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Jennis Legends' Lunch

Kooyong again hosted a wonderful afternoon of entertainment as the last two Australians to win the Australian Open returned to the scene of their victory.

Chris O'Neil and Mark Edmondson were guests of the Kooyong Foundation and reminisced about their famous triumphs on Kooyong's centre court while Tennis Australia's Craig Tiley also updated the enthusiastic tennis guests on the state of Australian tennis.

Chris and Mark's stories were inspirational and contributed to a fantastic day for both Members and their guests.

Chris told of how she had nearly given up on the grind of touring life, the loneliness of touring life proving too much, and went into the event unseeded.

In the semi final Chris was able to defeat Diane Evers, who had knocked out top seed Sue Barker, 6/0 6/3 and then went on to defeat America's Betsy Nagelsen in a tight match 6/3 7/6.

She became the first unseeded woman to win the Australian title in the Open era and this feat went unmatched until Serena Williams, then ranked 81, won the event in 2007.

Chris spoke of her achievement and how fantastic but unexpected it was at the time.

She is also one of only a handful of players who have won both the Australian Open Junior and Senior Championship after she won the junior event in 1973.

She now runs the O'Neil School of Tennis at Morisset near Newcastle and still loves being involved with tennis.

Mark Edmondson also spoke of his fondness of Kooyong and his famous win over John Newcombe in the 1976 Australian Open final.

A rank outsider for the title, the world number 212 came through a fantastic field containing some of this country's greatest players to win the title.

The 21 year old defeated top seed Ken Rosewall in the semi final 6/1 2/6 6/2 6/4 before taking on Newcombe in the final.

Newcombe was able to take the first set in a tiebreaker but Mark fought back to win in four sets 6/7 6/3 7/6 6/1. He is still the lowest ranked player to win a major title since the ATP rankings were introduced in 1973.

Mark spoke of his love for the touring life, in stark contrast to Chris, and how he enjoyed travelling all around the world.

He enjoyed considerable success especially in doubles where he was

able to capture 5 major titles including winning the Australian Open Doubles title in 1980, 1981, 1983 and 1984.

Mark captured six career singles titles and 34 career doubles titles while also having a fantastic Davis Cup career where he finished with a 19-10 win loss record.

He spoke of the team atmosphere created by the captain Neale Fraser and the Australians at the time and their want to ensure the team succeeded.

Mark was also inducted into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame in 2007.

It was a fantastic insight into two great Australian tennis players and their wonderful achievements here at Kooyong and a day that will allow the Kooyong Foundation to continue their hard work in the area of junior development in Australia.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful day filled with great tennis stories made famous by scenes of triumph right here at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and hopefully we see the next wave of champions grace our courts in the future.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club has changed over the years and it had to. The facilities are better and more expansive and membership numbers have increased, however, we are still a world leading sporting club with tennis at the heart of our being.

Has the essence that is Kooyong been lost as a result of changes over the years?

The Community Club's Association of Victoria doesn't believe this to be the case having awarded Kooyong the Best Club Redevelopment award in 2010.

They said that Kooyong has retained that "Clubiness" feel, hard to describe yet it is that priceless atmosphere that is quintessentially Kooyong.

Kooyong can be busy at times but rather than detracting from the experience, people make the place tick.

The noisy bar, the quieter yet friendly Members' lounge, the chatter on the balcony and the good spirit of Members and guests enjoying Kooyong simply adds to the theatre and the richness of the Kooyong experience.

The diversity of Members has also played a major part in our success and attractiveness to future Members.

It's a message I have reiterated on many occasions to Members. It's my opinion that to cater to and appeal to just one segment or demographic to the exclusion of all others in our sport and leisure space signals the beginning of the end of a club.

Our sporting events, our coaching programs, social events and strong sporting teams involvement in a wide range of intra and inter club competitions has proven to be wildly successful in retaining and attracting Members of all ages and varying interests effectively catering for a broad range of Members.

On occasions I've heard our Club referred to as nothing more than a corporation lacking any Club heart or soul. How wrong that is!

Try convincing a Member celebrating a special family birthday that being a Kooyong Member isn't something to be proud of. Try telling the Members at the Presidents Lunch, or the Monday night tennis players or the Bridge group and social tennis and squash players who play and dine at the Club on a weekly basis and all the other Members who frequent the Club regularly that we're simply a corporation. Kooyong is truly a club for its Members.

AAMI Classic

On the topic of pride of membership, it seems that Members love the fact that Kooyong is a member of the international tennis world by virtue of hosting the world class AAMI Classic each January.

However, the Club needs more Members to get up close and personal with the event by purchasing tickets rather than simply enjoying the prestige of the event from a distance.

The Tennis Community

As Tennis Victoria's largest stakeholder, one would rightly expect that Tennis Victoria's other Member Clubs would take a closer look at what Kooyong contributes to tennis in this State and how that benefits their Club before finding any reason what so ever to knock our great Club.

Our Club has been one of, if not the most generous contributor to junior player development in this State for many years.

Our Club has generously and frequently made courts and other facilities available to the Victorian and Australian tennis family and via our Kooyong Foundation initiated, developed and funded the Alicia Molik Cup for 12 and under kids and the Wayne Arthurs Cup for 10 and under kids.

These young tennis players understand and appreciate the significance of playing at Kooyong, the spiritual home of Australian tennis.

We have provided up and coming tennis players from across Melbourne and country Victoria the opportunity to develop their tennis talent, to immerse themselves in our Club culture, to grow as good tennis people surrounded by other aspiring tennis players to perhaps to one day represent Australia or to win a grand slam.

Other clubs have claimed that our motivation has been to win every State based pennant competition on offer. This is clearly wrong evidenced by our team selection policies.

One would also expect a level of support and acknowledgement of our contribution to tennis in this State by those best placed to tell it how it is, however, that too seems not to be forthcoming and our support either taken for granted, expected or claimed by others.

I hope this attitude changes sooner rather than later for the good of the sport.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

As we close our year at Kooyong, we look forward with great anticipation to the annual summer of tennis.

Our own grass courts have reopened for the season and look well prepared for the rigours of the season to come.

The AAMI Classic returns on the 11th to the 14th January and there are excellent opportunities for Kooyong members to enjoy the best tennis.

This year will see the return of Andy Roddick, with several other drawcards including Thomas Berdych, Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and local homegrown talent Bernard Tomic.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster and corporate opportunities are also available. Check the website at www.aamiclassic.com.au for further details.

It is also a great time to contact our functions staff about your upcoming needs and special events up to Christmas and for the New Year to come.

I wish all Members a wonderful Christmas and look forward to great times at Kooyong in 2012.

Chris Brown
CEO - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

Supporting Country Tennis

After the 2011 Victorian floods our Committee decided to adopt a country tennis club and support that club by mobilising Kooyong Members to play in the adopted clubs annual tournament.

Kooyong adopted the Charlton Lawn Tennis Club, a club affected by the 2011 floods.

I encourage Kooyong Members to help the club recover by playing in the 2012 Australia Day tournament at Charlton.

It is a wonderful country tennis event enjoyed by many Kooyong Members in years gone by.

Let's get a big group up to Charlton to support a fellow lawn tennis club.

On behalf of my Committee Members I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Ian Hill
President - Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club

MEN FALL AT THE LAST HURDLE



From left: Daniel Byrnes, Jay Salter, Anthony Zafiris, Paul Arber, John Peers, David Bidmeade, Andrew Coelho and Richard Fromberg.

It was so close to being the perfect season as Kooyong's Premier League men fell just short of a well deserved title.

Kooyong finished the season on top of the ladder and this saw them move straight through to the grand final while Liston hosted Dingley for a chance at back to back titles. Liston showed their class and won the semi final in impressive fashion to give the competition the final it deserved.

Despite the Kooyong team being a well oiled machine throughout the five round season, luck and a star studded Liston team conspired against them when it mattered most.

After losing just six matches over the course of the season, the Kooyong men went into the final needing just five of the nine rubbers to claim victory but things began to go awry before the first ball was hit in anger. Andrew Coelho, who had starred for the team in his comeback from injury, pulled out of the final due to an injured finger and this forced a last minute shuffle of the Kooyong line up. This was a bitter blow to the team but they still had the confidence in their ability to get the job done and the early signs were good.

The doubles match ups saw John Peers and Richard Fromberg take on Sam Groth and James Wong, Paul Arber and Daniel Byrnes faced Nick Lindahl and Rubin Statham and David Bidmeade and Jay Salter had to contend with Joel Lindner and Rob McKenzie.

Peers and Fromberg went down an early break but fought their way back into the first set despite facing the huge serving of Sam Groth. They were able to send the first set to a tiebreaker and always seemed to have the upper hand as they took the first set and the momentum into the second set.

They always looked in control in the second set and were able to finish the match in straight sets with a 7/6 7/5 victory. Arber and Byrnes looked to be right in the match against Lindahl and Statham and had their chances in the first set before it eventually went to a tiebreaker. Both pairs had their opportunities but it was the Liston team that came out on top and took advantage of their lead to press towards victory as they broke and held on for a 7/6 6/3 win. The final doubles match could have been crucial to the result on the day and both sides knew the enormity of the clash as Bidmeade and Salter took the first set in a tiebreak against Lindner and McKenzie.

The second set was another huge battle as both teams looked to get the decisive break but again we went into a tiebreaker. Lindner and McKenzie won the tiebreak to send it to a ten point match tiebreaker and everyone was on the edge of their seat as they rode each point. It could have gone either way but a foot fault call on a second serve gave Kooyong the edge as they took the rubber 7/6 6/7 7/6 for a 2 rubbers to 1 lead going into singles. This left the final on a knife's edge and with some very entertaining singles matches to come it had the huge crowd keen to see all the action.

The Kooyong boys needed to win one of the first four singles matches to give itself a chance for victory against a very talented Liston team and with Coelho injured the expectations on Peers and Fromberg intensified. Peers lost a close match to Groth earlier

in the season but knew he was capable of turning things around and this looked like it might eventuate as he took the first set 6/4.

The second set was another huge battle and both men played some outstanding tennis as Peers setup a chance to serve for the match at 6/5 but Groth wouldn't roll over and found a way to break back and force the second set to a tiebreaker.

Groth's serve cranked up again and he made all the big plays to tie the match at a set all and he took the momentum into the final set. The match stayed on serve until four all in the final set and Groth gained the decisive break and held on to with his huge serve to win the crucial rubber 4/6 7/6 6/4.

While all this had been unfolding Richard Fromberg had lost a tight contest with the talented Nick Lindahl 6/4 6/3, David Bidmeade had lost the battle with New Zealander Rubin Statham 6/4 6/2 and Paul Arber found the big serving Queenslander Joel Lindner to be a tough opponent as he went down 6/3 6/2. Despite Daniel Byrnes being a set up against James Wong and Jay Salter favoured to beat Rob McKenzie, the Liston team had claimed a five rubbers to two victory and their second consecutive title. It was a fantastic spectacle and a great advertisement for team tennis in Victoria and congratulations must go to Liston on their win.

Kooyong's Premier League women produced a brilliant season and despite missing several key players for the final they were able to win the title in impressive fashion.

The team, captained by Laura McNamara, produced some outstanding performances throughout the season including a huge come from behind win against a powerful Liston side in round 4. With Liston leading the match four rubbers to two and needing to win just one more match to win the day, Kate Antosik, Adriana Szili and Michaela Johannson set out to save the day and save the day they did.

Kate came from a set down to win in three sets, Adriana showed her class to win in straight sets and Michaela won a tight match to complete the comeback and help the team to an unbeaten season and top spot on the ladder. This allowed the Kooyong girls to progress straight through to the final while Liston and Geelong Lawn fought it out in the semi final. Despite several girls heading across to South Australia for qualifying at the ITF tournament, Liston still managed to put a side together but Geelong found a way to win all three doubles to setup an impressive victory and move into their second consecutive final.

The Kooyong girls went into the final full of confidence despite the loss of Sally Peers and Michaela Johannson to injury and illness while Geelong had to contend with the unavailability of Daniella Dominikovic. When these two teams met during the season it was Geelong that jumped out of the blocks in the doubles to setup an early lead and it was something the Kooyong girls weren't going to allow this time around.

With a new combination at number one, Kooyong went into the doubles matches with an air of confidence as Karolina Wlodarczak and Molly Polak battled it out with former

Kooyong scholarship holder Viktorija Rajicic and Alenka Hubacek and it was the Kooyong girls who were able to hold on in a close first set 6/4. The second set was another long and tight tussle as both pairs looked to gain the upper hand but again Wlodarczak and Polak edged in front to take the set and the crucial first doubles rubber 6/4 6/4.

Belinda Woolcock and Kate Antosik got off to a great start in their match against Evie Ivisic and Vicky Stuckey and never let up as they ran away with the win 6/0 6/3 while Adriana Szili and Laura McNamara survived a tight first set against Lauren Warden and Brianna Bateup to secure the third rubber 6/4 6/0.

In the singles, Karolina Wlodarczak continued her good form from the doubles when she went up against Viktorija Rajicic. Wlodarczak proved to be too strong for her younger opponent and won 6/2 6/0. With just one more win required to take out the title, Belinda Woolcock went on court to face Alenka Hubacek and it was Hubacek who came out all guns blazing. The Geelong player showed why she's been ranked as high as 460 in the world in the 6/1 6/3 win.

Molly Polak was next in line and faced former world number 64 Evie Ivisic nee Dominikovic and it was the young Kooyong star that came out in red hot form.

Polak was unrelenting as she won the rubber and title for Kooyong with a commanding 6/1 6/1 victory. Michaela Capannolo had only just started her match with Lauren Warden when the result was reached while Kate Antosik and Adriana Szili avoided having to play their matches as the celebrations began.

Laura McNamara spoke of her pride in the team and their commitment to playing for the club as her last duty before heading off on an overseas sojourn and hopefully we'll see her back at the club sometime next year. It was a fantastic effort by all the girls involved and they must be congratulated for another great win for the club and they now move into the National Tennis League full of confidence.

Geelong must also be congratulated on another fantastic season in a competition that continues to build and gain traction with the players both here and interstate.

Back Row: Karolina Wlodarczak, Kate Antosik, Molly Polak, Belinda Woolcock, Adriana Szili. Front Row: Sally Peers, Laura McNamara, Michaela Capannolo and Liz Peers.



WOMEN GO BACK to NO.1

UP CLOSE AND CLASSIC

TOMIC AND RODDICK SET TO HEADLINE CLASSIC FIELD

The AAMI Classic looks set to be bigger and better than ever as Australia's Bernard Tomic plays the event for the first time and Andy Roddick returns to the event he has won three times.

Tomic, now ranked 41, has found his feet at senior level and showed the world that he's ready to mix it with the best as Novak Djokovic found out at Wimbledon earlier this year.

The rising star, who became the youngest Grand Slam quarterfinalist since 1986, made a huge run through the Wimbledon draw by qualifying and then defeating Nikolay Davydenko, Igor Andrejev, Robin Soderling and Xavier Malisse before losing in four sets to Djokovic.

Tomic followed this up with a win over Stanislas Wawrinka in the Davis Cup tie in Sydney while also taking a set off Roger Federer.

He has since continued to take big scalps at regular intervals including a win over Viktor Troicki in Japan and then wins over Kevin Anderson and Mardy Fish at the Shanghai Masters.

Tournament Director Colin Stubs had been chasing the young star for some time, "Bernard helped us out a couple of years ago on the final day and we were pleased to be able to showcase his talents to Kooyong fans at the time" Stubs said.

"I had a close look at the way he played and was more than impressed. It's great to be able to kick off our 2012 campaign by announcing the participation of Australia's brightest prospect" he added.

The return of crowd favourite Andy Roddick is sure to excite Melbourne's tennis fans and Stubs thought the

time was right to ask if Roddick was interested in returning to Kooyong.

"I had a gut feel this year that Andy might be ready to return. That was vindicated when I picked up the phone to his manager recently and received a positive response," said Stubs.

The big Texan started the year well by making the final in Brisbane and then, after losing to Wawrinka in the fourth round of the Australian Open, he won the title in Memphis.

Unable to contest the French Open, Roddick made the semi finals at Queen's Club where he lost to Andy Murray and then lost in the third round of Wimbledon to Feliciano Lopez.

The 'A Rod' then showed he was back in form when he made the semi finals in Winston Salem and the quarterfinals of the US Open.

Roddick's huge following should see the crowds flock in to get a glimpse of the superstar at Kooyong in the lead up to the Australian Open.

Big Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga will return to Kooyong for the third time and is always popular with the crowds here at Kooyong.

Tsonga, ranked 6, is having one of his best years on the tour and will no doubt be hoping that he can turn that form into Grand Slam glory in 2012.

He started the season well with a semi final appearance in Doha and then made the final in Rotterdam.

His grass court season was extremely impressive, losing a tight final at Queen's Club to Andy Murray and then losing in the semi finals of Wimbledon to Djokovic.

Tsonga has carried that form into the remainder of the year as he made the semi finals in Montreal, again losing to Djokovic, and then losing in the quarterfinals of the US Open to Roger Federer.

He won in Metz and Vienna and then made the final of the Masters event in Paris and will be hoping to cap off his season at the year ending championship in London.

The Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych will make his second appearance at the AAMI Classic after making his debut in 2011.

Over the past two years Berdych, currently ranked 7, has become a picture of consistency, making him a genuine Grand Slam contender.

He recently won the ATP event in Beijing and will contest the year end championships for the second consecutive year.

His consistency is highlighted by the fact he has made seven semi finals and seven quarterfinals in 2011.

America's top ranked player, Mardy Fish, will play the AAMI Classic for the first time after a career best season that will culminate in his first appearance at the year ending Tour championships.

Fish, currently ranked 8, reached consecutive semi finals in Memphis and Delray Beach early in the year and continued that form at the Masters Series event in Miami where he lost in the semi finals to Djokovic.

He then made the third round at the French Open before losing a tight quarterfinal to Nadal at Wimbledon and continued the good form into Atlanta where he defeated John Isner to retain the title he won twelve months before.

Fish then made the final in Los Angeles and Montreal and the semi final in Cincinnati and Tokyo to top off a very fruitful year and should be a great addition to the event here at Kooyong.

Tsonga's compatriot, Gael Monfils, continues to produce some scintillating tennis and worked his way up to a career high ranking of 7 in July before slipping to his current world ranking of 15.

Monfils had a solid start to the season with a third round showing at the Australian Open before injuring his wrist and having to withdraw from the semi final of the ATP event in San Jose.

He played well at the French Open eventually losing to Federer in the quarterfinals and then making the semi final in Halle and the third round at Wimbledon.

The hard court season started particularly well as Monfils reached the final in Washington before making consecutive quarterfinals at the Masters events in Montreal and Cincinnati.

Monfils unfortunately lost in five sets to Juan Carlos Ferrero in the second round of the US Open but has since made the semi final in Bangkok and won the ATP event in Stockholm so we look forward to seeing his amazing agility and shot making at Kooyong in the new year.

Jurgen Melzer, currently ranked 34, will make his second appearance at the AAMI Classic after another solid year on the tour that saw him reach number 8 in the world in April.

The Austrian made the fourth round of the Australian Open where he lost to Andy Murray in straight sets and then made the semi final of the Masters Series event in Monte Carlo after defeating Roger Federer in the quarterfinal.

He lost to David Ferrer in both Monte Carlo and Barcelona and then lost to Fernando Verdasco in the quarterfinals of Hamburg.

Melzer also qualified for the year ending Barclays ATP World Tour Finals in doubles with his partner Philipp Petzschner after winning his second Grand Slam doubles title at the US Open.

Demand for the one remaining spot is high as several players look to round out their preparations for the Australian Open here at Kooyong and Tournament Director Colin Stubs is sure to add another world class player to the field.

With another fantastic field assembled, the AAMI Classic is sure to provide fans with four amazing days of tennis on Kooyong's famous centre court.

For tickets see the Members Preferential Booking Form with Courtside or call Ticketmaster on 136 100.



Belinda Woolcock Helps Australia Win Junior Fed Cup

Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holder Belinda Woolcock recently helped the Australian team claim victory in the Junior Fed Cup in San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

The Australians swept past the Canadians in the final to claim the title in stunning fashion with Junior Wimbledon winner Ash Barty, Belinda Woolcock and Brooke Rischbieth all contributing throughout the week long event.

In the final, Woolcock got the team off to the perfect start when she defeated Canada's Carol Zhao 6/1 6/3 before world number 3 Barty completed the victory with a 6/2 6/3 win over Francoise Abanda.

"What we have achieved this week is phenomenal," said Barty following the win.

"We worked together as a team and really came through some awkward moments. To share this Junior Fed Cup title with Brooke, Belinda and Ken is something special. We played some

great tennis and some ordinary tennis, but great players can win when they are not playing their best and that's what all three of us did this week."

Barty also paid tribute to the team's coach and captain, Ken Richardson.

"Having a coach like Ken on the sideline is not something we are used to, but I think we all wouldn't mind having him there more often.

Likewise, Richardson was proud of his young team.

"This result is very pleasing, we were very happy just to qualify in India now we are the 2011 champions. I was very proud of the way Belinda played today, all the things we worked on came together at the right time. It's just one of those matches you dream about," said Richardson.

"Ash followed up with another straight-sets win in very difficult circumstances with the Canadian number one injured and unable to serve correctly. Ash has only lost one set [in doubles] at this event and it's been a very commendable effort considering the pressure on her to perform and lead the team. I'm a very happy coach and extremely proud of the girls."

The team started the week with a hard earned win over Argentina as Woolcock won 8/6 in the third set of her singles and Barty won her singles in straight sets.

Woolcock and Barty then completed the clean sweep with a three set win in the doubles.

It was a similar tale on day two as the Australians took on Great Britain. Woolcock won a tight three set singles match before Barty won in straight sets to kill the tie.

Woolcock and Rischbieth then won the doubles to give the Australians another clean sweep.

In the last match of the round robin stages, the Australian team faced the home side of Mexico and were challenged as Woolcock lost in three tight sets 7/5 6/7 7/5 while Barty continued her domination of the competition with another straight sets win.

This sent the tie to a live doubles rubber and Woolcock and Barty ensured the Australians kept their unbeaten streak alive with a comfortable 6/1 6/1 win.

In the semi final the Australians faced the fifth seeded team from the Czech Republic and found themselves down a rubber after Woolcock lost in straight sets.

Barty again stepped up and put the Australians back into a winning position with a 6/3 6/1 win.

The crucial doubles rubber again saw Woolcock and Barty come through with the goods as a 6/1 7/5 win sent them through to the final against Canada.

Congratulations to Belinda on this fantastic achievement especially following the Australian win involving Kooyong's Sally Peers in 2007.



From left: Ken Richardson, Belinda Woolcock, Brooke Rischbieth and Ash Barty.



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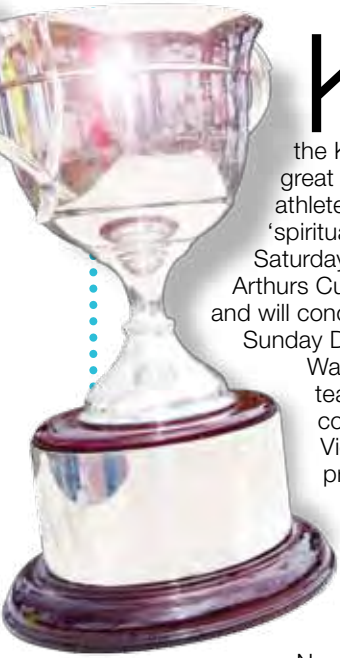
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AN AUSTRALIAN OPEN
LIVE TELEVISED EVENT



Kooyong will again host the state's best 10 year olds for the 2011 Wayne Arthurs Cup. The tournament is again supported by the Kooyong Foundation and AAMI and is a great chance for some of Victoria's aspiring athletes to soak up the atmosphere at the 'spiritual home of Australian tennis'. Starting on Saturday December 10th from 9am, the Wayne Arthurs Cup hosts Victoria's elite tennis talent and will conclude with the finals being played on Sunday December 11th from 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 competitions for players from the 10/U age group through to the 18/U Country Cup event. The mixed teams round robin event, now in its fifth year, was won by North Suburban Junior Tennis Association's team of Marcus Stathos, Mason

Naumovski, Peta Valos and Alexia Zappone in 2010. North Suburban Junior Tennis Association also won the event in 2009 when it defeated Bayside-Moorabbin in the final. Another highlight of the weekend will be the Australian Open Trophy Tour's visit to Kooyong. Members will get the chance to have their photo taken with the famous trophies on Saturday the 10th of December so keep an eye out for more details around the Club. The Club is looking forward to hosting the Wayne Arthurs Cup again and Members are encouraged to come down and see the talented junior players on show in early December.

The Wayne Arthurs Cup At Kooyong



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GRASS COURT OPENING

Following the rain and cold weather of winter, spring arrived and helped with preparations of our grass courts for the summer season.

After a patient wait, Members are back on the hallowed turf and report that the courts have opened in excellent condition with good, consistent bounce.

During the colder months our grounds staff completed all necessary repairs and preparations across the courts.

The final laser leveling and re-turfing was completed on courts 6-9 and top dressing carried out should encourage new growth to become established before they reopen for play during December.

We look forward to the courts playing well across the season ahead and presenting well for the events ahead including the Club Championships in February.



MEMBERSHIP CHECKS

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

The display of cards and visitor payment slips is required when playing tennis so that staff may undertake regular membership checks.

Checks can take place at any time and to avoid disruption of play, display boards are fitted around the courts to display cards or visitor slips.

If cards are not displayed, play may be interrupted at any time so that membership checks may take place.

The Hong Kong Football Club, the premier sports club in Hong Kong, was founded by Sir James Haldane Stewart Lockhart in 1886.

Since 1886, the Club, apart from the period when Hong Kong was occupied during the Second World War, has continually thrived and steadily progressed to become the leading sporting club in Hong Kong and has also become, for many Members, a major element of their social life in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The Club has the largest range of facilities of any club in Hong Kong and is one of the finest sporting clubs to be found anywhere in the world. All sporting facilities are free and no charges whatsoever are made to Members using the facilities.

International Sporting events are regularly held at the Club including the Club's own International Rugby 10's, International Soccer 7's, International Mixed Hockey 6's and International Squash 3's tournaments. The Club has also provided venues for the inaugural World Doubles Squash Championships in 1997 and the inaugural World Cup Indoor Bowls Championship in 2005, hosts all the Asian 5 Nations Rugby matches for Hong Kong and regularly plays host to numerous international sports teams and sporting personalities.

The Club was also the initial venue in 1976 for the now internationally renowned Hong Kong Rugby 7's tournament until 1982 when it moved to a larger stadium.

Some of the club's facilities include;

Ground Floor: Infield Area, Floodlit artificial Rugby/Soccer Pitch (2,500 stadium seat capacity), Floodlit artificial Hockey Pitch of international standard (300 stadium seat capacity), Floodlit 6 rink Lawn Bowling Green (Grass), Artificial surface Training Area, The Sportsman's Bar and Terrace, Beauty and Massage Facilities and Chiropractor and Physiotherapy.

Clubhouse: DVD/Book Library, Sports Shop, Car Parking.

First Floor: Ten Pin Bowling Alley, The Family Lounge Bar, 3 Meeting Rooms, 6 rink Indoor Bowling Green, The Captain's Bar, 2 Children's Playrooms, Fitness Centre, Sports Theatre, 7 Glass backed Squash Courts (including 2 Exhibition Courts), Sports Hall (marked for 5 x Badminton, Courts 2 x Netball Courts, 1 Basketball Court, Indoor Hockey and Indoor Soccer, 364 bleacher seating capacity).

Second Floor: The Lounge Bar, The Chairman's Bar, The Restaurant and a VIP Function Room, 4 Function Rooms, The Coffee Shop, The Poolbar and Served, Unisex Sauna and Steam Room, Outdoor Swimming Pool and 2 Jacuzzis, Children's Pools (including 3 Family Cabanas), Snooker Room.

Third Floor: 6 x Tennis Courts, 3 x Golf Simulators.



Members should contact the Kooyong to obtain a letter of introduction. The Club will advise of your impending visit. Members should always take a letter of introduction when visiting any reciprocal club. In addition to overseas and interstate clubs, there are other wonderful opportunities for Kooyong members to access other clubs including the VRC, Sandringham Yacht Club, Portsea Golf Club and Riversdale Golf Club.

Members can view information regarding these opportunities on the website or enquire through the Club.



Members planning a visit to Hong Kong may consider a visit to the following clubs:

Hong Kong Football Club

3 Sports Road,
Happy Valley, Hong Kong
www.hkfc.com.hk

Kowloon Cricket Club

10 Cox's Road,
Kowloon, Hong Kong
www.kcc.org.hk

Ladies' Recreation Club

10 Old Peak Road,
Hong Kong
www.lrc.com.hk

United Services Recreational Club

1 Gascoigne Road King's
Park, Kowloon, Hong Kong
www.usrc.org.hk

Hong Kong Cricket Club

137 Wong Nai Chung Gap
Road, Hong Kong
www.hkcc.org



COMMUNITY CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA AWARD

At this year's Community Clubs Association of Victoria Gala Award Dinner, the Kooyong Racquet Club was awarded the prestigious award of Best Club Restaurant. The award recognizes the club's commitment to offering its members a high class club dining experience. Amongst other things, the award also takes into account the standard of the restaurant's decor, ambience, menu range and quality of staff service. Following on from the recent Gourmet Traveller Wine List Awards, this is a pleasing acknowledgement of the Racquet Club and the offer for members.



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This event is a great opportunity to meet 'wine minded' members from other Melbourne Clubs in a casual and fun atmosphere.

The event this year was hosted by the Royal South Yarra Tennis Club at their newly renovated facilities.

This year, the Challenge lived up to its name and showcased wines off the beaten tracks: 2010 Tulloch Verdelho (Hunter Valley NSW), 2008 Sanguine Estate Tempranillo (Heathcote Vic.) or 2003 Browns of Pathaway Malbec (Coonawarra S.A) were present in the line up and proved to be real difficulties for most participants.

At the end of this great night, the trophy was won by the University Club.

A special mention to Kooyong's team for their commitment during the training sessions and during the night.

The Kooyong Classics were Geoff Pullen, James Kewley, Margaret Bristow, Tony and Cathie Hansy, Ken Wheat, Bob Welch and Greg Baker.

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foundation stars make state teams



Kooyong's Vivian Fidantsis (far left), Stephanie Serafidis (second from left) and Samyuktha Rajagopalan (far right) have all been selected to play for Victoria and are pictured here with Daphne Mantzanidis and Sara Kyriazopoulos after the Grade 3 Pennant final.

Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders Chase Ferguson, Vivian Fidantsis, Stephanie Serafidis, Samyuktha Rajagopalan, Daniel Nolan, Daniel Nickels and Katerina Valos have been selected to represent Victoria in the Optus 12s and 14s Australian Teams Championships to be held during the December Showdown at Melbourne Park. Stephanie

Serafidis and Samyuktha Rajagopalan have been selected to play for Victoria for the first time. The Optus 14s Australian Teams Championships will be held from 23-27 November and the Optus 12s Australian Teams Championships will be held from 5-9 December at Melbourne Park. A full list of teams representing Victoria can be found below:

12/U Boys
Chase Ferguson
Matthew Romios
Todd Millington

12/U Girls A
Jamiee Fourlis
Vivian Fidantsis
Stephanie Serafidis

Girls 12/U (allied team)
Samyuktha Rajagopalan
Bethany Toner
Chorlida Kang (ACT)

14/U Boys
Daniel Nolan
Marcel Du Sart
Daniel Nickels

14/U Girls
Noelleda Ah San
Katerina Valos
Michelle Pits

Membership Suspension

Recent checks have identified breaches of Regulations in relation to visitors in areas including the gymnasium and pool and membership suspensions have resulted. Club Rules and Regulations protect the rights and privileges of Members using the Club. Any breaches of Rules and Regulations can result in action, which could include suspension or possible cancellation of membership. When visitors are brought to the Club, they must be signed in and fees must be paid where applicable prior to play. Under no circumstances are visitors permitted in the pool or gymnasium areas. Regular membership checks are conducted and Members should at all times carry their cards as identification and for access to secured areas of the Club.

President's Cup Star Tees Off On Grass Courts

America's Matt Kuchar took time out during his stay in Melbourne to play some tennis on our famous grass courts with his wife and family.

The childhood tennis star looked extremely comfortable on a tennis court and his wife even more so as they played some doubles leading up to the President's Cup. Matt's wife, Sybi, played NCAA tennis with Georgia Tech and the pair regularly played tennis together while at College.

Before leaving Matt made mention of his unforgettable experience in Melbourne on two of Australia's finer sporting clubs in Royal Melbourne and Kooyong.

They have also played together in the USTA Husband/Wife Championships where they won the consolation final in 2009 while Matt also partnered his brother-in-law to the USTA National Men's Grass Court Doubles Championship in Newport where they made the final in 2003. In the President's Cup, the big world number 10 helped the United States to another victory over the Internationals at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.



anyone for tennis?



table tennis that is!

The club has purchased two table tennis tables, which are located in the studio near the gymnasium. The tables are available for members and bats and balls can be borrowed from the club bar.



Members Have Masters Success

Kooyong member Geraldine (Gerry) Goss has returned from the Australian Masters Games rowing regatta in Adelaide, winning ten medals, including gold medals in single, double and quad scull events.

This follows a six medal haul at the Masters National Rowing Championships at Lake Barrington in June.

Gerry was selected to represent Victoria in the interstate quad scull race held at Lake Barrington, although this race was sadly lost to NSW by just 0.8 sec.

In addition, Gerry rowed in the FISA World Masters championships in Poland in September, achieving two second placings.

She is a member of Richmond Rowing Club, and has won the club's award for Best Female Rower the last two years running.

At the Rowing Victoria AGM in August she was awarded Best Female Masters Rower

for 2010-2011, following a very successful season. Gerry took up tennis five years ago and plays summer and winter pennant, as well as Monday night social mixed doubles, and also hopes to improve her tennis game.

Another Member who has been succeeding at the Masters Games is Friday Morning Ladies regular Fiona Medina. Fiona won three gold medals at the Masters Games held in Adelaide in early October. Together with winning the ladies 45 and over singles, Fiona also paired with Yvonne Pettigrew to win the ladies 45 and over doubles and the ladies 110 and over combined doubles.

These are just a couple of the wonderful achievements by our Members in recent times and we congratulate everyone who took part in the Masters Games.

Geraldine Goss (top left) and Fiona Medina (bottom right) have recently achieved some fantastic results in their chosen sports.

SQUASH LEGEND HONOURED WITH JIM LAMBERT MEDAL

Kooyong squash legend Bert Armstrong has been honoured for his outstanding service to Club Circuit over the past 40 years at the recent MCC Presentation Night.

Bert was awarded one of the inaugural Jim Lambert Medals for his valuable and long term contribution to Club Circuit including his playing career of over 1000 games with Club Circuit and his involvement with the administration of the South Yarra Club, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club and the Committee of Club Circuit Squash.

Club Circuit Chairman and fellow Kooyong Member Peter Wright presented Bert with the medal.

The Jim Lambert Medal was created recently by the committee of the Club Circuit Squash Competition to acknowledge members who have made a significant long term contribution to Club Circuit Squash.

This prestigious award has been named in honour of Mr Jim Lambert who founded the Club Circuit competition when he responded to the call from squash clubs to provide a competition that had better facilities and conditions for its players.

Jim chaired the Club Circuit committee for more than 20 years while still playing squash with Club Circuit.

His valuable and honorary service to Club Circuit has been honoured by naming this award after him.

Bert's love of and commitment to squash is second to none and he is an extremely worthy winner of the Jim Lambert Medal.

We know he will continue to be heavily involved in the sport he loves and his contribution at Kooyong will be remembered for a long time to come.



*Bert Armstrong is
congratulated by fellow
Kooyong Member and
Chairman of Club Circuit
Peter Wright.*

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Rotary Footy Tipping Competition to Support Charities

During the 2012 AFL season Kooyong members will have the chance to support important charities while enjoying the fun of footy tipping.

This is an opportunity to use your footy tipping skills to win worthwhile prizes while helping others in their time of need. The competition is an official Rotary fundraiser organised by The Rotary Club of Hawthorn.

Anyone can take part by simply visiting www.rotaryfootytips.org.au A \$25 credit card donation is all it takes to become a registered player. Players will be asked to visit the website to enter their tips. They will be kept fully updated with weekly and progressive totals, reminders, news and more.

First prize is \$5000, second \$1000 and third \$500 along with weekly gift vouchers.

All proceeds from the competition will be passed on to selected charities. These will include ROMAC – Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children – which brings children with birth defects to Australia for medical treatment to restore their well being and dignity. The Australian Childhood Foundation provides counselling and education services to prevent child abuse and give children a life free from violence. A charity linked to cancer research will also benefit as well as other community projects.

"We all know how popular footy tipping is with footy fans", said Hawthorn Rotary Club president Geoff Dumayne, when announcing the competition. "Here is a wonderful opportunity for every fan to support selected charities while enjoying their favourite pastime. With the added bonus of winning worthwhile prizes. All the details will be included on our website."

That website address is www.rotaryfootytips.org.au It will be up and running in early February in plenty of time for the start of the new season.



A Place In History

41st Annual Members' Club Championships

The 41st Members' Club Championships are again sneaking up on us and they will be played on February 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th. All categories of membership are invited to take part in the 47 events on offer and enjoy the experience of playing on the Club's beautiful grass courts.

The Open Men's event should again provide plenty of fantastic tennis as David Bidmeade attempts to retain the crown he won earlier this year. The men's event should be keenly contested in 2012 especially if Premier League stars like John Peers, Andrew Coelho, Jay Salter and Daniel Byrnes are in the draw.

Peers and Coelho were in fantastic form through the Premier League season and would be a great chance to win their first singles title at the Club. Jay Salter would be a huge chance to win his tenth title if he was in the field but a shoulder injury may prevent the big serving star from getting through the event.

Another highlight of the event will be the development of the younger players as they strive to match it with the big boys. Mitch

Burman, James Sheppard, Matthew Nickels, Will Kneale, Ricky Robertson, Marc Polmans, Omar Jasika, Lorenzo Alforque and Lewis Karapanos are just a few of the next breed of players trying to make their mark at this level.

Hopefully we see one of these players make that next step to challenge the elite players at the Club.

In the Open Women's event, the defending champion, Sophie Vickers, is unlikely to be available to defend her title

due to her scholarship at the University of Idaho. Sally Peers and Karolina Wlodarczak could vie for the title if their schedules allow them to play otherwise the title is open to any number of challengers and especially the two South Australians at the Club.

Kate Antosik and Adriana Szili would be heavily favoured to make it through to the second week of this event and Szili's experience could help her prevail on the grass courts at Kooyong. She has been to the final and semi final on several occasions and looks to be striking the ball as well as she ever has.

Molly Polak and Michaela Capannolo are two others who could win their first Club Championship title. Both were instrumental in the Club's second Premier League title won in early November.

Then you have a big group of younger girls who continue to develop and could throw their hat into the ring including Belinda Woolcock, Laura Rabinovich, Brigitte Beck, Isabelle Wallace, Annabelle Andrinopoulos, Isabella Beischer, Katerina Valos,

Destanee Aiava and others. Hopefully we see all of these girls attempt to win the title in 2012 because it will make for another great event and test of their abilities.

Nearly 500 Members enjoyed last year's Club Championships so it's time to get into training and try to win one of the 47 titles on offer at the event.

Make sure you get your entries in by Friday February 3rd at 5pm or contact the Club for more information.



From left: Neale Fraser, Allan Stone, Cedric Mason, Judy Ryan, Barbara Richardson and Peter Richardson.

The Inaugural Tony Ryan Cup

From 2011 onwards, when Kooyong LTC plays MCC (Melbourne Cricket Club) in the Men's Premier League Pennant Tennis (formerly known as 'A Grade' or State Grade) the two teams will be competing for the Tony Ryan Cup.

At the instigation of MCC and the President of their Tennis Section, Peter Richardson, a cup has now been struck and the two clubs will be vying, each year, for the honour of winning the legend's trophy. Tony was never out of Victoria's top 10 ranked players from 1954 – 1961, he won 10 A Grade

premierships (4 of those with MCC), won 3 Victorian Hardcourt Singles Championships, 4 Victorian Hardcourt Doubles Championships and a Kooyong Squash Club Championship.

He also worked tirelessly for tennis, not only as a top tennis player but he put a huge amount of time back into tennis by serving on numerous committees. Tony represented Kooyong as a Members' Representative on the Council of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria (LTAV), he was an Australian Selector for 23 years, a Davis Cup Selector,

Chairman of Events Committee, Chairman of the Men's and Women's Selection Panel, Director of Tennis Australia and Member of the National Tennis Centre Trust and the Melbourne and Olympic Park Trust.

He was also a 50 year Member at Kooyong and he sadly passed away in 2010. We will miss his involvement and smiling face at the Club Committee but we will enjoy competing with MCC to win his trophy in the years ahead.

Terry Fraser Reaches Another Milestone

Four Kooyong Presidents gathered for a milestone birthday lunch at the club on October 20.

Terry Fraser, President from 1990 until 2000, celebrated in his usual robust style the arrival of the Big 80. With him were the current President Ian Hill, Joe Devereux (President from 1989 to 1990) and Peter Quinn (2000-2006). Also there to celebrate the occasion were numerous court-side foes from his regular playing groups.

Terry's first encounter on the Kooyong courts was back in 1948 in a schoolboy's tournament and he became more familiar with the club in the following two years, representing Ballarat in Country Week.

Terry became a playing member in 1965, later joined the Wine and Food Society committee, and then the inaugural club committee in 1970. He was one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Kooyong Foundation and still serves on the Foundation Board.

Turning 80 hasn't lessened Terry's appetite for tennis and he has been known to play up to four times a week, defying the nagging nuisances of dodgy knees and a cranky shoulder. He jokes that he "shares one thing in common" with Club coach Glenn Busby – they have both been club champions at Auburn Heights.

During the lunch Terry presented the club with a portrait painted by his daughter, Elise. Ian Hill welcomed the gift and said it would find a prominent place in the clubhouse.



President Ian Hill takes possession of the portrait of former President Terry Fraser at Terry's 80th birthday celebration.

Stars On The Rise



Kooyong's 19 men's teams completed another successful Tennis Victoria Pennant season in August despite only one flag being won.

Men's Pennant News

The winning team was the Club's Seniors Grade 1 team captained by Chris Straford and included Stephen Gay, Wes Horskins, Claudio Gattino, Lee Pearson, Rob Dalton, Ken Cooper and Campbell Dickinson.

The team lost just one game for the season and that was to the defending champions and it was a repeat of last year's final as Warrandyte and Kooyong went head to head.

The tables were turned as Wes Horskins and Lee Pearson won their two rubbers in impressive fashion while Stephen Gay, the Player of the Year for Grade 1 Seniors, and Claudio Gattino had a close loss in their first rubber and won enough games in their second rubber to ensure victory and revenge for the Kooyong side. Congratulations to all of the players who played in this side throughout the year!

The Club also had several sides that had close misses in their respective grades and none more so than Matthew Carroll's Grade 1 team who were shooting for back to back titles. The team of Anthony Zafiris, Matthew Carroll, Matthew Coghlan, the injured Mitch Burman, Ricky Robertson, Omar Jasika, Marc Polmans and Scott McNamara again reached the final and it went right down to the wire as Royal South Yarra attempted to win the title.

The singles finished at two rubbers apiece and with four doubles rubbers to get through it could have gone either way but it was the RSY team that took their

opportunities to win the flag. Matthew Findlay's Grade 1 team also made the finals but unfortunately found an experienced MCC team too strong in their semi final.

In Grade 3, Kooyong had three teams and two of them made the finals while one just missed out after finishing in fifth spot on the ladder. Michael Jeffrey's team that included Mark Dohnt, Sidharth Patil, Martin Green, Campbell Dickinson, Martin Warwick and Hugh French went onto make the Tier 2 semi finals before running into a red hot team from Strathmore that went on to win the flag. Joel Wickman's Grade 3 team were a touch unlucky as they lost their semi final by just seven games after losing one of their players to injury on the day of the match.

In Grade 5, the Club fielded 3 teams and it was the experienced team captained by Bryce Mitchelson that made a brave run through to the semi finals of Tier 2 after finishing second in their own section. The team of Bobby Lim, Scott Donnellan, Bryce Mitchelson, Mars Njoo, Song Lim, Ronnie Gerendasi, Eddie Trusgnach and Brent Varmalis faced a talented team from Eildon Park who eventually went on to win the flag in emphatic fashion.

In Grade 6, a team of Kooyong scholarship holders captained by Ned Whittaker that included Billy Friend, Dexter Bonet, Player of the Year Aaden Hughes, William Nichols, Simon Friend and Michael Commings finished the



season in second position in their section. Unfortunately, in the semi final they were outplayed by a team from Doncaster who gave the eventual champions from East Camberwell a run for their money in the next round. Justin Shepherd's Grade 9 team of Norman Saupe, Martin Kaminsky, John Kaminsky, Robert Szwarcberg and Jason Besser also made the semi finals of their section before losing to Mayfield Park.

In Grade 10, Harrison Young's team of James Wu, Nicholas Easton, Sebastian Loader-Oliver, Charlie Attkins, Max Castran, Hugh Muir and Angus Stott also had a fantastic season and won through to the Tier 2 semi finals but were unfortunately knocked out North Balwyn who went on to make the final.

In the Seniors competition, the only other team to make the finals was Doug Bell's Grade 5 team of Gordon Hammet, Tony Sewell, Bill Layton, Greg Collis-Brown, Stephen Enright, David Harris and Peter Hays who finished third and then won their semi final to move into the grand final. Unfortunately they came across an extremely strong side from Kurunjang Park who won the final four rubbers to love.

Congratulations must go to all the players who represented the Club this season and we look forward to all of our players continuing their development through the Pennant ranks next year.

From Grade 1 to Grade 6, the development of our junior players, with the help of our senior players, was a highlight of the season and provides confidence of the Club's ability to cater for all standards in this competition. It was also great to see several teams enjoy their season together and achieve some success along the way.

In Grade 1, the Club had four teams competing and they were all able to make the finals, which is a fantastic effort by everyone involved. Kate Antosik's Grade 1 team eventually took out the title after a great final against Laura McNamara's team. The two teams narrowly avoided playing each other in the first week of the finals and managed to fight make it through to meet each other in the decider.

Kate's team of Molly Polak, Jessica Humbert, Sophie Vickers, Rebecca Leahy, Sinead Disaya and Bryanna Fisers came good at the right time of the season to win the flag. Laura McNamara's team of Karen Kleverlaan, Catherine Louis, Ashleigh Capannolo, Laura Rabinovich, Anna Clarkson and Hannah Arnold were attempting to go back to back after winning the Grade 1 flag in 2010 but they fell just short. They had another fantastic season and should be proud of their efforts again this year.

Also in Grade 1, Jessie Tamber's team of Isabelle Wallace, Maddison Springall, Romy Stephens, Elly Fourlis and Yana Mogilnitskaya made a brave run to the semi finals of Tier 2 despite injury and the unavailability of certain players making life tough for the team throughout the season. Maddison Springall's return to tennis was

nothing short of sensational and this gave her teammates the confidence to perform well throughout the season.

Romy Stephens and Elly Fourlis performed beautifully under trying conditions, along with Yana Mogilnitskaya, to move through to the finals where they defeated Adriana Szili's team in the semi final. In the Tier 2 semi final they played Laura McNamara's team and, despite putting up a good fight, they were outplayed on the day. Adriana Szili's team of Michaela Capannolo, Brigitte Beck, Annabelle Andrinopoulos, Isabella Beischer, Grace Nolan and Brittany Boys also had a solid season but they were unfortunately knocked out in the semi finals by Jessie Tamber's team.

In Grade 2, the Club's two teams made the finals but it was Kate Francis' team who played brilliantly throughout the season and continued that form in the finals as they defeated Essendon in a close final. The team of Natalie Baic, Lucinda McKillop, Taylor Capannolo, Briony McKenzie, Alana Parnaby and Kate Francis fought for every point and they came out with a victory against a very strong opponent by 5 rubbers to 2.

Also in Grade 2, Sophie Grumley's team made the semi finals of their section and this young side can be proud of their

efforts. The team of Sophie, Katerina Valos, Destanee Aiava, Elizabeth Filonenko, Grace Primikyridis, Brooke Flanigan and Sabrina Hoare were upstaged in the semi final by the top side from Wonga Park.

In Grade 3, Daphne Mantzanidis team of young guns fell just one step short of winning the flag when they were trumped by Royal South Yarra in the final. The future of tennis at the Club was on show as Daphne, Sara Kyriopoulos, Tijana Zoric, Vivian Fidantsis, Samyuktha Rajagopalan, Stephanie Serafidis and Katie foos lost a nailbiter but all bodes well for the future.

The other team to make the finals was Angela Woodruff's Grade 6 team of Lauren Sanford, Geraldine Goss, Fiona Reed, Mary King and Ashley Spinks and, despite winning their semi final, they exited the finals due to fielding a player that hadn't qualified to play.

It was fantastic to see everyone represent the Club with such vigour throughout the season and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2012.

Women's Pennant News



The 2011 Pennant season was a credit to all of the players who represented the Club in our ten women's teams.

Women's Teams

Find The Right Balance



National Tennis League

With the Premier League season now complete, the Club will compete in the pilot of Tennis Australia's National Tennis League.

The top four teams from the Premier League advanced to this new look competition being run in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

With four singles and two doubles and using shorter match formats, this competition will crown a national club champion at the 2012 Australian Open.

Up to six players can play in each round and every team must have an 18 and under player representing them on the day. The top two sides from the Victorian pilot will advance to challenge the top two sides from South Australia

and Western Australia in the second week of the Australian Open and it's hoped that New South Wales and Queensland will enter the competition next year. The dates for the pilot competition in Victoria will be November 29th, December 1st and 7th and the final will be played at Melbourne Park on December 9th.

Members are encouraged to watch this lightning fast format of the game either here at the Club or the final at Melbourne Park in early December. All the details will be on our website or on the noticeboards at the Club.

Tennis Victoria Rewards Star Juniors

Kooyong's Sandy Vo and Andrew Whittington were recently rewarded for their outstanding results over the past twelve months with Tennis Victoria's prestigious Gordon Moffatt award.

Both Sandy and Andrew have been supported via the Kooyong Foundation and have been Kooyong Fitzgerald Scholarship holders for many years and were rewarded for their fantastic results at the Tennis Victoria AGM in October.

The award recognises junior excellence in all aspects of an athlete's tennis development and recipients must have displayed outstanding sportsmanship, good demeanour on and off the court, be correctly attired, consistently demonstrate proper respect for coaches, officials and administrators and have a positive attitude toward training.

In addition, they must have posted strong match and tournament results. Andrew continues to develop into one of the brightest prospects in the country as he trains and travels with the AIS.

He is currently transitioning into the senior tennis ranks and currently has a world ranking of 988 after reaching number 6 in the world in the junior rankings. Andrew recently won his first ITF Doubles title in Traralgon and is likely to play a big role in the Club's upcoming National Tennis League season as the team's designated 18 and under player.

Sandy played a big role in the Club's last State Grade win in 2009 and first Premier League title in 2010 as captain of both teams and is currently playing for Boise State University in America on a full tennis scholarship.

Both were unable to accept the awards in person but it was two very proud fathers who received the awards on their behalf. It was also great to see both Aaden Hughes and Stephen Gay rewarded for their fantastic Pennant seasons with the Club. Aaden won the player of the year award for Grade 6 while Stephen won the player of the year in Seniors Grade 1.

Congratulations to all four on their achievements over the past 12 months!



PENNANT PROFILES



NAME: JAMES SHEPPARD

AGE:17 GRADE:1 PLAY L/H OR R/H:RH AUSTRALIAN RANKING:143

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Current ITF junior ranking 476;
- Member of Victorian Pizzey Cup team and named in the Australian Merit team;
- Recent ITF's: QF Queensland Junior ITF International 1; SF Auckland Indoor ITF; SF B2 ITF Fiji in Doubles; Won ITF Doubles in Waikato, Hamilton;
- Currently No 2 in 1994 Birth year in Victoria;
- Won recent Platinum consolation Singles in Sydney Homebush;
- Received a scholarship at Kooyong;
- Played Grade 1 Number 2 for Kooyong in Pennant and won all his singles matches;
- Won Under 21 Boy's Singles Pat Cash Trophy in the Club Championships at his first attempt;
- Won Platinum AMT Doubles with Paul Arber Melb Cup Weekend;
- Won Platinum AMT Doubles with Jimmy Dougherty in early November

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

Gael Monfils, as he is talented and very athletic.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

My dad, as he has coached me from a young age, and has provided me with a lot of opportunities, my mum who is also a coach has helped me a lot, and also recently Paul Arber, who has done a lot more than just coach me.

GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

When Geelong beat Collingwood in this year's Grand Final.

WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

To play division one in college tennis in the USA.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

The social part, where you don't just play as an individual but as a team, as you don't usually play as a team in tennis. Also, I understand the tradition and history in being part of a great Club like Kooyong.

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

Not totally sure but something to do with fashion and design.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF TENNIS?

Hang out with friends and family.

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

Roughly 18 hours including on court and strength and conditioning.

SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

You don't get to spend as much time with family and friends as you would like and sometimes it's a challenge to combine study with tennis.



NAME: MICHAELA CAPANNOLO

AGE:17 GRADE:PREMIER LEAGUE PLAY L/H OR R/H:RH

AUSTRALIAN RANKING:56

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

My greatest achievements to date include being part of the Kooyong team that won the 2011 Victorian Premier League and recently winning a Platinum AMT Tournament and qualifying for the main draw of a WTA futures event.

MOST ADMIRED SPORTSPERSON/WHY?

My favourite sportsperson is James Blake. I admire the way he plays tennis and I believe he has an aggressive game. I was a ballkid during one of his matches at the Australian Open and he demonstrated great sportsmanship.

GREATEST INFLUENCE ON TENNIS CAREER/WHY?

I believe the greatest influences on my tennis career to date have been my parents and my coach, Vince Dattoli. My parents are very supportive and have put a lot of time and effort into my tennis to help me achieve my goals. Vince has been my coach for the past 3 years and he is constantly helping me improve my game both physically and mentally. He is very supportive and encouraging and I believe he is very important in my development.

GREATEST SPORTING MOMENT WITNESSED?

Collingwood winning the 2010 AFL Grand Final after the previous weeks draw with St Kilda.

WHAT GOALS HAVE YOU SET FOR YOURSELF IN TENNIS?

I plan to complete year 12 next year and then either go to the US on a tennis scholarship or play tennis on a full time basis competing in tournaments both in Australia and abroad.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT PENNANT TENNIS?

Tennis is mainly an individual sport and it's nice to play in a team and support each other. Pennant tennis is enjoyable as you are representing your club and you are playing as a team all working towards the same goal.

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

If I wasn't a tennis player I would be a swimmer or involved in another sport. I always enjoyed swimming as a child and only gave it up when I decided to focus on tennis.

WHAT DO YOU DO OUTSIDE OF TENNIS?

Outside tennis I attend school full time and enjoy socialising with friends.

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

I train for a minimum of around 10 hours per week as well as compete in different competitions or tournaments most weekends.

SACRIFICES REQUIRED TO PLAY TENNIS AT A HIGH LEVEL?

To play tennis at a high level you need to be very dedicated. You are constantly playing tournaments on weekends or in the holidays and occasionally have to miss school. You also need to be very organised and be able to manage school work, often giving up the opportunity to socialise with friends.



junior competition news

Kooyong's 23 junior competition teams are just reaching their finals in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association and continue to have plenty of success representing the Club.

We also had a first for the Club as three teams competed in Section 1 on Sunday morning for the first time in our history which shows us the continued development of our junior players and gives the younger kids at the Club something to aspire to in the future.

Four teams will play finals on Saturday morning while 6 teams will play finals on Sunday morning and there were several teams that just missed the top four in their respective sections.

On Saturday morning the Club had seven teams playing across the two available sections including four teams in Section 1.

Three of the Section 1 teams have finished in the top four while one team finished a very respectable sixth which is a fantastic effort by all the kids.

Sebastian Tebain's team finished the season on top of the ladder and will play Alex Savage's team in the semi final after they finished in fourth spot.

Alexandra Bailey's Section 1 team finished in third spot on the ladder and will play Carmelite in the semi final for a chance to make it an all-Kooyong final.

In Section 2, the Club had three teams competing and Francesca Jones' team finished in second spot on the ladder after a fantastic season while Natalie Ronge's team finished in fourth spot and will play the top side in their semi final.

On Sunday mornings the Club had 16 teams competing at various levels including our three teams in Section 1.

Unfortunately for the Club, Alex Bielinski's Section 1 team will play Scott Kaiser's Section 1 team in the semi final.

Both teams have had another great season representing the Club and this should be a great match between two strong teams.

Hugh Davenport's Section 1 team was extremely unlucky not to make the finals in their first season in the top grade.

In Section 2, Sam Liebelt's team has had a fantastic season by finished in third spot on the ladder and will play Maccabi in the semi final. These teams are evenly matched and it could go either way.

James Goller's Section 4 team has been in fantastic form all season and finished on top of the ladder. They will play Dendy Park in the semi final and will look to cap off a great season with a flag.

In Section 5, Henry Marcel and Erin Ronge's teams have finished just outside the finals. Both teams moved up from Section 8 last season and have competed well at this level and the experience will help them in seasons to come.

In Section 8, Cate Vesely's team has finished in third spot on the ladder and will play Grace Park in the semi final.

These girls are more than capable of making the final and it would cap off a great season.

In Section 14, Angus Cosgriff's team has destroyed every team in their path and the boys will be looking forward to a bigger challenge next season.

They've dropped just a handful of matches for the entire season and will play Royal Avenue for a spot in the final.

And in Section 17, some of the Club's newest players have also had a great season and made the finals at their first attempt. They will play Beamuaris Lawn Tennis Club in the semi final.

Good luck to all of our teams for the semi finals and hopefully the finals to come!

Next season the Club will field 24 teams, 19 of which will be playing on Sunday mornings so we have again added St Kevin's College as one of our home team venues.

Royal South Yarra Round Robin Day

It was fantastic to see 32 kids from both Kooyong and Royal South Yarra LTC enjoy a friendly round robin together in October.

The day, held at Royal South Yarra LTC, was another fantastic event and enjoyed by all the kids involved.

Thanks must go to everyone involved at Royal South Yarra for hosting the event again and we'll look to lock in a date for the return bout at Kooyong.

Super 10's

Something to note for the younger kids is the introduction of the new Super 10's competition through Tennis Australia.

The 10 and under competition's pilot is currently being run in Victoria and it is hoped it will extend Australia wide in the future.

16 girls and 24 boys were selected from trials run at Dendy Park Tennis Club and were put into four teams and play with low compression balls as encouraged now by the new ITF guidelines.



Kooyong International Tennis Academy



2011 has seen many new initiatives especially with the expansion of our squads and with our tournament travelling program where Greg and Kate have put in a lot of time with some great successes of players listed below.

Both of these programs will expand in 2012, with our ultimate goal of taking some players overseas in the next 12 months.

Congratulations to the following players who won their age group event in Ballarat: Alexander Bielinski (U/14) and Maddie Bailey (U/14).

Congratulation to the following players who won their age group event in Bendigo: Tom Pavlekovich-Smith (U/10), Simon Savage (U/10), Calum Bennett (U/12).

New initiatives for 2012 will see the development of the "Tennis Hot Shots" Program which will be promoted throughout the summer of tennis.

Tennis Hot Shots is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy

and give younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

We will also be beginning our new "Cardio Tennis Program" along with Tennis Australia. This program sees participants wear heart rate monitors.

Cardio Tennis is a high energy fitness activity that combines the best features of the sport of tennis with cardiovascular exercise, delivering the ultimate, full body, calorie burning aerobic workout.

It is a very social and fun class for players of all ability levels taught by a tennis teaching professional.

If you've never played tennis before it is a great way to be introduced to the sport and if you are an experienced high level tennis player it is the best way to train for tennis.

Most classes have mixed ability and some facilities offer classes which are more specific to ability/fitness level. However, regardless of ability or fitness level, the tennis professional is trained to provide the ultimate workout for each person.

Our Ladies programs for next year will be slightly revamped with more

emphasis on a set progression for each term, building towards a match play/tournament type scenario at the end of each term.

This provides goal setting and direction for each and every player in the clinic.



Midweek Ladies Report



Another great year of Midweek Ladies Competition is about to come to a close as the Club's Bayside Regional Tennis Association and Waverley and District teams reach their finals.

On Tuesday mornings the Club has two teams competing in the Bayside competition and both were in Section 1 this season.

Janine Ross' Section 1 team finished the season in sixth spot on the ladder while Lisa Boothby's team were just ahead of them in fifth position.

On Thursday mornings there was five teams competing in the Bayside competition and two were in the Waverley competition.

In Bayside's Section A, Kris Tulloch's team finished fourth after starting the final round in third spot. Unfortunately they needed to finish in third to make the finals in the six team section.

Sue Lester's Section A team finished the season in sixth spot on the ladder.

In Section 2, Rebecca Diederich ended the season on top of the ladder and won their semi final against Wellington and moved straight into the grand final.

Hopefully they were able to finish the season with a flag. Also in Section 2, Gill Gleeson's team finished in eighth place on the ladder while Anne Fitzpatrick's Section 4 team ended the season in sixth.

In the Waverley and District competition Mary King's A Reserve 2 team finished in 8th spot on the ladder and Mandy Lugg's B Special 1 team were fifth at the end of the season.

On Tuesday mornings in the MEMRLTA Summer competition which continues through until March 2012, Judy Mullen's A1 team are currently in fifth position while Sue Tyers Section A1 team are just ahead of them in fourth position.

In A4, Sandra Daly's team also look like they are a chance to make the finals as they sit in fourth spot on the ladder.

Congratulations to all of our Midweek Ladies teams on another successful year and we look forward to seeing you back on the court in February.

THE PRO SHOP



COME INTO THE KOOYONG PRO SHOP FOR ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS NEEDS!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS NEW TO THE PROSHOP!

Christmas Hampers will be available which means huge savings on various Kooyong merchandise! A great Christmas idea!

KLTC Merchandise, New Kooyong Summer range! Latest Summer tennis fashion (Lacoste, K-Swiss, Adidas, Head, etc.), gym attire (Leluu, 2XU), racquets & racquet bags. Gift vouchers available also as a great Christmas idea!

New to the Pro shop 2XU compression tights and gym wear!

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Saturday 10.00am to 4.00pm & Sunday 10.00am to 2.00pm*

BridgeNews

It seems that the Bridge Club program is increasingly busy and exciting. The year has sped past with steady growth in our Club and improvement in our bridge expertise. Our Members have had several opportunities to compete at various other Clubs and of course the highlight of competitive bridge was the Red Point Swiss Pairs Congress in November.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 18th October with a good attendance and we thanked retiring Committee Members, Susan Everist, Fiona Trescowthick and Moira Righetti. New Committee Members are - Diana Wilson, Anthea Gedge and Alfred Branicki. The feedback from Members at the AGM was very helpful.

Recent Promotions received from the Australian Bridge Federation:

STATE MASTER

Carolyn Righetti.

LOCAL MASTERS

Moira Righetti, Fiona Trescowthick,
Diane Britcliffe, Susan Everist,
Judith Varlamos, Gabby Reisner.

CLUB MASTERS

Myrna Goldsmith,
Mary-Anne Cox.

All Bridge Club Members are welcome to join in the Christmas Celebrations and final Duplicate for 2011.

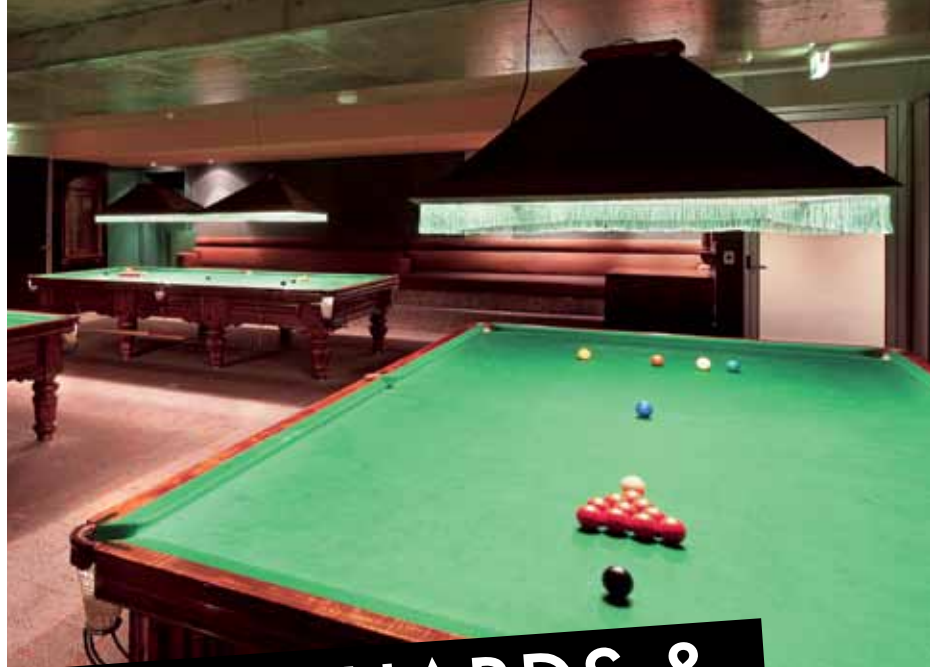
Afternoon tea and trophy presentation,
Monday 12th December.

Supper and trophy presentation,
Tuesday 13th December.

For 2012, bridge will commence on Monday 30th January and Tuesday 31st January. In January all Members should receive the Schedule for 2012. The 2012 program will also be posted on the Kooyong website and the main Notice Board in the foyer.

I thank the hard working Committee and the wonderful staff at our Club for assisting in our success. Safe and happy holidays to all!

Leeron Branicki *President*



THE BILLIARDS & SNOOKER REPORT

by Alistair Macindoe

With one home and away match left, our A Grade Billiards team is well placed in second position, guaranteed to make the Finals. Don Richter and Dave Cosgriff have had a lot of success so far, with the latter making the best break for the team so far – a magnificent break of 113.

Our C grade four-person snooker team has enjoyed a good deal of success, given that it is never easy when you are new to Inter-club competition. They are in last position on the ladder. Captain Michael Kirwan has been the most successful player, winning almost a third of his frames. Four of the team are pictured: L to R Andrew Ganter, Ben Hanley, Michael Kirwan, and Tom Davis. Absent that night were: Fraser Murrell, Nick Jones, Will Barton, and Andrew White.

Sandringham beat Kooyong

In August, Kooyong hosted the annual social snooker match against the Sandringham Club, on this occasion losing narrowly. It proved once again to be an enjoyable evening; this match is developing quite a tradition.

2011 Club Snooker Champs and Club Billiards Champs

In the snooker, Simon Fortune and Neil "Smithy" Croft have reached the Final. The result of this match will be reported in the next issue of Courtside. The Billiards has just started – more news next time.



Quote of the Month

"Before you can conquer the three rebellious ivory balls and make them do your bidding, you must first conquer yourself. I have found billiards to be more than a game; I have found it to be a philosophy of self-control."

Willie Hoppe, an American player who dominated carom billiards throughout the first half of the twentieth century.

AUSTRALIAN

CHAMPIONS



SARAH CARDWELL

At The Australian Open in Canberra, former Australian Junior Champion Sarah Cardwell won the under 21 Rising Star Ladies Title. Sarah is an Australian and Victorian Squash representative and an international squash career would not be a surprise. Her brother Josh is currently training in the USA and will return to Melbourne in December.



SELENA SHAIKH

Selena was the winner of the bronze medal in the girl's 19 year section of the Australian Championships. Returning from Boston after captaining the Australian team at the World Junior Women's Squash Championships, Selena was all smiles as she stated, 'It is a huge honour to be chosen to represent your Country at a World Championship. I really enjoyed my time in Boston, if I could, I would love to go back and do it all again'. Selena was beaten in her Individual final by English player Katie Smith but she was extremely positive about the experience when she said, 'Being presented with a medal at a World Games was pretty special'.



SAM EJTEMAI

The Australian National Junior Championships were held in Melbourne this year and Sam defeated the number one seed from New Zealand (Scott Galloway) to make the final of the 15 year age group. The final was a little less stressful as Sam went on to win the title in 3. Sam can now boast to be a National Champion in two countries having previously won the Canadian final of the 15 year age group. Sam has been playing A Reserve pennant but will move to A Grade for next season.



SQUASH NEWS

JUNIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT

For the first time held separately from the normal presentation night, this event was for players, mums and dads and in some cases brothers and sisters of our juniors who range from 13 to 19 years of age. It was a great night with everyone joining in the fun. It was fantastic to see all the new faces, families meeting and as one mum said, 'it was finally great to meet the parents of other junior players who we spend lots of time with'. Result of the night - it becomes an annual event.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW SQUASH COACH

Malcolm McClarty comes to Kooyong with a wealth of experience in both coaching and playing. Well known for his development of junior players, Malcolm is a full time coach and will play pennant squash for Kooyong. Malcolm has won many individual events in recent times including the 2009 Gold Medal at the World Masters Games, 2011 Victorian Masters Champion, and 2011 Australian Representative in the Trans-Tasman Test Series versus New Zealand. Malcolm can be contacted directly as follows: Mobile 0419 276 608 Email malcolmsquashcoach@yahoo.com.au. For all your coaching lessons whether they be individuals, family, groups, beginners or seasoned players, contact Malcolm now.

SUPER SERIES SQUASH EVENT

The series was designed to showcase the best squash the state has to offer. 6 teams of 3 players (1 male, 1 female, 1 junior). Held at 6 different venues throughout the season with the final being held at Kooyong. The event is a Squash Victoria initiative with catering presentations and costs covered by Squash Victoria. A large crowd was at Kooyong to witness the finals and all attendees were invited to the after party and presentations.

KOoyong INTERNATIONAL SQUASH TOURNAMENT

The Australian Squash Circuit kicks off in July each year with the Victorian Open being the first event. This is followed by State titles in Tasmania, NSW and Queensland. The Final event is the Australian Open in August. Many international players attend the Australian Circuit and the question was asked about whether Kooyong should consider having its own international event. We are hoping the result of lengthy discussions sees the creation of the following events to be held in conjunction with the dates of the Australian Circuit:

THE KOoyong INTERNATIONAL & THE KOoyong JUNIOR INVITATIONAL

Kooyong is planned to be the first Club in Australia to hold an international squash event that is not a State or National title. Tickets for this event would be available to Club Members so stay tuned for more news. Sponsorship is also available for these events so please contact Cory Thorsen at the Club for more details.



PENNANT WIN

Kooyong's E Grade team won the premier ship recently and there are some great stories to come out of the win.

This must have been one of KLTC's more diversified squash teams ever, with ages of 13, 14, 18, 43, 65, 67 and 71.

Andy Sneddon at 13 became the youngest player ever to be in a pennant winning team at KLTC in the 75 years of competition. Both Andy and 14 year old Jason Holmes, who played # 1 in the final, went through their 1st pennant season undefeated and won 3/0 in the final.

Interestingly Captain Bert Armstrong also won a pennant with Barry Sneddon, Andy's GRANDFATHER back in 1986.

CRÈCHE NEWS!



The Kooyong Crèche provides a happy, safe and fun environment for members' children and allows members home during the week with young children to make the most of the Club's facilities. For more details and to arrange a tour, please contact the pro-shop.

CRÈCHE SESSION TIMES AND FEES

The crèche operates during school terms, from 9.15 am to 12.00 pm on Mondays to Thursdays and from 9.15 am to 12.15 pm on Fridays. The annual family registration fee for 2011 is \$65, with a session fee of \$11 per child.

KOoyong CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 27th November. As always, the children attending had a wonderful time, as did their parents and grandparents. Apart from enjoying lots of party food and playing with many balloons, the children were treated to a visit from Santa and were entertained by a balloonist and Christmas face painters.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Looking forward to seeing everyone back at crèche in 2012.

Samantha Wood
President

Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary

Reflecting on our fundraising activities for 2011, as President of the Royal Children's Hospital Auxiliary,

I am very pleased to report my Committee raised in excess of **\$14,000** for the hospital this year.

Special thanks must go to our CEO, Chris Brown, and all the Kooyong Staff, for without their assistance none of our functions would be possible.

As I have mentioned in previous Courtside reports, we are only a small Committee of fourteen but our members are very dedicated to the task of raising as much money as we can to assist all the sick children in our wonderful hospital.

Now, with the opening of the brand new hospital, we will go into the New Year with renewed effort to make sure all our forthcoming functions will be bigger and better with the involvement of all our Club Members and their friends.

Already we have mailed out the invitations to the Ladies Doubles Grass Tournament scheduled for next March. In addition, our Treasurer, Carmel Quinn, has the arrangements in hand to attend the AAMI Classic at Kooyong, including lunch in the Clubhouse. So should any member wish to be included in the above-mentioned functions, please contact Reception at the Club for further information.

Before concluding, I would like to pay tribute to a very dear friend of our Auxiliary, Mrs. Phyllis George, who very kindly supplies a fully stocked stall of hand made garments and jams and preserves for sale on our Card Days and the Tennis Tournament. The money raised by her great efforts swells our funds to the tune of some \$3000 each year.

My sincere thanks Phyllis to you and your husband, Miles, for your wonderful generosity to the hospital. My grateful thanks to all our Members and their friends for your continuing support through the year. A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all!

Marie Devereux President

The **Royal Children's**
Hospital Melbourne



THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

JJ Round Robin Tennis Day

The JJ Round Robin Tennis Tournament was again a fantastic turnout with approx 60 people in attendance, and given the fantastic weather, we managed to put on a great day. Unfortunately we had the "odd" casualty due to some zealous competition, but all was managed well and the day turned out to be a brilliant event according to our players. I think we need to reinforce the point to ensure ALL submissions are in place before the event, so we can ensure everyone gets a game. Thanks again go to the committee for all their hard work and the club catering for all their great efforts on the day. We have some great snaps from the day, so please enjoy, and look forward to seeing you all again at the tournament and our other tennis events next year.

"Cool Xmas Cocktails"

We have finalised and posted the "Xmas Cocktail Party" for Friday 25th November 2011, and have none other than "Bobby Valentine & The Providers" to ensure the vibes roll on. They are a brilliant band and well known around Melbourne so it should be a great night out for all. Pleased support us at this event, as a lot of planning and effort has gone into this by all concerned to ensure you have a splendid night. We have arranged a fabulous night of Cocktail food and drinks along with fabulous entertainment which should ensure a host of Xmas cheer. In addition we are working on next years calendar of events for 2012, including the "Barefoot Bowls Night" at Kew Heights Bowling Club, which should also draw a great crowd, more details later.

Club Parioli, Rome

Recently the family and I returned from an overseas holiday, during which we had the very great pleasure of visiting one of our reciprocal Tennis Clubs "Club Parioli" in Rome. It was a perfect Rome evening and we were greeted by the current President Mauricio Ravino and his lovely wife, and toured the fantastic Club facilities and courts. They have renovated the Club over recent years and it looks an absolute picture.

They were very keen to learn more about Kooyong (and in particular the origins of our name "Kooyong" which took a bit of explaining) and thus we enjoyed a long and wonderful conversation about the nuances and differences in our respective Clubs. I would encourage anyone travelling overseas to this part of the world to take the time to visit this beautiful Club, it is truly a wonderful experience indeed, and their Italian hospitality is legendary. I personally would like to thank them sincerely for their wonderful hospitality and welcoming smiles. Gracie Mauricio!!

Should you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see the committee post as an event, please let us know, we welcome all ideas.

David Hadley
President



Wine & FOOD

SOCIETY

The year has sped by once again and we will have had our End of Year Christmas Function in the Racquet Club and a new Food and Wine Society President by the time this Courtside is published.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and that has been enhanced by the very co-operative nature of our Committee.

Everybody has pulled their weight so at no time has the work load for anyone got out of hand. We all particularly appreciate the quiet and consistent work of our Secretary, Peter Nolan, and our Treasurer, Peter Ebbels.

I would like to see a new member of the Committee who could provide back-up to Peter Ebbels as he has been quietly doing the books for a number of years while maintaining a busy accounting practice.

We have welcomed a number of new members since the last Courtside – Neil McEwan has joined his wife, Evie, who has been a member for some time and Anthony and Mary Rose, and Rosaline O'Halloran have also joined. We now have over 80 members of the Society.

The Society was formed in 1972 by a group of Kooyong Members for Kooyong Members who were interested in Food and Wine so 2012 will be its fortieth Anniversary.

A number of the original members are still regular attendees at our Functions. Kooyong Members are eligible to apply for Membership and it currently involves a fee of \$25 per year which covers insurance and membership of The Federation of Wine and Food Societies of Australia and a discounted rate for Functions.

Currently we run five Functions a year, three at Kooyong and two at outside Restaurants. We endeavour to find

interesting restaurants which will allow us to bring wines selected by our Winemaster and the Committee for a reasonable corkage charge.

Our last Function was at Preserve Kitchen in High St, Glen Iris. Previously known as Perrins (one of the first Wine and Food Society Functions I attended was held there), it has recently changed hands.

It was a fairly small venue with a maximum of 35 seats and we were fully booked. Again we used long tables – one of 22 and one of 13 – and they proved very convivial.

The meal was delicious and well matched with the wines. They were not offering chocolates or biscuits with the coffee so it was decided that I should purchase some. I did but my kind husband drove all the way back to Ivanhoe after I left them at home. It was worth it because only about 6 weren't eaten!

I would like to again thank Ian Hill, Kooyong President, Chris Brown, Chief Executive Officer, Chris Goulding and Patrice Renaudin and the food and beverage staff, Kristina McArdle in functions and their staff and all those at reception, all of whom offer us unstinting support and encouragement.

The Calendar for next year will be set by the new committee and will be put on the Notice Board as early as possible. It is quite likely that the first Function for the year will be at a Chinese Restaurant at Docklands in late February early March – a good time to enjoy a meal by the sea.

Membership forms can be found on the Kooyong Website under Members Groups, Wine and Food Society.

Mary Hoban,
President

Preserve Kitchen
Wednesday 7th September

Menu

On Arrival

St Hilaire French Brut Sparkling

Entree

Porcini and Black Truffle Arancini
hand made and served with dill aioli

Under & Over Tumbarumba
Chardonnay 2010

Long Gully Estate Premium Range
Yarra Valley Pinot Noir 2010

Main Course

Twice Cooked Crispy Skin Duck
Legs with braised red cabbage
'agrodolce' blood orange and
Campari sauce

Your choice of Chardonnay or
Pinot Noir from Entrée

Hazyblur Basket Press HB Ebenezer
Kangaroo Island Shiraz 2008

Dessert

Crème Brulee with rhubarb compote

De Bortoli Noble One
Botrytis Semillon 2006

Coffee and tea

Foodmaster Graham Schmidt
Winemaster Christine Johnston

HEALTH CLUB NEWS

It is encouraging to see more members utilising Kooyong Health Club consistently and achieving noticeable results.

A new energy has emerged into the gym with 5 new talented & dedicated trainers. Each one specialises in a different area of fitness.

Here is an insight into their skills that can help members into a healthier lifestyle.

Shannon Hunkin

Hi, my name is Shannon Hunkin. I have been involved in fitness for most of my life and am heavily involved in tennis and running.



I have recently completed my Bachelor of Exercise & Sport Science Degree, where I also received the "Exercise & Sport Science Australia Award".

I have experience working in the AFL Development Pathway, having worked at "TAC under 18 Club – Eastern Rangers" as a member of the "High Performance Team".

I am currently working with "Olympic Rowers" at the "Victorian Institute of Sport". I am a Level 1 Accredited Sports Trainer and combined with my time at the Eastern Ranges and university, I have a broad knowledge in injury management and rehabilitation.

I look forward to combining all of my experience to help you achieve and surpass your health and fitness goals.

Diana Abu-Elias

My name is Diana and I am a personal trainer at Kooyong Health Club. Exercise is not only about short term goals, it's also about maintaining a healthy lifestyle.



My goal is to help you reach your short term goals, and also maintain them long term. I can assist you in areas which include resistance training, cardiovascular training and weight loss.

I also focus on core strength and technique, which are very important aspects of maintaining good posture. Boxing is also another area I specialise in, with a focus on correct technique, so you will get the most out of the exercise, not only it is great for toning, but also cardiovascular fitness.

If you are considering personal training or have any queries related to health and fitness, please contact me.

Emily Horrigan

Hi, my name is Emily Horrigan. I am one of the personal trainers down at the Kooyong Health Club.



I have completed my fitness certifications from Australian Fitness Academy. I believe it is good to keep up a healthy and active lifestyle by participating in physical activity regularly and keeping a healthy and nutritious diet which fuels the body.

During my sessions, I tailor programs to my client's goals with exercise utilising every body part in a way which will help them achieve their goal whether it be weight loss, strength, cardio fitness or muscle toning.

My training regimes focus on cardio fitness through running, bike riding, and some strength training. If you have any questions or interested in getting healthy or fit do not hesitate to call me or pop into the gym.

Trent Rutherford

Hi, my name is Trent Rutherford and I am one of the Personal Trainers at Kooyong Health Club.



I have over 12 years experience in the gym environment and been involved in all forms of fitness training, along with a passion and love for all sports.

I have played Aussie Rules Football at VFL level and represented Victoria in athletics which has shown me how to get results at high level. I am a passionate and hard working Personal Trainer that wants to introduce everybody to a healthier way of living.

I specialise in weight loss, body shaping, toning, nutrition, posture control and weight training for all age groups. My commitment, fitness knowledge, and exercise techniques have seen me gain positive results for my client's fitness goals.

I will push you hard to get the results you want, but make sure we have a good time along the way. Please do not hesitate to contact me and together we'll take the next step forward to a healthier life.

Matthew Norton

Hi, my name is Matthew Norton and I'm a Personal Trainer here at Kooyong Health Club. My involvement in the fitness industry included playing basketball at a high level and I competed in athletics during high school.



I love maintaining a healthy lifestyle by eating well and training hard. I am always thinking of new and exciting exercises I can give you that will always keep you interested.

The benefits of my sessions include constant motivation and encouragement, nutritional advice and something new every session which in turn will help you reach your goals.

Together we can overcome challenges and break-through barriers to see results. I will always be there supporting you I can help you achieve whatever your goals may be, either weight-loss, toning up, building muscle and strength or just mobility.

I make exercises relevant to your capability. Together we can see your goals become results while also enjoying our time together.

If you have any enquires regarding the Health Club activities you can contact Health Club Manager Michael Kull on the mobile 0419 003 762 or phone 9822 3333.

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Thursday 1st

Social
Committee
AGM

Sunday 4th

Junior Tennis
Parent/Child
Round Robin
& Presentation
Day

**Saturday 10th
Sunday 11th**

Wayne Arthurs
Cup

Friday 25th

Christmas Lunch
at Kooyong
(See ad below)



JAN-
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Tuesday 10th

AAMI Classic
Media Launch

Wednesday 11th

- **Saturday 14th**
AAMI Classic

Sunday 29th

Kooyong
Foundation
Australian Open
Men's Final
Dinner

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**Saturday 18th -
Sunday 19th**

Club
Championships

**Saturday 25th -
Sunday 26th**

Club
Championships

**Saturday 25th -
Sunday 26th**

Squash Club
Championships

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**Saturday 3rd -
Sunday 4th**

Club
Championships
(if required)

Monday 5th

Royal Children's
Hospital Tennis
Day

KOoyong LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Christmas Day 2011

Come and enjoy Christmas Day lunch with family and friends
at Kooyong! Sunday 25th December 2011, 12.00pm – 3.00pm
A delicious buffet luncheon including fresh seafood and baked
ham with traditional Christmas trimmings!

Drinks at bar prices

Cost: \$105.00 for adults and \$50.00 for Children (ages 5-15)

Bookings close on Wednesday 14th December 2011 (or when sold out)





NEW FUNCTION MENUS



With 2012 fast approaching it's time to contact Kooyong for your upcoming function.

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

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

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

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



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