during opening hours.*

*Should you find items around the club they can also be left at Reception for collection by their grateful owners.*





# SENIORS TENNIS ON THE RISE

by Glenn Busby

Seniors tennis is booming around the world, are you ready for the challenge?

For those who don't know, seniors tennis is for male players 35 years and older and females 30 years and older. In Australia there are Australian and State Championships and a wide variety of other tournaments from knock out, round robins and social tournaments in each state.

The senior's scene is really growing with many mature players preferring to play against their own vintage and really enjoy the social aspect rather than playing against juniors.

Last year, in our Tennis Victoria senior's competition, played on a Sunday afternoon, which has a variety of grades, we even had Wayne Arthurs, Todd Woodbridge and Paul McNamee former elite professional tennis players playing matches. Information can be found on the Victorian and Australian seniors websites

There are tournaments also worldwide and in fact, there is a senior tournament every week of the year and sometimes 2 or 3 in a week to choose from at an international level.

Unfortunately though, it is the same as for our elite juniors or lower level professionals where there is a large cost involved with travel and accommodation and not a lot of prize money.

The world rankings are set out just the same as the ATP or WTA circuits, where points are achieved and accumulated as to where you finish in the tournament and also depend on the quality of the tournament, eg. World Championships accrue far more points than the Australian Championships, which also accrues more points than a State Championship.

The last few years I have been very fortunate to play a few international tournaments and World Championships.

For seniors who really enjoy challenging themselves, still have the competitive drive and love training, this level of tennis can provide a great vehicle to fulfil ambitions and endeavours especially if as a junior you never had the opportunity to achieve your goals due to various reasons, such as ability or financial, which may have improved as a player got older.

As well as the tournaments, there are various competitions overseas like the German Team Championships. This is similar to our Tennis Victoria pennant competition, except for various age groups.

I have been fortunate enough to be contracted to a tennis club called Eschborn TC which is 10 minutes from the centre of Frankfurt.

Fanatical is an understatement with these clubs desires to win the German Championship. There are four zones, North, South, East and West, which you must win first and then play finals against each zone, later on in the year.

Each team is allowed one international player outside the EU and my contract includes the club paying for airfares for myself and my wife to Frankfurt, accommodation and a car for as long as I am there and match payments, it's a great opportunity.

I played 2 matches in July, which allowed me to qualify for the finals in September. As a result, I will now need to go back for a weekend for the semi-final and final.

As I said, the club is extremely focused on winning the German Championships and are really professional with their team practices and social meetings and dinners to get to know each other really well.

If we win the German final, we would then go to the European Championship finals in February 2008 as similar competitions are played in many other countries.

On an individual level, I am off to Munich in August for the German Individual Championships and Mallorca, Spain, in October to try and achieve maximum world ranking points.

With these you have to pay for yourself, although if you are seeded 1 or 2 you may get your accommodation and sometimes food paid for.

The tournament scene certainly keeps me motivated for my coaching as it keeps you fresh and always thinking about technical, physical, tactical and mental developments of your personal game which can then be applied to your players.

I am a real believer in challenging yourself to your limits, rather than sitting back and watching others. There is not a better feeling than setting a goal and committing yourself to do everything it takes to achieve it and finally achieving it.

When I won my first individual world championship, last year, after being beaten in the final twice before in two other age groups, I know I had tears of fulfilment and satisfaction when I sat down at the conclusion of the match, knowing that twelve months earlier I had set a goal and a program and really

committed myself to do everything it was going to take to achieve a different outcome.

Our level of senior tennis in Australia, is as good as anywhere in the world, however there are many more fanatical players in Europe, some who play full time tennis in various age groups.

I have such a player in my Team Tennis team. He trains 5 times a week and plays about 28 tournaments a year, as well as team tennis. To say these players are serious about their tennis is an understatement.

An interesting fact though, is that in Germany senior tennis is thriving while their junior tennis is really in trouble with numbers dropping significantly.

Basically, since the era's of Boris Becker and Steffi Graf there have been no idols for young players to look up to. Whether you like or dislike Lleyton Hewitt we certainly are in debited to his achievements and enthusiasm for the game.

It certainly shows the importance of finding another such player of his calibre fairly quickly, to fill that void that will take place when he decides to finish.

Thank goodness his enthusiasm is back and he is joining forces with Tony Roach and Darren Cahill who have a wealth of knowledge with elite players and let us hope he can climb back into the top five or better.

If you want to know more about senior tennis at a local, state, national or international level please feel free to talk to me about it and I will do my best to assist you. It is a great way to keep you motivated to improve your tennis and physical well being.



**Glenn Busby**  
*Kooyong Head Coach*

## MEN'S STATE GRADE PREVIEW

What an intriguing season we have in the Men's State Grade...both Kooyong teams are currently in contention and one of them is the runaway leader as we close in on the finals.

Apart from Jay Salter's team, who currently sit on top of the ladder, the competition is very even and quite fierce across the next few teams.

MCC, Grace Park and Kooyong No 1 are fighting out the positions in the top four while Dendy Park and North Ringwood are much more competitive with the return of players to their teams in the past few weeks.

Avoiding a semi final with the red-hot Kooyong No 2 team would be a high priority as the season progresses but any team is capable of causing an upset in this competition.

For Kooyong No 1 it has been an interesting start to the season with some encouraging signs and some disappointments sprinkled amongst their results.

Paul Arber will be hoping his team is just warming themselves up for the second half of the season as they have traditionally been leading the competition at this time of the year.

Lee Pearson has been in good early season form having taken the only set off Richard Fromberg for the year but has been struck down by injury in recent weeks and the sudden mid-year retirement of Leigh Holland would have thrown a spanner in the works for this team.

David Bidmeade is now playing in the number two position for this team and his form may be the barometer for this team as they search for that elusive pennant win.

If he can find form in the second half of the year and begins knocking off some of his more fancied rivals then this line up could become a much trickier adversary for opposition teams.

Paul Arber and Matthew Coghlan are always going to be tough to beat at number three and four and this team's doubles combinations can change to suit their opposition.

They are a very experienced group, which will help when the pressure is on come finals time.

Jay Salter's team is currently sitting comfortably on top of the ladder and can now look forward to the finals as they approach.

The side has been balanced well with two experienced players helping two young stars of the competition and they have all come together well so far this season.

Richard Fromberg and Jay are leading the way and with two enthusiastic youngsters fighting hard to prove their worth at this level the side is flourishing to this point in the season.

John Peers and Will McNamee have both taken the challenge of stepping into State Grade in their stride and are now well on the way to proving they belong in this company.

As with most young players, consistency can be a problem when you reach a certain level in sport but both boys look to be keeping up with their more experienced rivals to this point.

Marinko Matosevic and Alasdair Graetz have also added depth to an already talented line up.

As most Kooyong teams know, finals are a different ball game and this has been evident so many times over the past few years but there looks to be an air of confidence with this team.

After letting a brilliant opportunity slip in last year's final there seems to be a real confidence about this team as they turn towards the second half of the season.

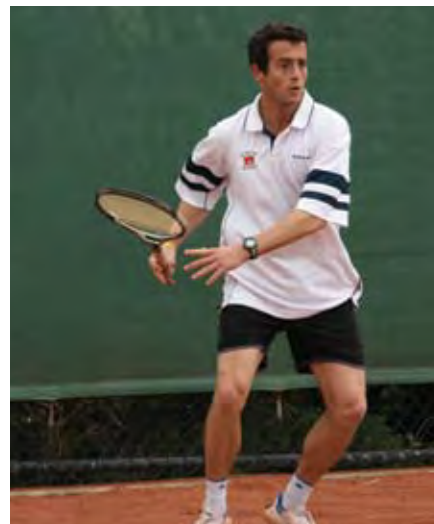
With this all said there's still a big belief amongst both teams that they can make the final in mid August but there are a few hurdles to face before this becomes a reality.

Kooyong No 1 needs to avoid finishing in fourth spot and a certain semi final against the Kooyong No 2 team.

This would give both teams a clear shot at the final and both would be confident of getting through if this was the case but as we all know the best laid plans are often foiled in some way.

Here's hoping everything goes to script for the Kooyong teams this season.

The State Grade Grand Final will be held at Grace Park Tennis Club on Sunday 19th of August at 11.00am.



From top: Paul Arber, David Bidmeade and Lee Pearson.



## WOMEN'S STATE GRADE PREVIEW

The Women's State Grade competition is a three horse race at the moment.

MCC, Grace Park and Kooyong have streaked ahead of the rest of the field and appear set to fight it out for supremacy in 2007.

Each of these three sides possess the firepower to win the pennant but it will come down to who wants it the most when the pressure is applied.

Kooyong's team has gone through a huge change since last season with several young girls coming into the side and providing a spark for the older girls in the search of a State Grade pennant.

Karolina Wlodarczak, Stephanie Wiltshire and Maddison Springall have all provided the youthful exuberance the team needed after last season's near bottom of the ladder finish.

This has been balanced beautifully with the experience of Adriana Szili, Emily Arnott, Crystal Mahony and Danielle Kypreos who have all teamed well to get the team into its current position.

This is where the hard work starts, the team now has to take its opportunity and produce some of its best tennis to upset their more fancied opponents at the business end of the season.

Karolina and Adriana have proved tough to beat against anyone at the top of the order and both seem to be enjoying their tennis but there are elements to this team that have been lacking for several years at Kooyong that could prove to be the difference.

Chemistry and hunger are such funny intangibles in team sport and with this group you get a real feeling that anything is possible because they care about each other and know something can be achieved with a bit of effort.

The older players feel refreshed and the younger players are excited and are looking forward to what is ahead and the confidence in each person's ability is a key feature to this side.

This Kooyong team isn't scared of anybody and each match is seen as a huge challenge and one they are happy to take on...could they have what it takes?

Only time will tell but there are certainly several hurdles to be faced before anything is achieved at the end of this campaign.

MCC went into the season as an overwhelming favourite with the addition of Evie Dominikovic to their team that made the semi final last year but Grace Park were always going to be in contention with a similar side to the one they fielded to win the pennant last year.

The fourth spot on the ladder is wide open but you would suggest Dingley would be favoured to sneak into that position with their number one player, Lisa D'Amelio, having returned from overseas to help their cause.

They have played in the last two finals against Grace Park and would be very dangerous if they made the top four.

This finals series could be one of the closest for several years as each team tries to keep their best team on the court.

With the parity of the competition in terms of singles it would be easy to assume that doubles will play a huge part in deciding this finals series so experience could be the key.

MCC have years of experience behind them with Evie Dominkovic, Annabel Ellwood and Jo Limmer in their side so would be favoured to have the edge.

Grace Park have been to the final before and any team involving Kristen Van Elden is a tough team to beat but the Kooyong girls are really finding their combinations and are keen to beat the best.

We can expect big things from this tight knit group and they'll be trying to create history for the Club as it pushes for a first ever State Grade title.

Let's hope the Kooyong girls fire when it matters most and bring the success they deserve.

The State Grade Grand Final will be held at Grace Park Tennis Club on Sunday 19th of August at 11.00am.

The Club would like to pass on its best wishes to Emily Arnott who is currently recovering after a being involved in a bad car accident. We wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you at the Club and with the girls again soon.



From top: Karolina Wlodarczak and Adriana Szili.

## *Kooyong* International Tennis Academy

In this courtside we are introducing our new and really exciting 3 -5 year old program. This program is to be run during the day at flexible times when this age group are at their most alert and has been developed by one of our new coaches Helen Papavagoelou, who was born and grew up in South Australia.

In her late teens Helen went to play college tennis in the USA and then went and worked in Florida for 4 years where she ran the prestigious Carlton Ritz program in Key Biscane.

She specialised in running the 3-5 and 5-7 year old programs and now has come back to Australia and more specifically Kooyong where she is extremely enthusiastic about setting up these great programs.

There are brochures around the club and please call in to the office or call and we can provide you with all the details

These programs are great at assisting the child develop their hand eye co-ordination, balance, movement, awareness... and listening skills.

As well this program we are going to start prioritising some time for adult/mature night time clinics. This is for those members who don't have time to develop their skills or improve their game during the day or on weekends.

These clinics will have a cardio aspect while developing your skills and having the chance to get involved in some match play. It is also a good opportunity to meet other members or to bring along your partner and enjoy some activity together while improving your tennis. Please call the office for all details and availability.

For all members who are looking to improve any aspect of your game, whether it be for a single lesson just to reinforce a particular aspect of your game, or to book in for a set amount of lessons, to improve a range of things, we have coaches that can meet all your needs.

Its good to see so many of our adult members as well as our juniors looking to improve their games whether it be for social reasons, night time mixed, ladies, veterans or pennant competitions.

It's also a great opportunity to get a good workout. Our Monday and Wednesday ladies programs continue to grow and our Friday night in house junior competition is full which is great. Please call the office on 98246860 for all your coaching and tennis needs.

## TENNIS ELBOW

Quite often members will come and enquire about a tennis elbow they may have acquired. In the past this has been predominantly due to poor mechanics or over use with the wrong technique.

What is showing up now is the most important cause of tennis elbow can be found in using too light a racquet or having poly strings which are long lasting but lose their tension quickly and become dead in the racquet and put a lot of pressure on the arm.

Most elite tennis players who use poly strings either break them or have them strung regularly and therefore don't have the problem with having strings staying in their racquet that put a lot of pressure on their arm.

Please ask Glenn Busby about any problem you may have and he will be happy to assist you. Another factor is that people leave restrings in their racquets for too long, feeling that if it hasn't broken it doesn't need to be replaced.

Racquets should be strung per year equivalent to the amount of times you play per week ie. If you play twice a week then you should restring your racquet twice a year.

This is if you want to get the most out of your racquet, put less pressure on your arm and get the most out of your tennis.





# KOORYONG'S *Pennant Profiles*



*Stephanie Wiltshire*

**AGE:** 16

**GRADE:** State

**PLAY:** Right handed

## **Tennis Achievements:**

- Australian 16/under hardcourt singles champion - 2006
- Gosford ITF grade 4 singles winner - 2007
- Fiji ITF grade 4 singles r/up - 2007
- Adelaide ITF doubles winner with Bonnie Pearson
- Gosford ITF doubles winner with Bonnie Pearson
- Australian 16/under claycourt doubles winner with Kelly Blake

## **Most admired sportsperson/why?**

Serena Williams because of her attitude. The way she goes about her business without making a big deal.

## **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?**

My greatest influence on my tennis career is my mum because no matter what is happening with my tennis she always supports me.

## **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?**

Essendon's come back against Kangaroos about five years ago. People in the crowd were going home at half time.

## **Reason for playing for Kooyong?**

Because Kooyong has a fantastic tennis facility and the atmosphere is great.

## **What qualities do you admire in people?**

People who try to be the best person they can be in all areas.

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

If I wasn't a tennis player I would be studying at university.

## **What do you do outside tennis?**

I enjoy visiting family and friends from back home in Albury. I also like hanging out in the city and going shopping.

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

Varies depending on whether I'm playing tournaments etc. Between 2-4 hours 5 days a week.

## **Projected finish for your pennant team this season?**

1st

## **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?**

Have to make sacrifices socially. Also you can't eat as much junk food as what you like. You also have to sacrifice your comfort zone, because if you want to be good at tennis you have to go outside of it.



*William McNamee*

**AGE:** 17

**GRADE:** State

**PLAY:** Left handed

## **Tennis Achievements:**

- 2004 - 14 Y.O. National Hardcourt Champion
- 2005 - 16 Y.O. National Hardcourt Finalist
- 2007 - Finalist Kooyong Men's Open Club Championship

## **Most admired sportsperson/why?**

John McEnroe because he is a left hander and a great player and character of the game.

## **Greatest influence on tennis career/why?**

John Trickey, who has been my coach for many years.

## **Greatest sporting moment witnessed?**

Essendon winning the 2000 Premiership.

## **Reason for playing for Kooyong?**

The Club's great facilities.

## **What qualities do you admire in people?**

Chivalry

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

A botanist

## **What do you do outside tennis?**

Study for year 11.

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

3 Hours.

## **Projected finish for your pennant team this season?**

First.

## **Sacrifices required to play tennis at a high level?**

None, as I really enjoy it.

## MIDWEEK LADIES REPORT

In Bayside Ladies Competition just completed Kooyong had several teams make the finals and we also had one team win their section.

On Wednesday Caroline Hassan's Section 1 team finished in second spot on the ladder and unfortunately lost the final to Mt Eliza.

In the same section Sally McIlraith's team finished the season in fifth spot on the ladder.

In Section 3 on Wednesday it was Judy O'Connor's team who finished in fourth spot on the ladder but were able to go all the way and won the pennant in their section. Congratulations to Judy and her team on the win.

On Thursday Kerrin Tulloch's Section A team finished in sixth position on the ladder while Linda Dohnt's Section 1 team finished in third position but unfortunately lost their semi final.

In Section 2 Anne Kaiser's team finished on top of the ladder but unfortunately lost their final to South Hawthorn.

In Section 4 Nancy Bassett's team finished in third position but lost their semi final while Kathy Grant's team finished in seventh spot in the same section.

Mandy Lugg's team finished in sixth spot on the ladder in Section 5 while Anne Fitzpatrick's team also finished in sixth spot in Section 6.

In the MEMRLTA Tuesday Morning Ladies Competition Kooyong is currently fielding 5 teams and they are currently in the middle of their season.

Rosie Kovacs' A1 team is currently sitting in seventh spot on the ladder and Moira Righetti's A4 team are just outside the top four in fifth position.

In A6 Genevieve White's team currently sit in fifth position on the ladder while Fleur Cameron's team are well positioned in second spot on the ladder.

In B3 Kathy Klemens' team is currently sitting seventh on the ladder.

## Junior Tennis round-up

Congratulations to our 25 teams, 8 on Saturday and 17 on Sunday, on another wonderful season.

10 of our 17 teams made the finals on Sunday and 5 made the grand final and we had 4 teams in the grand final on Saturdays but unfortunately they played each other in Section 1 and 4.

About 180 kids were involved in junior tennis for the February to June season and around 140 will play for the Club in the July to December season due to many of our kids also having representative Junior Pennant commitments.

Special congratulations to the 9 teams who made the Grand Final for the February to June season.

In Section 1 on Saturday George Hurley's team were defeated by Olivia Boyd's team in the grand final.

In Section 4 Caroline Hamer's team were able to overcome Amelia Lawson-Kelleway's team to win the pennant.

In Section 2 on Sunday it was Jeremy Fuller's team who made it all the way to the grand final but were unsuccessful in winning the pennant.

James Lowe's team in Section 3 was successful in their grand final though and this was a fantastic result for their side in tough circumstances.

In Section 10 Simon Hardham's team were also unsuccessful in their grand final match but they also had another fantastic season.

In Section 12 Renee Sheary's team of girls proved to be a great combination all season and despite beating the top side in their semi final they were unable to win their grand final.

In another great story Cindy Tamber's team of kids, in their first season with the Club, made the grand final in Section 18 but it just wasn't their day.

It was fantastic to see all our teams performing so well in the February to June season and it's also great to see so many of our kids moving into the Junior Pennant teams that represent the Bayside Association from September to December.

*We wish everyone luck for the season ahead in both Club and representative matches.*





# Kooyong Creche

Providing a happy, safe and nurturing environment for children whilst parents enjoy the Club's facilities.

For details and to arrange an inspection of the Creche please contact the Kooyong Pro Shop.

## CRECHE SESSION TIMES

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

9.15 a.m. to 12 noon

FRIDAY

9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

## DIARY DATES

Ladies Tennis Night - 14th Sept. 2007 - tennis followed by dinner - leave the kids with Dad, have fun on the courts and enjoy dinner with the girls

Toy Buying Night - 18th Oct. 2007 - for the third consecutive year - join us on our annual buying spree. Please make the most of this great opportunity to be organized for Christmas and save \$'s. For all members and their non member friends.

AGM (Kooyong Child Care Facility Committee) - 23rd Oct. 2007

Kooyong Kids Christmas Party Sunday - 25th Nov. 2007 - now an annual tradition - a wonderful party to celebrate Christmas - for the children of Kooyong Members (not just the crèche children) and their non member friends. Suitable for children 6 years and under.

Please diarise these important events and contact the Pro Shop for further details - 9822 3333 or 9038 7141 or email [proshop@kooyonglta.asn.au](mailto:proshop@kooyonglta.asn.au)



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# Club Round-Up

## Billiards & Snooker Report

During the first half of the year it has been the Snooker season. The finals are under way as Courtside goes to press.

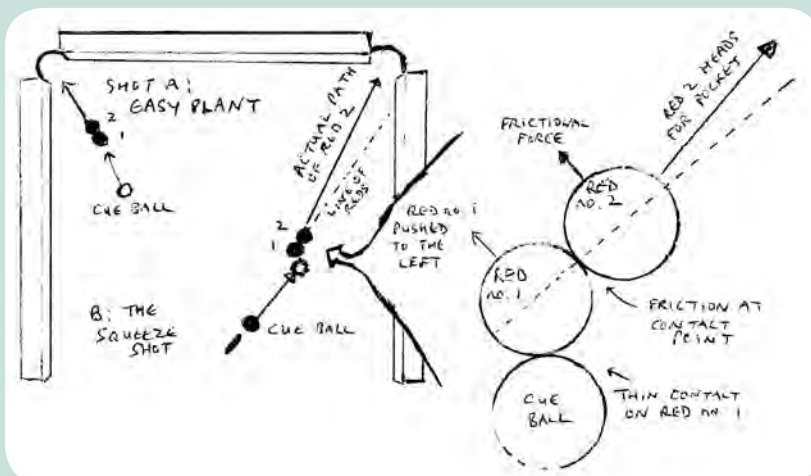
Regrettably the Kooyong team will not be there this year, after what was a very disappointing season.

We finished last, trailing RACV by a mere one frame. Our team lacked sufficient fire power to compete with the top teams.

We are hoping for a much stronger billiards season, where our players' artistry will almost certainly triumph over the mechanical shot-making of the other teams' players.

### SHOT OF THE MONTH

"The Fabulous Squeeze Shot"



### "Plants" or "Combination Shots" Part Two

In the last Courtside two straightforward plants were shown. These shots crop up quite often in snooker; when two reds are touching and are lined up with a pocket, it is simple to pot the red that is closer to the pocket by hitting the other red with the cue ball. Please refer to Shot A in the diagram.

In this Shot of the Month, I'd like to discuss the Squeeze Shot, which to my mind is the most spectacular and satisfying shot that one can play in snooker!

Refer to Shot B. Here we see the two reds are touching, but are lined up to the right of the pocket; normally the red number 2 would miss the pocket by about 5cm. However, you can pot this ball, impossible though it appears.

To pull off this pot, the red has to be "squeezed". In this instance you have to hit the cue ball firmly and such that it strikes the red no. 1 thinly on the right. This pushes red no. 1 to the left; friction between the two reds pushes red no. 2 a little to the left as well as towards the pocket; red no. 2 then rolls straight into the pocket, as if by magic! Try this shot yourself, when you are practicing.

I would, however, caution readers about these shots: they are not easy, and tend to leave the balls well placed for your opponent if you miss. Nonetheless, the feeling of euphoria that one gets from making a squeeze shot makes it all worthwhile!

## BRIDGE BITS

We continue to go from success to success.

A reminder that Social Bridge is still held on the first Thursday of every month at 1.30 p.m. and that our Director, Cathie Lachman gives an excellent Lesson on the first Tuesday evening of the month starting at 6.45 p.m.

Our Annual Congress has become so popular that we now have to run a Waiting List. This year it was held on Sunday 27th May with 100 players competing and enjoying the excellent lunch and facilities.

The best Kooyong Pair in this Congress were Constance Bruce and Jillian Griffith with Rosemary and Rob Nurse runners up. A great day of high standard Bridge.

Our annual Borin Trophy two-week competition was held in June to commemorate Jim Borin and Pauline and Charles Baker emerged the winners with Brenda and Jerry Sender close behind. Well done to all.

We have been busy visiting The Victoria Golf Club for Teams Bridge and Lunch and competing at the Victorian Bridge Association in the Croft Teams.

If you consult our Calendar on the website for future events - we are going to visit Eastern Golf Club, hold another Visitors Night with Supper and our major event will be the Annual Dinner and Duplicate on 16th October. So please come and join us.

Our Club is very friendly and we cater for all standards of bridge. Why not join in one Tuesday night at 7.30 p.m.?

**Leeron Branicki**  
Convenor

*Kooyong Congress top players - left to right Rosemary and Rob Nurse and Jillian Griffith and Constance Bruce.*





# SQUASH REPORT

It's been a very busy few months in the Squash division at Kooyong with the Club Championships, Autumn season of both senior and junior pennant as well as the ongoing junior programs and some outstanding personal achievements for some of our junior players.

The Club Championships were held in late March and the participation rate was good. There were many close matches throughout the event and many tired bodies at the end!

Our resident squash coach, Mark Ikin was the overall Men's Open winner of a spectacular finals match against Ben Waterfall. Mark has now won three of the last four Squash Club Championship events!

In the Ladies Open, Melody Francis was too strong for her opponent; Adi Dolphin, she took the title in a straight three games.

This year was also the first year that a Junior Girls and Junior Boys event was offered. It was fantastic to see the club's junior players participating in the Club Championships and getting to know some of our senior players. Overall the event was a great success!

Kooyong was well represented in the Autumn Club Circuit pennant season. We had 15 teams in the Autumn competition and of these 15 teams, 8 of them made the Grand Final! Unfortunately we only came away with one blue flag (winners) however still fantastic efforts to have so many teams reach the Grand Final.

Our first ever Ladies State 1 team were sitting on top of the ladder throughout the season and were a sure thing to make the finals. The ladies' goal to win the competition was upset when they lost their semi final to Westerfolds.

We had 3 teams in the South-East Junior Pennant Competition, A, B and D grade. All of the team's performances were admirable throughout the season and sportsmanship commendable.

The Grand Finals were all held at the Westerfolds Sports Club on 24th June. Our B and D grade teams went out strong and

secured their wins early, however our A grade team had a battle on their hands.

The A Grade grand final came down to the last match and fortunately we won by just one point at the final tally! Congratulations to our 3 teams who all won their respective grades! Go Kooyong!

The Kooyong junior program continues to grow and within this program we now have many players competing in junior tournaments around Victoria and Australia. We also have some of the states most elites junior squash players. These players are regularly competing in tournaments to improve their state and national ranking within their age group.

We currently have 6 players ranked within the top five in their age group in Victoria – Robert Templeton (U19), Nikhil Raniga (U15), Nicola Templeton (U17), Selena Shaikh (U15), Amiel Raniga (U11) & Calvin Sinatra (U11).

Congratulations to both Nicola Templeton and Selena Shaikh who were selected as part of the Victorian Junior State Squash Team for 2007. The team consists of the top 2 players in each age group, boys and girls for U13, U15, U17 & U19. The girls will be travelling to the Australian Junior Squash Championships in Brisbane later this year to represent Victoria.

Further congratulations also to Melody Francis who has been named in the 2007 Australian Junior Women's World Championship Team. This is an Australian team made up of the four best female junior squash players our country has to offer. Melody will be travelling to Hong Kong with the Australian team for the World Junior Squash Championships in August to represent Australia.

Good Luck to the girls who are all representing their state or country in the coming months. We look forward to hearing the results!

Upcoming event: Annual Handicapped Squash Tournament to be held Sep/Oct 2007

This is a tournament anyone can play and EVERYONE has a chance to win! Keep your eye on the notice board for more information!

## Club Championship Results

### Men's Open

Winner - Mark Ikin  
Runner Up - Ben Waterfall

### Men's A

Winner - Robert Templeton  
Runner Up - Ryan McCarter

### Men's B

Winner - Owen Cook  
Runner Up - Iain Brown

### Men's C

Winner - Bryan Derrick  
Runner Up - Bill Pickett

### Men's D

Winner - Mike Daglish  
Runner Up - Simon O'Keefe

### Men's E

Winner - Harrison Sinatra  
Runner Up - Richard Bowman

### Ladies Open

Winner - Melody Francis  
Runner Up - Adi Dolphin

### Junior Girls

Winner - Selena Shaikh  
Runner Up - Nicola Templeton

### Junior Boys

Winner - Robert Templeton  
Runner Up - Nikhil Raniga



# Club Round-Up

## *Wine and Food society*

Our 2007 Winemakers Dinner promises to be even more exciting than usual. Keep Friday September 14th free.

Kooyong Executive Chef Kevin Ley is planning to cook up a wonderful storm and David Ritchie, owner of the highly regarded Delatite Estate, will attend in person to present the chosen wines.

Society members will of course receive notices and booking forms and as usual early booking is advised for this now popular annual function.

Recently our attention was drawn to Restaurant 312 when it was awarded Melbourne's best new restaurant award by both the Age Good Food Guide and Gourmet Traveller.

We were also aware of the reputation which owner/chef Andrew McConnell had built up both here and overseas so we decided that a visit by our society was more than justified.

In fact it transpired that we were following in the footsteps of royalty - Princess Mary and Prince Frederic had dined there just before our visit and even in the same private room where we held our function.

We look forward with great anticipation to our Winemakers Dinner on 14th September but no royal presence is expected at the time.

**Pamela Middleton**  
*Bacchus*

## **Restaurant Three One Two**

### **On Arrival**

Juv'e & Camp 'Reserva'  
Cava 2003

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### **Entrée**

Crab Broth with Cuttlefish,  
Crispy Chicken and  
Aromatics

**2004 Umani Ronchi**  
'Casal di Serra' Verdicchio,  
Le Marche, Italy

**2005 Twofold Riesling,**  
Clare Valley, SA

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### **Main**

Grain Fed Sirloin, Anchovy  
Fritters and Salsa Verde

**2005 Allies Pinot Noir,**  
Mornington Vic

**2005 Tardieu Laurent**  
'Le Bec Fins' Cote du Rhone,  
Rhône Valley, France

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### **Dessert**

Macerated Cherries and  
Blackberries, Meringue,  
Chocolate Jelly and French  
Vanilla Ice Cream

**2004 Carmes de Ricussec**  
Sauternes, France

### **Food Master**

- *Fleur Cameron*

### **Wine Master**

- *Pamela Middleton*





## ***The Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary***

A successful card day was held in the Kooyong room in April with ladies playing Bridge, Solo and Majong and raising \$4496 for the Royal Children's Hospital.

An excellent lunch was provided and as there was a waiting list for this function please let our ticket secretary know - Thais Mear on 9859-8379 if you and your friends wish to attend our next card day to be held soon on the 20th August.

Edna Lavelle (pictured ) who has worked for this Committee for 22 years and consistently organised the Ladies' Tennis Tournament which raises so much money for the R.C.H. was inducted this year into the R.C.H. Living Treasures Honorary Auxiliary.

### ***Congratulations Edna!***

On Monday 3rd September we are holding a luncheon in the Kooyong Room and are privileged to have as our guest speaker Eva de Jong-Duldig B.A. Dip.PE. Melb.,

Eva is the Director of "The Duldig Studio" a public museum and art gallery in Glen Iris. Eva will be well known to many of you as a playing member at the Club and a former Wimbledon quarter-finalist and National Champion of The Netherlands in 1962.

"Tennis along the Way" and her involvement in the arts from her father the internationally acclaimed sculptor Karl Duldig and her mother, artist and inventor Slawa Duldig will be the topic of her luncheon speech.

We welcome any enquiries and bookings for this popular function with a 3-course meal and wine provide at \$80. Tennis groups - get together with your team for a delicious lunch and interesting speaker.

Ticket secretary is Joan Layet - phone 9824 4124.

We thank everyone for their support of these functions, which of course benefits

the R.C.H. by the donation each year of a large lump sum for specific pieces of equipment, which otherwise they would have to wait in a funding queue to obtain.

Thank you to all Committee members, helpers and C.E.O. and staff at Kooyong who contribute so much time and effort to ensure that all runs smoothly for the Auxiliary functions.

**Sandra Williams**  
*President*



# Club Round-Up

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### *Oh what a night!*

The Kooyong Room came alive as we took a trip down memory lane to the 60's, 70's and 80's for our Carvery Disco held on Saturday, 16th June.

As the room filled with crazy wigs, lace-up boots, colourful kaftans, bright swirly fabrics, hippies, peace signs, fluoro etc. the excitement escalated.

After a sumptuous carvery dinner the members and guests really got into the groove and made some fabulous moves on the dance floor.

Dan the DJ entertained us all night long with soundtracks from all eras - many of us didn't want to leave the dance floor! A night to remember!!

Thank you to you all for your enthusiasm - the night was a great success. Further photos are displayed on the Club noticeboard.

Forthcoming Events - Diarise now:

'JJ' John Jeffries Annual Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin - Sunday, 14th October

Christmas Party - Saturday, 1st December

If you are new to the Club or haven't attended one of our functions we would love to meet you.

Thanks for the on-going support.

**Rosie Waite-Garrison**  
President



## Kooyong Young Members

### *Shaken not stirred...*

This year's annual Young Members Ball was once again a sell out! The function room at KLTC was transformed into Casino Royale with hundreds of balloons, cards, dice and glitter shimmering throughout.

Guests were welcomed with a choice of whiskey or vodka on the rocks or simply a champagne cocktail. In the midst of the grand arrival, all guests received thousands of dollars, well thousands of dollars in play money...

Blackjack and Roulette tables were on offer and spot prizes and bottles of champagne were given to the "high rollers".

Once again, the food was fabulous and complemented by great wines in the midst of James Bond looking ever so dapper on the surround screens.

DJ Maney played all the groovy tracks we love to dance to, although the bulk of guests really did love those playing tables and left their dancing shoes for after dessert.

This year, along with the usual raffle of fantastic prize, we introduced a silent auction. Both proved to be a great success and saw us raise thousands (not play money) of dollars, the highest ever for Young Members - donated to Open Family Australia.

The night was a huge success and enjoyed by all, but unfortunately the night always goes far too quickly, so as always Young Members love an after party, this year we kicked on at the Toorak Lion.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank all that came to this years Ball and say a huge thank you for an incredible job done by all the staff at Kooyong headed by Kristina, whom may I add celebrated her birthday with us - the Casino Royale way!

**Angela Aiken**  
YM President

## COMING UP...

### END OF MONTH DRINKS

Friday 31st August '07  
Kooyong Bar 6.15 pm  
Drinks and Nibbles

### OCTOBER - CHAMPAGNE TASTING

To kick off the Spring Racing carnival  
Please register your interest:  
[angela@vegas.com.au](mailto:angela@vegas.com.au)

### WANT TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR CLUB???

Young Members Committee is opening up their arms to new people wanting to get involved. Whether you have organized functions in the past or not doesn't matter - as long as you enjoy meeting new people and having fun!

*If you would like to get involved with Kooyong Young Members, please contact [angela@vegas.com.au](mailto:angela@vegas.com.au)*





# Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club - Health Club News

## GYMNASIUM

What a great time it is to be part of Kooyong Health Club! With more and more of the members utilising the facilities, combating the cold weather and releasing the feel good endorphins through regular, moderate exercise.

To further assist you in your exercise quest the club has purchased a wobble board, a balance plate, a Dura disc and a Bosu. Bosu is an acronym that stands for "Both Sides Utilised" and its purpose is to enable the user to mindfully engage in the activity and reshape the body by expanding movement capabilities.

The Bosu is suitable for all fitness levels and will assist in everyday life as well as for sporting and recreational activities. The wobble board, Dura disk and balance plate are all useful in improving balance and core stability of the body.

All will assist in sports where balance and ankle strength is a focus, such as surfing, dancing and tennis. These pieces of equipment are also rehabilitation tools and will assist individuals recovering from ankle, knee, hip or shoulder injuries and in assisting everyone to improve their balance and therefore reduce the risk of falling injuries. Why not ask your friendly fitness instructor at the Club for more information?!!

## AEROBICS

Aerobics continues to be a popular form of "movin" and "shakin" the body by giving you a great workout to some funky music! Thank you to all three instructors who each have their own flare and unique style that adds to the fun and fulfilment of each class.

Due to popular demand, an additional class has been scheduled on Thursdays at 9.30am. So come along and shake your tail feathers with our fabulous Stephen! His aerobics routines are sure to put a spring in your step and brighten up your day!

## PILATES

Marg continues to do a great job with the Pilates classes. Term 2 was the most successful term of Pilates with high participation levels in all classes. Thursday night classes at 7.30pm have grown in popularity and for anyone interested, please join Margaret for this great class in the Lifestyle Room, underneath the stadium.

**NOTE: Tuesday classes begin at 10.30am.**  
**Casual participants are most welcome.**

## PERSONAL TRAINING

Due to an increased participation level in the Health Club, two new Fitness Instructors/Personal Trainers have been appointed. Allow me to introduce you to Amanda and Michael...

**Amanda Jukic** has trained and coached both Taekwondo and Volleyball athletes in the past and is currently the captain of her soccer team. Amanda has the ability, knowledge and experience to motivate, encourage and communicate healthy living so that members can achieve their health and fitness goals.

**Michael Harvey** has been involved in competitive swimming for over 10 years and last April competed in an Ironman Triathlon competition. He has successfully conducted over 100 boot camp sessions and for Michael, personal training is about improving quality of life through healthy living and fitness.

Michael and Amanda will be making courtesy calls to members regarding Health Appraisals and Re-Appraisal updates.

**Welcome to the Club Amanda and Michael!**  
**We look forward to working with you.**

## SPRING INTO SUMMER

With only a month left of Winter, it is time to steer our minds and bodies toward Spring and Summer! As we know, reaching our fitness and weight loss goals takes time so there is no time like the present to begin shaping up for Spring and getting a head start on where we would like to be for Summer. With time on our side, the Fitness Instructors will be able to assist you in devising a serious results oriented plan to achieve a healthy lifestyle and to being a fitter "you" in Summer 2007!

## COMMENTS:

If members have any comments or suggestions please make them known to Michael Kull,  
Health Club Manager on 0419 003 762.



*Amanda Jukic - Fitness Instructor / Personal Trainer*



*Michael Harvey - Fitness Instructor / Personal Trainer*

# Diary Dates

## August 2007

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary Card Day	20th
Young Members End of Month Drinks	31st

## September 2007

Father's Day Lunch	2nd
Royal Children's Hospital 'Tennis Along the Way' luncheon - featuring guest speaker <i>Eva de Jong-Duldig</i>	3rd
Portsea Golf Club Opportunity Information Night 6pm - Please contact KLTC CEO Chris Brown for more details	5th
Crèche Ladies Tennis Night	14th
Wine and Food Society Winemakers Dinner	14th

## October 2007

President's Lunch - featuring horse trainer <i>David Hayes</i> as guest speaker	12th
Social Committee 'JJ' John Jeffries Annual Mixed Doubles Tennis Round Robin	14th
Bridge Annual Dinner and Duplicate	16th
Crèche Toy Buying Night	18th
Crèche Annual General Meeting	23rd
KLTC Annual General Meeting	25th

## November 2007

RCH Christmas Party	16th
Opening Day – The official opening of the grass courts	17th
Crèche Kids Christmas Party	25th

## December 2007

Social Committee Christmas Party	1st
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## They've got lots of rabbits in China

Intrepid is what I would call a small group of Kooyong members who set out for a trip to China. We joined with husbands, partners and friends from the Kew Ladies' Probus Club - 18 of us all - and gathered at the gates of Kooyong at 4.45am one morning in May.

China is a vast and beautiful country and we were all amazed at the ancient wonders to be seen side by side with newly built bridges and multi story freeways.

We hurtled past the Shanghai Tennis Club, scene of the tournament following the Australian Open, and saw the Olympic Stadium, called The Bird's Nest, and the swimming centre in Beijing.

The trip to the Great Wall was a highlight of our tour and we all managed to get at least a foot on the wall. We didn't see any rabbits though.

Congratulations to some of the guys in our group who managed to get to the top of the wall, even if some were on all fours.

Perhaps the most exciting day was when we saw the Terracotta Warriors at Xian. Unearthed as recently as 1979, we saw the army assembled to guard the Emperor Qin.

Finally China wouldn't be China without a visit to Tiananmen Square and The Forbidden City. The heat was extreme and the walking long and arduous but we earned the praise of our guide for our persistence.

What an experience to walk where those members of the court had walked so long ago, to see the palaces and royal gardens, to visualize the scene of concubines and eunuchs and intrigue. I bet they had rabbits then.

**Joan Layet**

*From left: Helen Jowett, Ian Jowett, Frieda Werner, Gordon Way, Anne-Marie Coghlan, Joan Layet, Jenny Blencowe, Alicia Simonson, George Story.*





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