

ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

# CENTRECOURT



Winners of the Ladies and Men's Open Singles Championships

Autumn 2014



## President's Report

I am honoured to have been elected your President last November, and wish to thank Susie Strangward for her Presidency and many years of Executive and General Committee service. Your committee for 2014 is largely unchanged (details on page 3) so we are well able to continue driving our strategic plans.

What a privilege also to take over during the Club's 130<sup>th</sup> year – it seems we celebrated our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary so little time ago! It's noteworthy that we've now been at our current site for ninety-one years.

Whilst many had their annual break we all enjoyed a great summer of tennis over January, commencing with the Hopman Cup and culminating in the Australian Open. Some terrific tennis was played at these events, and we congratulate the Open Singles winners Stanislas Wawrinka and Li Na in particular.

Many overseas and interstate visitors were hosted by the Club for both tennis and hospitality during the Open, including a large contingent from the All England Lawn Tennis Club. Also, earlier in January the Club hosted the 2014 Australian Made Foundation Cup for young players from Australian state regional teams. This was a successful event and well supported by the Club.

If you cast your minds back, you will note we had some very challenging weather during this period. I commend Bill Turner and our grounds staff who maintained the courts and grounds in top condition through this period, as well as for our championships in

February. Congratulations to our winners of the Senior and Junior Championship events – details on page 13.

The Club fielded a ladies team in the Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) for the first time, and we were lucky enough to be the winners at our first attempt. We won the Victorian conference in November and the overall ATL challenge in the second week of the Australian Open at Melbourne Park. Team member Storm Sanders was subsequently selected in the team to play in the Australian Federation Cup against Russia and Germany. Whilst many of our team players will be away playing tournaments during the year, we hope to see them back at the Club from time to time practicing or engaged in other Club activities – details on page 6.

Since the last CentreCourt magazine, we have renewed our coaching contract with SMARTennis. This is a re-invigorated arrangement with more emphasis in many areas, particularly with Juniors, including Hot Shots, and organising touring groups to Victorian country tournaments. Smartennis and RSY's interests are now more closely aligned in all tennis matters, and we look forward to advancing this relationship.

The Club also organised many Christmas and end of year 'wind up' events for various groups, including our Christmas Dinner. It was great to see so many members celebrating.

I am pleased that we have added The New Haven Lawn Club in Connecticut and The Sloane Club in London to our suite of reciprocal clubs. We will continue to investigate other clubs and arrangements to add to this list for members enjoyment.

We have already hosted the very successful autumn 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party but still have some exciting events planned for the next few months. There will be an introduction of the Captain's Trophy for tennis players, Anzac Lunch, Winemakers Lunch, Electric Light Tournament for our Young Members Group, Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together, Art Show and Trivia Night. I hope members enjoy these, and the many other events being organised.

The Committee wishes to keep you well informed of all events, opportunities and sports results. We will utilise our website as a key platform to keep you informed plus provide Club and tennis related resources. In addition we will use other media (Emails, Facebook, etc., including the 'President's Pen') to advise you of upcoming events and news.

We are mindful that members don't want to be overburdened by our communications, and aim to strike the right balance. Whilst I'm sure everyone will have differing views on communications, we would appreciate your feedback.

In conclusion, I look forward to catching up with many of you at the Club over the coming months.

*Peter Lie*

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Masa Jovanovic and Alexandros Yiappos, winners of the Ladies and Men's Open Singles Championships

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Dianne Hepworth



# Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Thursday 21 November, 2013. The Honorary Officers and Committee were elected for the coming year as stated in the President's Report.

President – Peter Lie

Vice President – Drew Fenton

Captain – Tony Joubert

Honorary Secretary – Jonathan Roberts

Honorary Treasurer – George Colman

## Committee

Lachlan Beer

John Dixon

Di Hepworth

Hamish Salmon

Loretta Sheales

Alec White

## Committee Retirement

Susie Strangward retired after serving on the General Committee for thirteen years. Susie joined the Club in 1978 and during her time on the General Committee her portfolios have been Activities Sub-committee, Clubhouse & Grounds Sub-committee and the Membership Advisory Board.

## New Committee Member



George Colman

George joined the Club in 1970 and is currently a Principal of Optimal Australia. He graduated from The University of Melbourne with a first-class Honours Degree in Commerce.

# RSY Foundation Award for Distinguished Service



Susie Strangward & Robert Warnock

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 21 November, 2013 Robert Warnock received the RSY Foundation Award for his dedicated service to the Club.

Rob's contribution to the Club has included serving on the General Committee for five years, two years as Captain and two years as Honorary Secretary. He was the Squash Open Champion in 1989, 1990, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 2002 and the Handicap Champion in 2009. He won the Dick Doyle Memorial Trophy in

1992 and 2012. Rob served as the Squash Convenor for many years from 1988 - 1990s and continues to represent the Club in pennant squash. His achievements also include representing the Club in pennant tennis and winning the Men's C Grade Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles in the Club Championships. A deserving recipient of this award.

## Club Matters



## Australia Day Honours

The Club congratulates members who have been recognised for their contribution to our community:

Mr Julian Reginald Clarke AM received an award in the Australia Day 2014 Honours for significant service to the Australian print media, and to the community through cultural, health care and economic development organisations.

Mr Peter John Jopling AM QC received an award in the Australia Day 2014 Honours for significant service to the law in Victoria and to the community.

## Obituaries

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of our esteemed members:

Ian Edmund James Cathels  
Playing Member – 1957

Edwin Ian Gillon  
Playing Member – 1942

Jennifer Lilian Henderson  
Playing Member – 1998

Mr John J Joyce Snr  
Playing Member - 1977

Mr Graeme William Knott  
Playing Member - 2003

William Russell Lanyon  
Non Playing Member – 2000

John William Lawson  
Country Member – 1975

Colin Richard McCubbin  
Playing Member – 2001

Andrew Patrick Ramsden  
Playing Member – 1994

Julie May Sharman  
Playing Member – 1953

Robert Forrester Stephen  
Playing Member – 1975



# Nick Reid Service Award



Diana Atkinson & Lachlan Beer

At the Annual General Meeting, the Nick Reid Service Award was presented to Lachlan Beer. This award is made by the Committee in recognition of an outstanding contribution by a young member in a number of aspects including ongoing support over a number of years of tennis, squash and social activities at the Club.

The late Nick Reid contributed greatly to the Club during his short life. He was involved in junior tennis and was a tireless worker for the Younger Members activities.

Nick's mother Diana Atkinson was in attendance to present the award to Lachlan who continues to make an outstanding contribution to a

wide variety of activities at the Club. Lachlan has served on the General Committee since 2011 and he has represented the Captains Committee, the Men's Pennant Selection Panel, the Activities & Communications Committee, the Communication Strategic Plan Group, Clubhouse Activities Strategic Plan Group and the Membership Strategic Plan Group. He joined the Club in 1997 and has represented the Club in pennant tennis and the night competition. He competes in the Club Championships and has won the B Grade Mixed Doubles and has been a runner-up in the Men's C Grade Singles and the Men's B and C Grade Doubles and Mixed Doubles.

## New Reciprocal Clubs

For the benefit of travelling members the Club is delighted to advise that we have recently included The Sloane Club in London and The New Haven Lawn Club in Connecticut to our reciprocal club arrangements.

Members wishing to take advantage of a reciprocal club visit should contact the Administration who will organise the necessary letter of introduction for a visit.

**The Sloane Club** is a home-from-home in London. With accommodation consisting of 138 bedrooms it offers some of the finest value in London. The Club has elegant reception rooms, conference and meeting rooms, a reading room, bar, roof terrace and an excellent restaurant. Accommodation is available – [www.sloaneclub.co.uk](http://www.sloaneclub.co.uk)

**The New Haven Lawn Club** is located in downtown Connecticut and includes fine dining, banquet and events rooms, with space inside and out for formal or casual gatherings. The New Haven Lawn Club offers tennis and squash courts and modern athletic facilities. Accommodation is available – [www.nhlawnclub.com](http://www.nhlawnclub.com)

A full detailed list of reciprocal clubs can be obtained from our website.

## House Allowance Advice

Members are advised the 2013-2014 House Allowance will expire on 30 June 2014. The House Allowance may be used for food and beverages consumed from the Members Dining Room and Courtyard Bistro, and short term serviced accommodation at Mont Verdant Apartments.

## Regular Sporting Facility Checks

Members will have noticed the increased level of checks being undertaken throughout all our sporting facilities.

Members are reminded they must:

- carry their membership card at all times;
- dress according to the approved dress code;
- sign guests in and pay the guest fee prior to using the courts/pool etc.; and
- not lend your card to another person, whether family member or not.

We have increasingly been imposing fines for breaches of the above Club rules.

## Summer Barbecue & Guest Tennis Evening

After its resurgence two years ago this event has gained momentum so it was pleasing for the Club to host sixty players and guests from all age groups (including juniors who brought along their parents) to enjoy grass court tennis on Friday 7 February. Sports Director Jarrad Wright greeted our players and directed them to allocated courts, where they enjoyed good tennis.

At the conclusion of tennis a casual barbecue was prepared in the Courtyard Bistro for the players by Hospitality Director James Fien. At \$25 per person, a cash bar and waived guest fees, this is a very enjoyable event for members.



## Captain's Report

The Australian summer and the holiday period is well known for relaxing on the beach, spending time with family, enjoying a well deserved rest and in the case of this year, surviving the 40 degree heat. In the warmer months of January and February it was an exciting time for RSY tennis enthusiasts, with so many opportunities to watch international tennis players, at the Australian Open, Hopman Cup, AAMI Classic and interstate tournaments. It was also the time for members to be involved in the Club Championships.

In January, the RSY Royals team played in the Asia Pacific Tennis League (ATL), details on page 6.

The Club Championships held in February determines the best competitor in each event, including competing for the prestigious Honour Board Events. Congratulations to the Open Singles champions Alexandros Yiappos and Masa Jovanovic, with

Alexandros winning four Board Events – the Men's Open Singles, Men's Open Doubles, Open Mixed Doubles and the Boy's Singles.

The Junior Open Day held in March is the biggest junior event on the calendar. The event is open to all junior members and waiting list children aged 8–14 years. The emphasis on this day is focused on skill development, participation, friendship forming, sportsmanship and fun. This year there was special emphasis on Tennis Australia's Hot Shots Program which was targeted at the 4–8 age group.

In March a ladies team competed in the Tennis Victoria Premier League competition. This is a short competition played over four weeks, with grades equivalent to the past State Grade competition. Unfortunately our team battled against injuries and didn't reach the finals. This year the Club has nominated twenty-two teams in Tennis Victoria Pennant. The Blackburn & Districts Night Tennis competition is becoming increasingly popular with the Club represented in nine teams over Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday evenings. Six teams are competing in the Eastern Districts Womens mid-week competition. Four teams are playing in the Club Circuit Squash competition and in autumn the Club will nominate a team to compete in the Victorian Billiards and Snooker City Club Circuit.

Sunday afternoon social tennis continues to be popular and has become a regular event at the Club. We now look forward to the Squash Championships which will commence early May with the finals of the Open and Handicap events held on 31 May.

I would like to recognise the role of the Captain's Committee who is responsible for the sporting activities. The Committee this year comprises of Tony Joubert (Chairman), Lachlan Beer, James Bull, Simon Brain, Richard Joubert, Jennifer Langford, Sharon Werka, Loretta Sheales, Hugh Mosley and the tremendous efforts of the Sports Director, Jarrad Wright.

*Tony Joubert*

## Presidents v Captains Tennis Challenge

With magnificent autumn weather on Sunday 30 March, the setting could not have been better for this annual event.

Thirty-three players took to the pristine grass courts and played a total of 291 games over three hours. The tournament was of a very good standard with some hard fought matches played in good spirits. The Captain's team were deemed eventual winners with a nine game winning margin. Drinks and canapés were served in the President's Bar where the trophy was happily accepted by the Captain Tony Joubert from the President Peter Lie.



Tony Joubert & Peter Lie

## Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together

All pennant tennis and squash players are invited to attend drinks at the Club where we will review the first half of the tennis season and view the Squash Club Championship finals from the nearby squash gallery.

The evening presents a great opportunity for both tennis and squash members to catch up, reflect on the season's highlights to date, and view the Club's best squash players in action. The Open and Handicap Squash finals will be held in the afternoon on Saturday 31 May at approximately 5:00pm, with presentations of trophies to follow.

**Date: Saturday 31 May**  
**Time: 5:00pm–7:00pm**

### Convenors

Richard Joubert 0419 370 300  
Jennifer Langford 0414 916 860  
Simon Brain 0402 037 313

RSVP: Sports Director by Tuesday 27 May on  
9829 1533 or [sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au](mailto:sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au)





# Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) Champions!

Our very own RSY Royals are the Asia-Pacific Tennis League Women's Champions for the year 2014. In a nail-biting contest the RSY Royals proved too strong for the Flagstaff Freighters from South Australia winning 4 rubbers to 2.

This ATL competition is now in its second year and momentum is building, already there is talk of a junior competition next year. This competition is positioned for seasoned tournament players making their way up into the circuit, plus those returning home who have been travelling the world circuits.

The initial home and away rounds were played in Melbourne where the RSY Royals defeated the Kooyong Classics by three games in the Victorian grand final, a very exciting finish for the local derby! Winning the Victorian competition meant the team was eligible to play in the Nationals final at Melbourne Park during the Australian Open.

The RSY Royals made it through the early rounds by defeating New Zealand and Japan and reached the final to play the Flagstaff Freighters. The RSY Royals number one seed, Olivia Rogowska won her match

4-3, 4-2 over Magda Linette. Tammi Patterson had a tougher battle with Jessica Moore, with Tammi going down in a close match thus levelling the rubbers at 1-1. Storm Sanders dominated Viktorija Rajicic from the outset winning 4-0, 4-2. Azra Hadzic's match against Karolina Wlodarczak was a showcase battle with Azra taking the first set 4-0. Karolina wasn't going to take defeat easily though, taking the next set just as smoothly causing a tie break. Both players fought hard with Azra coming out on top 4-3 in the third set, to give the Royals a 3-1 lead. The RSY Royals required one victory in the doubles to seal the final. Unfortunately the doubles combination of Patterson/Harris was narrowly defeated leaving great pressure on Rogowska and Sanders. Taking the first set quickly, it was the Royals who were making the charge until the Flagstaff Freighters fought back and took the second set. The tie break was off to a quick start with the Royals quickly stretching out to a 5-1 lead.

The trophy was within our grasp and we edged further forward leading 8-3 until the Flagstaff Freighters fought back to level the scores at

9-9. Club members were on their feet cheering on our women in this strongly contested battle. The strength of the RSY Royals serve was too strong, taking the next two points and the championship.

Speaking post match, Tammi Patterson, Captain of the RSY Royals, said "We all know each other's games, we all get along well and we know that we can all rely on each other to get across the line. We'll keep the winning team together for next year. I'm proud of the girls and that we got through it."

Royal South Yarra would like to congratulate Olivia Rogowska, Storm Sanders, Tammi Patterson, Azra Hadzic, Samantha Harris, Tayla Stenta, Gemma Goodland and Head Coach /Manager, Tony Joubert.

A special commendation is extended to Storm Sanders who was nominated in the Australian Federation Cup team to play against Russia and Germany – we congratulate her on this great achievement.



Storm Sanders, Tayla Stenta, Olivia Rogowska, Tammi Patterson, Azra Hadzic, Samantha Harris & Tony Joubert



# Blackburn & Districts Tennis Association

## Night Competition

In the 2013 spring competition of the Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association three teams won a premiership in their respective competition.

The Tuesday night **Section 2 Yarras** team, who were promoted from Section 3 after winning the autumn competition, recruited well between seasons and managed to go back to back winning the spring competition, defeating Mayfield Park Stringalings. The Yarras are now aiming for a 3-peat playing in Section 1 in the autumn competition.

The Monday night **Section 3 Court Jesters** team finished on top of the ladder in a fantastic season performance. The Court Jesters clinched the premiership against St Dominics Reds in the grand final with a clean sweep of all six sets played.

The Monday night **Section 4 Top Shots** team had an excellent season finishing securely on top of the ladder, with outstanding contributions from all team members. The grand final however was no walkover with the team having to dig deep to come out on top by only three games, against a very competitive East Camberwell Aces team.



**Section 3 Court Jesters**

Front Row: John Richmond, Hugo Sampson (Capt.) & Jeff Munro. Back Row: David Tehan, James Gardiner, James Joseph, Mal Reid & Richard Roberts



**Section 2 Yarras**

Loretta Sheales, James Bull, Stuart McRae, James Brearley, Yuri Mijic, Lachlan Beer (Capt.), Sue Albert, James Freeman, Jimmy Everitt & Adam Freeman. Absent: Andrew Buchanan, Graeme Campbell, Sharon Werka & Alec White



**Section 4 Top Shots**

Margaret Neeson, Sue Gatford, Belinda Henry, Sarah Robinson (Capt.), Charlotte Fenner, Brigitte Claney & Lisa Millar. Absent: Eliza Robinson



**Eliza O'Farrell and Rupert Mosley, ballkids at 2014 Australia Open**

*"Our most challenging aspect was working in the 40 degree heat"*



# Club Championships

The 2014 Club Championships featured 251 players across forty events with 335 total entries. The tournament commenced on Friday 14 February and concluded on Sunday 23 February.

This year's championships had it all; there was sunshine, rain, wind, more rain and sunshine. Some matches were brief and some were marathons lasting three hours. The hospitality team served up thousands of dishes and even more tennis balls! The grounds staff worked overtime to ensure the grass courts were in pristine condition and the porous courts were playable even when we had three hour delays due to the rain.

All Open Events and the Boys and Girls Singles, had chair umpires and lines people for the final matches. Crowds gathered in large numbers on the ideal vantage point on The Balcony, to watch these elite members in flagship events.

Alexandros Yiappos created Club history by winning the Men's Open Singles and Doubles, the Open Mixed Doubles and the Boy's Singles ...the quaddy!! Alexandros had a very talented player as his partner in the Open Mixed event; Tayla Stenta. Tayla also won the Ladies' Open Doubles with Bianca Horsley and attempted her fourth successive Open Singles final. Masa Jovanovic who proved too strong for Tayla on the day, won her first Open Singles title.

The President, Peter Lie, Captain, Tony Joubert and Junior Committee Chairman, Hugh Mosley presented the trophies to the winners and runners-up at the presentations on Sunday 23 February. All three gentlemen entertained the junior and adult members with passionate speeches about the Club.

Congratulations to the competitors and all who assisted in this year's championships. We look forward to seeing you again in 2015.



Huw Gafford



Hamish Sutton



Natasha Van Bommel



Sharon Werka & Gemma O'Farrell



Loretta Sheales & James Freeman



Claudia & Archie Trotter





Claire Benjamin & Virginia Collins



Richard McIndoe



Annabel Holmes & Ann Mulcahy



Alexandros Yiappos & Yuri Mijic



Bianca Horlsey & Tayla Stenta



Tim Breadmore, Chris O'Farrell, Masa Jovanovic, Steve McGlaughlin, Alexandros Yiappos, Tony Joubert & Tayla Stenta



Jovana Stanisic



Andre Del Papa & Stuart McRae



Richard Leckey & John Albrecht







Claudia Trotter



Nicholas Salmon



Henry Campbell & Hugo Druce



Mimi Holmes & Annabel Joubert



Lachlan Mailer



Sinclair Mosley



Isabella Horner



Chloe Cooper & Chloe Joubert



Lachlan Kemp



Jack Keating



Declan Albrecht



Eliza O'Farrell





Clementine Newton-Brown



David Gaford & Lachlan Clarke



Campbell Salmon



Vivienne Johnston & Charlotte Ritman



Hamish Francis



Henry Casey & Alex Joubert



Isobel McFarlane & Claudia Albert



Marcus Stathos & Sasha Kenna



Grace Keating



Piper Priestley & Joanna Bell



Georgia & Ellie Rogers



# Captured during the Club Championships...





# 2014 Club Championships Results

## SENIORS

### Men's Open Singles

Alexandros Yiappos d  
Adam Freeman 6-4 6-0

### Ladies' Open Singles

Masa Jovanovic d Tayla Stenta 6-1 6-3

### Men's Open Doubles

Yuri Mijic, Alexandros Yiappos d  
James Freeman, Carl Wood 7-5 6-7 6-4

### Ladies' Open Doubles

Bianca Horsley, Tayla Stenta d  
Marie Monterosso, Loretta Sheales 7-6 6-4

### Open Mixed Doubles

Alexandros Yiappos, Tayla Stenta d  
James Freeman, Loretta Sheales 6-2 6-2

### Men's B Grade Singles

Hamish Sutton d Marcel Staniscic 6-1 6-4

### Ladies' B Grade Singles

Natasha Van Bommel d  
Caroline Fernando 6-3 6-3

### Men's B Grade Doubles

Andre Del Papa, Stuart McRae d  
Saul Cannon, Simon McNamara 7-6 6-2

### Ladies' B Grade Doubles \*

Winners: Gemma O'Farrell, Sharon Werka  
Runners-up: Sue Albert, Cathy Moore

### B Grade Mixed Doubles

Chris O'Farrell, Gemma O'Farrell d  
Marcel Staniscic, Jovana Staniscic 6-2 6-2

### Men's C Grade Singles

Huw Gafford d Andrew Adams 4-6 6-2 10-7

### Ladies' C Grade Singles

Claudia Trotter d Virginia Collins 6-2 6-4

### Men's C Grade Doubles

Alex Joubert, Tony Joubert d  
Lawrie Simpson, Hamish Sutton 6-4 6-2

### Ladies' C Grade Doubles

Claire Benjamin, Virginia Collins d  
Skye Douglass, Anna O'Gorman 8-3

### C Grade Mixed Doubles

Archie Trotter, Claudia Trotter d  
Hugo Sampson, Eliza Vesey 6-0 6-2

### Men's Social Singles

Richard McIndoe d James Furness 8-2

### Men's Social Doubles

John Albrecht, Richard Leckey d  
Roger Harley, Richard McIndoe 8-6

### Ladies' Social Doubles

Winners: Annabel Holmes, Ann Mulcahy  
Runners-up: Dianne Hepworth,  
Susie Strangward

### Men's Veteran Doubles

Tim Breadmore, Tony Joubert d  
David Hepworth, Hamish Salmon 6-2 6-2

### Men's Senior Doubles

Steve McGlaughlin, Chris O'Farrell d  
Tim Breadmore, Richard Joubert  
6-3 3-6 15-13

### Boys' Singles

Alexandros Yiappos d  
Campbell Salmon 6-2 6-0

### Girls' Singles

Jovana Staniscic d Maddison Stark 6-3 6-4

## JUNIORS

### Boys' 16 & Under Singles

Campbell Salmon d James Gilson 8-5

### Girls' 16 & Under Singles \*

Winner: Claudia Trotter  
Runner-up: Eliza O'Farrell

### Boys' 16 & Under Doubles

Lachlan Clarke, David Gafford d  
Jasper Fisher, Lachlan Kemp 9-7

### Girls' 16 & Under Doubles

Ellie Rogers, Georgia Rogers d  
Joanna Bell, Piper Priestley 8-2

### Mixed 16 & Under Doubles

Sasha Kenna, Marcus Stathos d  
Harry Veall, Joanna Bell 8-3

### Boys' 14 & Under Singles

Alex Joubert d Henry Casey 8-2

### Girls' 14 & Under Singles

Annabel Joubert d Claudia Albert 8-4

### Boys' 14 & Under Doubles

Campbell Salmon, Nicholas Salmon d  
Henry Casey, Alex Joubert 8-3

### Girls' 14 & Under Doubles \*

Winners: Claudia Albert, Isobel McFarlane  
Runners-up: Mimi Holmes, Annabel Joubert

### Mixed 14 & Under Doubles \*

Winners: Liam Albrecht, Vivienne Johnston  
Runners-up: Richard Bartlett,  
Isobel McFarlane

### Boys' 12 & Under Singles

Nicholas Salmon d Declan Albrecht 8-0

### Girls' 12 & Under Singles

Vivienne Johnson d Laura O'Farrell 8-3

### Boys' 12 & Under Doubles \*

Winners: Henry Campbell, Hugo Druce  
Runners-up: Declan Albrecht, Tom Bartlett

### Girls' 12 & Under Doubles \*

Winners: Vivienne Johnston,  
Charlotte Ritman  
Runners-up: Chloe Cooper, Chloe Joubert

### Boys' 10 & Under Singles \*

Winners: Hamish Francis  
Runner-up: Sinclair Mosley

### Girls' 10 & Under Singles \*

Winner: Chloe Joubert  
Runner-up: Claudia Cameron

### Boys' 10 & Under Doubles

Hamish Francis, Lachlan Mailer d  
Jack Keating, Sinclair Mosley 6-2

### Girls' 10 & Under Doubles \*

Claudia Cameron, Grace Keating d  
Clementine Newton-Brown,  
Isabella Hornor 6-4

\* Round Robin Event



# JUNIORS

## Junior Competition

Seven teams were entered in the 2013 spring competition of the Bayside Tennis Association (BRTA). Three teams reached the finals, with Section 5 and Section 15 winning their respective sections.

The players in the winning teams were:

Section 5 – Alex Joubert, Henry Casey, Charles Colman, Rupert Mosley, Liam Albrecht and Tom Spargo. This team also won the BRTA Daryl Cox Memorial Shield finishing with the greatest points margin across all teams in the competition, during the home and away matches.

Section 15 – Declan Albrecht, Bill Cameron, James Ollerenshaw, Nicole Anders and Sinclair Mosley.

During this competition we also had two girls who played in the Tennis Victoria Junior Pennant Competition for the Bayside/Moorabbin Junior Pennant Girls 12B team, being Charlotte Ritman and Laura O'Farrell. Both Charlotte and Laura did a great job representing the Club with their team reaching the semi-finals.

The Adult and Child Tennis Day held on Sunday 17 November 2013 was a great success. Many members have requested this event to be held twice a year. The tournament with twenty-four doubles teams enjoyed this family focussed day. The day provides a rare chance for parents, or other family members, to pair up with their children or grandchildren and play tennis on the grass courts.

Late in 2013 we set out a new program for our junior players. This begins with the Hot Shots Competition for players from four to eight years old, then moves into the Bayside Junior Competition and finally assists our junior members in moving through to adult pennant. Throughout that journey we have events aimed at fun and inclusion, such as Round Robin Tournaments, a Teens Tournament and the Adult and Child Tennis Day, and we are now also progressing with a more competitive tennis agenda. As such, we have created more advanced training squads, such as the Friday Night Super Squad, qualification days for the Bayside Junior Competition and with the help of the coaches, trips away to a number of tournaments.

We will experiment with a number of activities over the next couple of years to ensure we achieve our two goals of inclusion and skills development.

*Hugh Mosley*

### Forthcoming Events

Year 8 Disco  
Saturday 24 May 2014

Junior Round Robin Tournament  
Sunday 25 May 2014



Charlotte Ritman & Laura O'Farrell



Section 5: Tom Spargo, Rupert Mosley, Liam Albrecht, Alex Joubert, Henry Casey



Section 15: Declan Albrecht, James Ollerenshaw, Bill Cameron, Sinclair Mosley, Nicole Anders, Lucy Ollerenshaw



## Junior Open Day

One of the biggest junior events on the Junior Calendar was held on Sunday 16 March.

The day commenced with a round robin tournament on the grass courts. All players showed great skill and integrity and had a fantastic afternoon, hoping to be court winners or receive a sportsmanship award. This year included a 'Best Attitude Award' awarded to two players who received a Head tennis racquet donated by SMARTennis. There were also prizes for trivia and 'guess the amount of lollies'.

After the tournament, all children participated in the tennis activities conducted by SMARTennis coaches, including Beat the Coach, Tennis Baseball and Around the World. Players used the ball machine and tested their power using the Speed Serve Machine, with several players exceeding 100kph.

A new initiative in 2014 was a Hot Shots Clinic, which had twenty-two talented juniors aged 4-10 years. The clinic was a great success and promises to increase in 2015.

The annual Stan Chruchus Trophy is awarded on this day with his son Mark in attendance for the presentation. This trophy is awarded to a junior member 16 and under who has regularly represented the Club in competition tennis and showed good sportsmanship and demeanor over an extended period.

The proud recipient of the 2014 Stan Churchus Trophy was Emily Jarman, who was a fitting winner (*pictured bottom right*).





# Mid-week Ladies Tennis

The 2013-14 summer competition of the Eastern District Womens Tennis Association was a very competitive season for the Club. In two years, we have increased the number of teams from four to seven teams (with three teams facing relegation in their respective sections).

Five teams reached the semi-finals and four teams went on to play off in the grand final. This may have been the first time the Club has had four teams competing in a EDWTA grand final in one season.

The RSY 4 team, captained by Miranda Lansell won the flag in Section

3 and the RSY 5 team, captained by Eleanor Pollard finished runners-up. The RSY 7 team, captained by Annabel Holmes won the flag in Section 5 and the RSY 1 team, captained by Sally Lobley finished runners-up in Section 2.

We congratulate all teams - a great effort by all competitors!



RSY 4 – Sarah Scales, Celia Burrell, Miranda Lansell, Jacqueline Nelson & Jacinta Fish



RSY 7 – Ann Mulcahy, Annabel Holmes, Sally Cameron & Andrea Donaldson

## Tuesday Tennis Group

At the conclusion of a happy and well-attended year of tennis, the Christmas Lunch was held on 3 December 2013 following the Badge Day finals. Our very entertaining guest speaker was Judy Dalton and we also welcomed special guests Joy Fair and Club President, Peter Lie.

The Tuesday Tennis Group meets at the Pavilion at 9:30am every Tuesday

(except Public Holidays). We welcome all members with full playing rights to join our morning of tennis. Each Tuesday is convened by two rostered Court Captains, tennis balls cost \$2.00. Following tennis, members can enjoy a light lunch in the clubhouse.

A Badge Day competition is played six times a year in a round robin format with the play-off held in December.

Social tennis is always available on these competition days.

The 2013 Badge Day winners of the Joy Fair Perpetual Trophy were Brigitte Claney and Sue Hill.

Convenors:

Liz Bostock – 0408 249 618

Pauline Saunders – 0438 335 850



Rowena Shew, Joy Fair, Sue Hill, Judy Dalton, Brigitte Claney & Liz Bostock



# Coaching Tip



## Is a Tennis ball just a Tennis ball?

The answer to a tennis player to the above question is definitely NO!!

There are many brands of tennis balls on the market, but if you take a closer look there are also several different types of tennis ball including clay court/hard court balls or the traditional grass court ball.

"Why is there a need for different types of tennis balls?" The answer is "because court surfaces, as well as playing conditions vary."

### Clay court balls obviously should be used on clay.

They are slightly heavier than a grass court ball and the nap or felt on the outer layer is designed to last on the coarse clay. The extra weight allows the ball to push through the slight imperfections of the clay a little easier than a grass court ball, therefore reducing the chance of bad bounces.

### Grass court balls are made specifically for use on grass.

Grass court balls are slightly lighter than hard court balls and the nap is slightly tighter to make them faster and less prone to 'fluffing' or absorb as much moisture from the grass as would a hard court ball. This is very important, as executing a volley on grass with a dead, heavy, moist ball with a large amount of nap, reduces the traditional advantage of a good net player.

It is disappointing that the traditional serve and volley players are being forced out of the game, not only by racquet and string technology, but also by a bias towards heavy and slow tennis balls, which incidentally, assist baseline play.

### Hard court balls are traditionally heavier than grass court balls.

Interestingly, hard court balls from the United States are a lot lighter and faster through the air than their typical Australian counterpart; the Slazenger hard court ball. However, both balls seem to perform well on hard courts.

### How long do tennis balls last?

Tennis balls used for practice should last for up to three to four hours of hitting, rotating 2-4 balls from new. Playing a match is slightly different; it should be that a pair of new balls are used for a maximum of two sets plus a new pair for the third set.

For pennant tennis you can use new balls every set, which I believe is the far better option. To use new balls for only the third set would see a marked difference of the play, using a combination of old and new balls. This is why the professionals change balls after only seven games and then thereafter for every nine games, so as the adjustment to play is minimised. Even then most professionals will implement a fresh racquet re-string to compensate for the new balls.

In the interests of having a good game the next time you choose tennis balls, please consider the court surface, the game style and the ball's use-by-date, as this will significantly enhance your enjoyment of this great sport.

Happy hitting!!

*Andrew McLean*

# Squash

The spring 2013 season finished at the end of November. The Club fielded four pennant teams in B2, C1, D2 and F grades in the Club Circuit. The D2 team consisting of David Fabinyi, Simon Brain, Richard Campbell (Captain) and Rollo Morgan led their grade the whole season, winning the pennant by one game in great style against Club Hawthorn.

The C1 team consisting of David Court, Hugh Gengoult-Smith, Jonathan Cameron and Josh Molloy reached the semi-finals in a close fought grade.

In the semi-final they trounced Kooyong, four rubbers to none, but Mulgrave Country Club proved too strong in the grand final with only Jonathan having a win.

The B2 team had a very solid season and just missed the finals finishing fourth in their grade and the F team continued to build on a solid foundation and had a competitive season against strong opposition.

The autumn 2014 season is underway and the Club fielded a team in B1, B4, C2 and E.

Finally, the Squash Group would like to thank David Court for his service over the last three years as Squash Convenor. David has recently stepped down from this role and the Captain's Committee, where he represented the squash group. His active involvement with all pennant squash teams and driving interest in the sport has been tireless. In addition, his recent input into the strategic direction for the sport at the Club has provided an excellent platform to grow and build on one of our Club's oldest sports. As his successor as Squash Convenor I look forward to meeting many members down on the squash courts.

Members are reminded the Squash Championships will commence from Monday 5 May with the final of the Open and Handicap events held on Saturday 31 May in conjunction with the Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together. Entry forms can be obtained from the website or administration.

If members are interested in learning more about squash, I encourage them to contact the Sports Director - 9829 1533.

*Simon Brain*



David Fabinyi, Simon Brain, Richard Campbell and Rollo Morgan



# Table Tennis Championships

The 2013 Championship entries may have been less than previous years but that did not deter the spirited competitiveness.

Adam Freeman won the Men's Singles title in an epic three setter match against his brother James. James won the first set 21-18, with Adam winning the final two sets in a very close encounter. The Women's Singles title was won by Jovana Stanisic who defeated Marie Monterosso 21-14, 2-16.

The Mixed Doubles final treated spectators with some entertaining table tennis, with the powerful duo of Jovana and Marsel Stanisic defeating Hugo Sampson and Eliza Vesey 21-11, 21-10.

All entrants are to be congratulated on a great tournament and the club would like to thank Adam and James Freeman who convened the event.



Hugo Sampson, Eliza Vesey, Jovana & Marsel Stanisic



Adam Freeman & Jovana Stanisic

Calling all members and their immediate families!



## ART & CRAFT SHOW

**Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19 June 2014**

**Venue: Como Room**

Have you decided what you will enter in this year's show or perhaps you've persuaded a family member to participate?

It's such a treat for everyone to see what talents are hidden behind those tennis racquets so please collect an entry form from administration or on line [www.rsyltc.org.au](http://www.rsyltc.org.au).

You know there's NO show without Punch!

**Diary Date: Opening Cocktail Party - Monday 16 June**

# RSY Footy Tipping Competition

We have eighty-seven entrants into the competition this year, and prizes will be awarded for:

- 1st place (70%)
- 2nd place (20%)
- 3rd place (10%)

plus a weekly prize of \$30-00 for the best weekly result.

So many questions to be answered ... Can Phil Carmen go one better than last year, will Andre Del Papa be able to go back-to-back, can Nuts Coventry (alias Phil Carmen, I am reliably informed) and Crackers pull back the leaders great start ??

What about the Tigers, will they still be ninth?? (sorry, Meagan..) Will the

Pies play for Bucks?? Will the Blues or Melbourne get the wooden spoon??

We can but wait and see.... further competition updates will be sent during the year.

Good tipping to all.

**Phillip Walkom**  
Convenor



# Past Social Events

## Young Members Barefoot Bowls

On Friday 22 November the Young Members left their racquets on the side-line and had some fun on the grass courts with bare feet and bowling balls for the third annual Barefoot Bowls night. Everyone was keen to test their skills and some healthy competition eventuated at

this increasingly popular night. With the event including younger members who recently turned 18, the young guns took the trophy and had a good insight to future Young Members events.



## Croquet Tournament

The annual Croquet Tournament was held on 27 October. The changing weather didn't keep competitors away with twenty-three teams of two people, battling it out for the perpetual trophy.

The challenge was to win as many games in an 'Egyptian' style tournament of golf croquet while simultaneously finding time to enjoy a delicious and plentiful spread of food and drink served on the green.

A very intense and patient final saw both teams hold the lead at different stages, with the competition coming down to the final hoop. Joshua Molloy and Stephanie Sundstrom were victorious over Edward Gengoult-Smith and Anthony Rose winning by a single hoop.

All competitors enjoyed a great day with this tournament continuing to ascend each year. Don't miss the 2014 tournament in October.



Stephanie Sundstrom, Joshua Molloy & Jonathan Cameron



Jonathan Harris & Tom Cameron

## Billiards & Snooker Championships

The 2013 championships were played in good spirit with good entries.

Tom Cameron defended his title winning The Eric Wells Memorial Trophy in the snooker competition for a second year. The runner-up was Edward Burke.

Tom Cameron was the winner of the Handicap Billiards with Warwick Loton runner-up. Edward Burke won the Handicap Snooker with Nick Armstrong runner-up.

## Social Pentathlon

The activities team scored another success with its pentathlon event held on 17 October.

The opening ceremony featured Cedric Mason lowering a tennis ball into the 'Olympic' cauldron to signify the beginning of the games. Healthy competition and laughter between the teams was a highlight of this night.

Some found the footy handball competition a challenge especially when using the left hand! Star players were unearthed during the darts and table tennis matches. Winning teams were awarded medallions and a delicious barbecue in the Norman Brookes Room rounded off this very enjoyable night.



Cedric Mason



# 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cocktail Party

With the weather threatening to mar our exhibition tennis match, it fortunately did not deter our courageous players. Thanks must be extended to Judy Dalton, Cedric Mason, Tayla Stenta and Alexandros Yiappos for their willingness to brave the elements and give us a performance worthy of their outstanding tennis skills, despite the swirling wind.

Over two hundred members and guests were served by waiting staff dressed in old fashioned tennis outfits, whilst jazz and blues music was performed by Stockton & Friends. The atmosphere was buzzing in the Racquet Lounge and Members Dining Room with French champagne and finger food plentiful from our hospitality staff.

The atmosphere was buzzing in the Racquet Lounge and Members Dining Room with French champagne, plentiful finger food and a decadent chocolate fountain all served by our gracious hospitality staff.

*Dianne Hepworth*  
*Chairperson of Activities*





## Tuesday Bridge

Eighty-four members attended the Christmas Bridge Lunch on Tuesday 10 December, 2013 with Duplicate and Social Bridge commencing in the morning, followed by a delicious lunch with cocktails and wine. The lunch tables were decorated in festive red and white.

The Janette Machin Bridge Trophy was won by Anne Gunst and Shirley Philpott. The trophy was presented by Leigh Machin in honour of his late wife Janette.

I would like to thank Jill Chambers for the excellent job she has done as Treasurer over the last three years, devoting many hours to ensure the Bridge group is a success. We welcome on board our new Treasurer Judy Foreman.



Anne Gunst, Leigh Machin & Shirley Philpott

### 2014 Duplicate Trophy winners to date are:

#### February

N/S – Anne Gorman & Judith Foreman  
E/W – Jill Chambers & Betty Dackas

#### March

N/S – Anne Gunst & Shirley Philpott  
E/W – Jill Chambers & Betty Dackas

The **Red Point Competition** held in March on three consecutive Tuesdays was won by Trish Donges, the runner-up was Sally Marshall.

### Forthcoming Events:

- **Tuesday 6 May**  
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon – Guest Day (Bridge for Brains)
- **Wednesday 21 May**  
Duplicate Bridge & Dinner Evening
- **Tuesday 10 June**  
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon – Guest Day

*Social Bridge is conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month*

## The Vintage Lunch



Graham Duncan, Valnere Hayes, Jim Keipert, Bea MacDonald, John Carre-Riddell

On a perfect day to enjoy the finals of the Club Championships, we also celebrated our 14<sup>th</sup> Vintage Lunch with ninety-three members attending.

Interestingly, when this lunch started in 2001 for members who are 80yrs and over, thirty-two members were eligible to attend. This year we sent out two hundred and twenty invitations! This special event is held to acknowledge our more senior members, and also give them an opportunity to catch up with other members that they do not get to see on a regular basis.

Peter Villinger and his staff once again prepared a delicious lunch. Many attendees commented on the consistent quality of the food served at the Club.

### Longest serving male and female members in attendance

I was very happy to announce that John Carre-Riddell and Graham Duncan have been members for seventy-two years and Valnere Hayes and Bea MacDonald have been members for an amazing seventy-six years.

It was with pleasure that I introduced and welcomed our new President, Peter Lie, who spoke to guests about current happenings around the Club.

### Foundation

It was also an honour to have our esteemed member, Julian Clarke AM, in attendance. Julian received his very well deserved award this year in

the Australia Day Honours (details on page 3). Julian spoke about the Royal South Yarra Foundation and the wish of the Trustees to build a corpus for the future development of the Club. He spoke of the potential to donate to the Foundation through Bequests, tax deductible donations and on an annual giving basis.

We are able to enjoy our wonderful facilities today because of the foresight of our forefathers and it is important that we retain and maintain our status as the top private tennis Club in Australia by supporting our Foundation.

As a Trustee, I would be happy to talk to any member who would like to know more about the Foundation and what we are trying to achieve.

This successful luncheon concluded with many of our members adjourning to The Balcony to watch some of the fabulous doubles tennis.

**Susie Strangward**

# Seniors Group

We are now into our twentieth year of operations and hopefully we are continuing to provide a variety of activities that will suit the senior members of our wonderful Club, which is your committee's 'raison d'être'.

By this time you would have received a flier associated with our programme of activities through to the end of June, that we hope you will find interesting and act accordingly to join us on one or all of the remaining organised activities.

In March we visited the Blue Lotus Water Gardens in Yarra Junction, followed by lunch at the Tokar Estate Winery in Coldstream.

Our annual "ANZAC Ex-Servicemen's and Women's Remembrance Parade and Commemorative Guest Speaker Lunch" was held on Thursday 24 April. This is always an extremely

important and traditional function that has been continuously running since 1948. Our guest speaker was Air Vice-Marshal Alan Reed AO who served in Vietnam and was introduced at the lunch by Club member Wing Commander Peter Isaacson AM DFC AFC DFM, a "Pathfinder" with Bomber Command during WWII. We thank the participation of all the Club's ex-servicemen and women, former National Servicemen (who also qualified for the Remembrance Parade), plus Club members, their families and friends.

Please remember that our Seniors Group encourages new members, your guests, and in particular single participation. We also suggest that you book early when you receive your individual fliers with the necessary booking slips to ensure your inclusion.



Janet Patterson, De Farfor, Rosie Macdougall, Pat Turnbull, Ron McMaster, Ro Macdonald & Anne Wilton



Christmas Lunch

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Think of us for your next special event.



## Squash Championships

Commencing Monday 5 May

All standards welcome - entry forms are available from the Clubhouse and website

- Men's Open Event
- Handicap Event - Men
- Women's Open Event
- Handicap Event (Mixed)

Cost: \$15-00 per event

The final of the Open and Handicap events will be held on Saturday 31 May at approx. 5:00pm, in conjunction with the Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together. Drinks will be at happy hour prices and complimentary finger food will be served on the evening.

Enquires:

Sports Director, Jarrad Wright  
sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au or  
9829 1533

## Mother's Day

Sunday 11 May

Breakfast Buffet - 8:30am-10:30am

A full selection of pastries, fresh fruits, Bircher muesli, smoked salmon, pancakes, eggs Benedict, smoked bacon

Adults \$25-00

Under 12 years \$12-50

Lunch - from 12:30pm

A relaxing affair with a three course set menu includes wines and local beer

\$55-00 per person,

Under 12 years \$25-00

(includes soft drinks)

The day includes a gift for Mothers, so please inform us when you book.

## Electric Light Tournament

Thursday 5 June

A night of social tennis for younger members aged 18 and over!

Bring your friends to a fun night of good camaraderie, a hit of tennis and a delicious barbecue with drinks in the relaxed environment of the Pavilion.

Tennis 6:30pm,

barbecue approx. 8:30pm

Guests: 3 per member

Cost: \$20-00 per person  
(Drinks at bar prices)

Dress: Tennis attire

Convenors:

Catherine Martyn 0423 023 005  
Kate Clements 9824 7906

## Winemakers Lunch

Friday 16 May

12:15pm sharp - 2:30pm

Cost: Members \$75-00

Non-Members \$85-00

Guests welcome

## Featuring Tellurian Wines

Tellurian Wines are in the Heathcote region of Victoria. The Hopkins family produce elegant wines crafted in the Rhone style. Peter Villinger will provide a regional inspired menu.

Convenor:

Adrian Bell 0418 322 009

## Trivia Night

Our long awaited  
Trivia Night is coming!

James Bond Theme

Friday 20 June

6:30pm - 10:30pm

Finger food & beverages

Table and individual bookings  
accepted.

This fun filled evening will be  
hosted by MC Rob Hinton

Convenors:

Andrew Meagher 0403 423 291  
Lachlan Beer 0403 786 007

## Watch out for these events!

### Winemakers Dinner

Saturday 19 July

### Young Members Yarrayong Ball at RSY

Saturday 16 August

### RSY Sports Dinner

Saturday 23 August

### Father's Day Lunch

Sunday 7 September

### AFL Grand Final

### BBQ Lunch

Saturday 27 September

# Save the Date

## MAY

Monday 5

Squash Championships commences

Tuesday 6

Tuesday Tennis Group Badge Day  
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon - Guest Day

Sunday 11

Mother's Day Breakfast  
Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 13

Duplicate Bridge Afternoon

Wednesday 14

Welcome to New Members

Friday 16

Winemakers Lunch

Wednesday 21

Duplicate Bridge & Dinner Evening

Saturday 24

Year 8 Disco

Sunday 25

Junior Round Robin Tournament

Tuesday 27

Duplicate Bridge Afternoon - Trophy  
Competition

Friday 30

Seniors Group Activity

Saturday 31

Squash Championship Finals  
Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together

## JUNE

Tuesday 3

Tuesday Tennis Badge Day

Thursday 5

Electric Light Tournament

Tuesday 10

Duplicate Bridge Afternoon - Guest Day

Monday 16

Opening Cocktail Party - Art & Craft Show

Tuesday 17 - Thursday 19

Art & Craft Show

Friday 20

Trivia Night

Tuesday 24

Duplicate Bridge Afternoon - Trophy  
Competition

Wednesday 25

Seniors Group Activity





130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition Match  
Alexandros Yiappos, Tayla Stenta, Judy Dalton & Cedric Mason