

ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

CENTRE COURT



Louise Field, winner of the Ladies Open Singles Championships

Autumn/Winter 2016



President's Report

It is an honour to be President of Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club. Working with members of a very focused Committee, management and staff of the Club is a privilege.

I would like to thank Peter Lie for his leadership over the last two years as President and acknowledge his hard work and dedication as a member of the General Committee over the past six years.

At the AGM in November the Honorary Officers and Committee were elected for the year 2015-2016 – full report on page 3.

Our current strategic plan is due to expire at the end of 2016. The General Committee has decided to embark on a new plan during 2016. This will ensure the Club has a well-thought-out strategy to follow for the years ahead.

The RSY Foundation Trustees continue to communicate with the membership and are excited about the members' support received over the past year – refer report on page 4.

In November, Royal South Yarra held the annual RSGC v RSY Tennis Challenge. The challenge was won by RSY, returning the perpetual trophy to the Club.

In January we again hosted The Australian Made Foundation Cup for juniors aged 13/U. Club members had the opportunity to witness some of the country's finest juniors from regional Australia. This event is run by the Federation Cup Foundation.

In April I attended our Anzac Day Lunch at the Club. It was an honour to meet members who have been gallant in serving our country. The guest speaker was Royal Australian Navy Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral John Lord AM FAICD who presented a very informative talk to our audience.

This year, the Club had success in the Asia-Pacific Tennis League winning the women's title – full report on page 6.

The Tennis Victoria pennant season has commenced and we look forward to a promising season in both the men's and women's competitions.

The 2016 Club Championships were most enjoyable with the Open Men's and Women's Singles titles won by Yuri Mijic and Louise Field respectively – results page 15.

Our junior members continue to enjoy competition tennis in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association. Eight teams are competing in the autumn competition.

Club Circuit Squash continues to be strong at the Club. We have recently engaged new players which will enable the Club to obtain an A1 team.

The Club as we know, has world class facilities. I would encourage you to visit the Club, experience them, meet up with friends and enjoy our wonderful food and beverages.

Drew Fenton

President's v Captain's Tennis Challenge

On Sunday 20 March, the annual President's v Captain's Tennis Challenge was played on our immaculate grass courts.

It was a perfect autumn day, with a total of three hundred and twelve high level doubles games played over three hours, it made for some impressive tennis.

The Captain, Lachlan Beer and his team were the overall winners by a slender 4 game winning margin (158 games – 154 games). This margin is the closest we've had on record.

Following play, beverages and canapés were served in the comfortable atmosphere of the President's Bar.

The perpetual trophy was happily accepted by the Captain, Lachlan Beer from Vice President, Tony Joubert.

A special mention of thanks were given to the junior and scholarship members who displayed excellent shot making skills together with sportsmanship on the court.



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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Thursday 19 November 2015. The Honorary Officers and Committee were elected for the coming year:

President – Drew Fenton
Vice President – Tony Joubert
Captain – Lachlan Beer
Honorary Secretary – Jonathan Roberts
Honorary Treasurer – George Colman

Committee

James Bull
Sally Charles
Dianne Hepworth
Hamish Salmon
Amanda Schwilk
Loretta Sheales

Committee Retirement:

Peter Lie retired after serving on the General Committee for six years. Peter joined the Club in 1967 and during his time on the General Committee his portfolios have been Clubhouse and Grounds Committee, Building Committee and the Membership Advisory Board.

Introducing new Committee Member:



James Bull

James joined the Club in 1996 and has served on the Captain's Committee for six years. He is currently a Lawyer (Senior Associate at Hall & Wilcox Lawyers). He holds a Bachelor of Law and Bachelor of Arts (Media & Communications) degree.

Club Member & Former Athletics Australia President Recognised by Australian Sports Commission

The former Athletics Australia President, Rob Fildes OAM, has been recognised for his services to sport by the Australian Sports Commission.

Mr Fildes was appointed Athletics Australia President in 2005, with the sport boasting strong relationships with key partners including the Australian Sports Commission, the IAAF, the Australian Olympic and Paralympic Committees and the Australian Commonwealth Games Association at the time of his retirement.

He was instrumental in the development and construction of Athletics House at Lakeside Stadium and a strong advocate for a healthy and constructive working relationship with Little Athletics Australia, as well as being critical to the establishment of the IAAF Melbourne World Challenge as a fixture on the IAAF World Challenge series. *(Some content sourced from Athletics Australia)*

Club Matters

Australia Day Honours

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

Mr Gerald Nicholas Kostos OAM whom received an award in the Australia Day 2016 Honours for service to the community through a range of sporting organisations.

Dr John Brodribb Tucker OAM whom received an award in the Australia Day 2016 Honours for service to medicine, particularly Anaesthetics, to the Blueberry industry and to the community.

Obituaries

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

Angus McMullin Armstrong
Playing Member – 2000

John Neville Baldwin
Playing Member – 1952

Wendy Anne Fairfax Brumley
Non Playing Member – 1997

Jocelyn Brassey Cooper
Playing Member – 1954

Joan Doughton
House Member – 2000

Peter Furnell
Playing Member – 1941

Thomas Victor Hurley
Playing Member – 1986

John Frederick Douglas Lush
House Member – 1988

Lotte Wharton
Playing Member – 1954

RSY Foundation

Trustees

Derek Skues
Phillip Gray
Drew Fenton
Ian Jarman
Janie Bell
Cathy Moore

Emissaries

In addition to the Trustees, a number of members have agreed to become Emissaries to the Foundation to assist in raising its profile and promote it to other Club members. These members are Mary Church, Peter Clarke, Zara Kimpton OAM, John McInnes OAM, Angus Mackay, Susie Strangward and Rob Warnock.

Activities

A new brochure was sent to all senior members of the Club in 2015 setting out the background and purpose of the RSY Foundation and identifying the different ways in which financial contributions could be made in support of its objectives. Two member information events were held during the year.

A form for tax deductible donations, through the Australian Sports Foundation, will be sent to members

accompanied with the 2016 annual subscription notice. Last year, the Foundation's funds more than doubled through this initiative. The Foundation Trustees thank those who contributed for their kind donation to the Foundation and are very appreciative of their generosity and commitment to the Club.

These donations are a very important contribution towards building a corpus to future-proof the Club. It will allow us to continually improve our world class facilities and help protect us against unforeseen events.

Funds from the Foundation will be directed towards sport development and capital projects. The Trustees are considering establishing a sport development bursary for elite tennis or squash players and supporting capital projects identified within a RSY Master Plan framework, currently being prepared.

At the 2015 AGM the Foundation Chairman presented its Distinguished Service Award to David Hepworth.

During May we thanked our Foundation Benefactors who contributed \$1000 or more to the

Foundation by way of a cocktail party and guest speaker Todd Woodbridge, who spoke about the role Clubs like Royal South Yarra can contribute to the development of tennis within the wider community.

*Derek Skues
Chairman*



Todd Woodbridge & Derek Skues

RSY Foundation Award for Distinguished Service

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 19 November 2015, David Hepworth received the RSY Foundation Award for his dedicated service to the Club.

David joined the Club in 1961 and has made a significant contribution to Club life. He served on the General Committee, Captain's Committee, plus the House, EDP, Building Project, Marketing, Finance and Clubhouse & Grounds Sub-committees. He has represented the Club in Tennis Victoria pennant and played in the Club Championships for many years. His achievements include winning two championship perpetual trophies, the Vern White Memorial Trophy (Men's Veteran Doubles) five times and the Peter Wharton Trophy (Men's Senior Doubles) three times.

Derek Skues, Chairman of the RSY Foundation congratulated David, a very deserving recipient and presented him with a certificate & silver salver and a painting by Derek Skues.



David Hepworth



Captain's Report

Grass Courts

It has been a tremendous season of grass court tennis lasting over six months as we thankfully experienced a warm start to autumn. The grass courts have continued to play superbly into May. The demand for grass courts after work during daylight savings is a testament to how well they are prepared by our Head Curator, Bill Turner and his staff.

Tennis

A number of Club members have recently attended country tournaments and coordinated arrangements with fellow members to add an extra element of fun and camaraderie to country tournaments. These tournaments tend to be held over long weekends, during daylight savings and are played on grass courts. They usually cater for all standards of players. Whilst play is of a competitive spirit, the country flavour adds a laid-back attitude, that promotes socialising with fellow competitors. It has been fantastic to see and hear that a number of Club members have attended these tournaments together, adding to the fun not only during the tournament

but back at the Club when stories are shared and retold. Country tournaments recently attended include; Warrnambool (Labour Day weekend), Shepparton, Wangaratta and Yarrawonga (during Easter). I encourage everyone to consider playing in a country tournament with perhaps a fellow member of the Club.

The Club entered a Men's and Women's team in the 2015/16 Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) competition and the 2016 Tennis Victoria Premier League. In the ATL competition the Women's team were victorious winning this prestigious event and the Men's team finished in third position. The Tennis Victoria Premier League was very competitive but our teams did not reach the finals.

Tennis Victoria pennant commenced at the end of April and this year we have ten men's and seven women's teams competing. The Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together will be held on Saturday 25 June and the annual Sports Dinner will be held on Saturday 27 August.

Captain's Committee

I would like to express my gratitude to the members of the Captain's Committee for the time and effort volunteered in helping put together Club activities and events. I would like to make special mention of our Sports Director, Jarrad Wright who works tirelessly to ensure the sporting activities at the Club work seamlessly. I would also like to welcome Jessica Sneath to the Club and wish her all the best in her role as Tennis Supervisor.

Lachlan Beer

Bayside Regional Tennis Association

Grand Final Winners

In March, the Men's Section 3 team won the grand final of the BRTA summer competition defeating Highmoor Tennis Club, 4 rubbers to nil. The team consisted of Yuri Mijic, James Freeman, Graeme Campbell, James Brearley, Chris O'Farrell, Alex Molnar (Capt.), Robert Venturini, James Moore, James Bull and Stuart McRae.

The Ladies Section 1 team captained by Rebecca Murray and the Section 2 team, captained by Kate MacNeil reached the semi-final.

Congratulations to all players on a most successful summer season.



James Moore, Yuri Mijic, James Freeman, Alex Molnar, Stuart McRae, James Bull & Graeme Campbell

Asia-Pacific Tennis League

At the Australian Open - Royal South Yarras were victorious in a tight Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) contest!

The 'Royal South Yarras' women's team have become the queens of the ATL. In a close contest that went down to the wire in the last rubber, RSY defeated the MCC Stars in the ATL play-off finals at Melbourne Park.

After winning the South Conference in November, the Yarras were firm favourites however the MCC Stars weren't going to give up without a fight. After the singles matches, the rubbers were level at 2-all with wins to Tammi Patterson and Storm Sanders. Storm won in straight sets which proved crucial to the decider. Both doubles matches went to a Fast4 tiebreak with Tammi and Pias Wongteancha combining to secure the win allowing the team to make it impossible for the Stars to win the match. Zoe Hives and Katarzyna Piter quickly followed with a Stars doubles win resulting in a tie of 3 rubbers each. This gave the Yarras a lead with more set wins on the board.

After the match the Yarras captain, Tammi Patterson commented on the close match. "It was tough tonight, we were so close after all our singles matches that we had to go out there after a few big weeks for most of us. Knowing it was so close, we are very happy to win."

In the men's final, the Tennis Brisbane Chargers were again too strong, blitzing the Kooyong Classics in the final of the singles. The Royal South Yarra team finished in third position defeating the New Zealand Kauris.

"the next competitive level is both the Davis Cup and Federation Cup"

For those who are unaware of the degree of play required by the ATL competition, it is of an exceptionally high standard. The next competitive level is both the Davis Cup and Federation Cup.

It was a tremendous effort by the Royal South Yarra women's and men's teams in making the finals.

The Royal South Yarra team representatives were as follows:

Men

Luke Saville - former Wimbledon Junior winner (AR #10)

Dane Propoggia (AR #28)

Jarryd Chaplin (AR #36)

Jeremy Beale (AR #40)

Adam Hubble (AR #48)

Aaron Leeder-Chard (AR #59)

Jarryd Maher (AR #84)

Women

Daria Gavrilova (WR #33)

Varatchaya (Pias) Wongteanchai (WR #252)

Storm Sanders (AR #8)

Tammi Patterson (AR #14)

Karolina Wlodarczak (AR #24)

Masa Jovanovic (AR #32)

Jeanette Lin (AR #71)

Cassandra Moraleja (AR #129)

Summer Highlights

- Daria Gavrilova – represented Australia and won the 2016 Hopman Cup with Nick Kyrgios and reached the 4th round in the women's singles of the 2016 Australian Open.
- Storm Sanders – member of the Federation Cup team and played in the 2016 Australian Open.
- Tammi Patterson – played in the Sydney Tennis Classic, the Launceston Tennis International and the 2016 Australian Open.
- Luke Saville – played in the 2016 Australian Open.

(Some content sourced by Tennis Australia)

Tony Joubert



Back: Jarrad Wright (Team Manager), Karolina Wlodarczak, Storm Sanders, Tammi Patterson & Tony Joubert (Coach) Front: Masa Jovanovic & Pias Wongteancha



Adam Hubble, Jarryd Chaplin, Luke Saville & Jarryd Maher

Royal Sydney Golf Club Visit

Royal South Yarra was again delighted to host the annual RSY v RSGC Tennis Challenge on the Club's grass courts in November.

To get the competitive juices flowing a number of players from both clubs enjoyed some companionship the day before by playing golf at Royal Melbourne Golf Club.

Royal Sydney Golf Club were determined to retain the trophy after putting on a dominant display on their home turf in 2014, and this showed itself once again with their compulsory team practice the night before the challenge. Royal South Yarra selected a strong team to make amends for

their disappointing performance at last year's encounter.

The day started with a delicious breakfast and a welcome speech from our President, Drew Fenton and Captain, Lachlan Beer. The tennis challenge commenced at 11:30am followed by a delightful lunch prepared by the team in the Hospitality Department. The challenge continued after lunch with some very competitive tennis. Royal South Yarra were victorious, winning their 15th challenge.

The celebration dinner was a three course meal with informal speeches by team captains Robert Hinton

(RSY) and Mike Dixon (RSGC). Mike entertained dinner guests by targeting Rob with videos and images of past events in a PowerPoint presentation.

Both teams are to be congratulated on their outstanding effort on and off the court and thank you to all who assisted in organising the weekend's events leading up to the challenge. Club members Richard and Fiona Ralph deserve a special thanks for their generosity and hospitality for hosting the after-party!

We look forward to retaining the perpetual trophy in 2016.



Blackburn & Districts Night Tennis Association

Four of the ten teams entered in the 2015 spring competition reached the finals of the BDNTA competition with one team winning a premiership title.

In the Monday night competition the Ladies' Section 2 'Diamonds' team won the grand final against Willison Park. The team consisted of Fiona Ralph, Sally Charles, Zoe Browning, Sophie Richards, Fiona Murdoch and Kitty Park. The Men's Section 2 RSY 'Volleys' team, captained by Richard Ollerenshaw and the Women's Section 1 RSY 'Top Shots' team, captained by Sarah Robinson finished runners-up. In the Tuesday night competition the Men's Section 2 RSY 'Yarras' team captained by James Everitt finished runners-up.



Sophie Richards, Fiona Ralph, Fiona Murdoch & Kitty Park

Eastern Districts Women's Tennis Association

The 2015/16 summer competition of the Eastern Districts Womens Tennis Association was very successful. Five out of our seven teams reached the semi-finals and three teams went on to compete for a flag in the grand final. The Section 2 (RSY3) team, captained



Section 2 – Ro Scarborough, Belinda Henry, Sally Bell, Kitty Park & Fiona Ralph

by Fiona Ralph with Sally Bell, Ro Scarborough, Kitty Park, Belinda Henry and Ann Hyams completed a trifecta with a convincing win against St Dominics. The Section 3 (RSY5) team, captained by Wendy Potter were defeated



Section 3 – Sue O'Brien, Wendy Potter, Sue Hill, Di John, Eleanor Pollard & Deb Skues

by the City of Camberwell and the Section 5 (RSY7) team, captained by Lucy Fortey lost by the narrow margin of one game to Templestowe Park.

Congratulations to all players on a terrific season.



Section 5 – Dimity Milllear, Sally Cameron, Kate Longbottom, Kirsten Mailer & Anthea Francis

Tuesday Tennis Group

The Tuesday Tennis Group had a wonderful year of tennis in 2015. The program was run efficiently under the excellent stewardship of Pauline Saunders and Carolyn Martyn.

The Christmas lunch was well attended and Club member, Gay Woods was guest speaker giving a very moving and fascinating insight into her diplomatic life. The Joy Fair – Ladies Day Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the 2015 Badge Day winners, Libby Appleby (Silver Section) and Deb Skues (Bronze Section).

We would like to thank the Grounds staff for the ongoing immaculate condition of the tennis courts and

the Hospitality staff for the delightful food served to members.

The Tuesday Tennis Group meet at the Pavilion at 9:30am every Tuesday (except Public Holidays) and welcome new players with playing tennis rights. A Badge Day competition is played six times a year, with a playoff held in December. Social tennis is also available on these competition days.

Convenors:

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Libby Appleby, Deb Skues & Joy Fair

Presidents Day

On Friday 13 November, seventy-three players enjoyed round robin tennis for the opening of the grass courts.

This day is in recognition of members who have served on Committees, Sub-committees or assisted with Club activities throughout the year. These members give up their valuable time to volunteer and serve the Club for the benefit and enjoyment of all members.

Players enjoyed organised tennis, followed by drinks, dinner and presentations in the clubhouse.

Court winners were Sally Lie, Phillip Gray, Catherine Martyn, Ian Jarman, Richard Ollerenshaw, David Liddle, Lachlan Beer, Jane Murray, David Dunstan and Ros Lawrence.

The President, Drew Fenton thanked all whom attended and encouraged players to attend this event again in 2016.



Caroline Fernando & Loretta Sheales



Lachlan Beer, Danijela Mijic & James Freeman

JUNIORS



Ava Lansell, Chloe Joubert, Issy Horner, Jemma Mitchell, Harry Cooper & Lachlan Francis

Adult & Child Tennis Day

The Adult & Child Tennis Day held on 15 November 2015 was again well attended and enjoyed by parents and children alike. This day provides an opportunity for parents to play tennis with their children and for juniors to see what a match with adults is all about.



Anthea & Hamish Francis



Toby & Richard Ralph



Skye & Dean Park



Anthony & Arthur Rush

Junior Competition - Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA)

In the 2015 BRTA spring competition, the Club entered two teams on Saturday and six teams on Sunday. This was our best level of entries in recent years. In the Saturday competition, the Mixed Section 2 team of Lachlan Francis, Jemma Mitchell (Capt.), Chloe Joubert, Harry Cooper, Chloe Cooper, Cece Newton-Brown, Ava Lansell, Issy Horner and Stella Heidenreich were successful winning the premiership.

Teen Tennis Tournament - The Cedric Mason Trophy

On 18 October 2015 the Cedric Mason Trophy was contested between Royal South Yarra and Kooyong LTC. The challenge was held at Kooyong and RSY were victorious, retaining the trophy. This event is open to teenage members and the tennis tournament is followed by a relaxed barbeque.



Oliver Ritman & Isobel McFarlane

Junior Open Day

The Junior Open Day, held on 6 March included matches for the young Hot Shots players, as well as junior members up to 16 years of age. With numerous matches, games and activities, the day provides a great opportunity for members and in particular new members of the Club, to experience what Club membership offers, particularly the tennis aspect of the Club.

On this day we award the Stan Churchus Trophy. This trophy is awarded to junior members who have demonstrated great sportsmanship and general participation over their time at the Club. Members 16 years and under are eligible. This year the trophy was awarded to dual winners, Isobel McFarlane and Oliver Ritman. Congratulations to Isobel and Oliver (Pictured middle bottom).



Court & Sportsmanship winners



Hot Shots Participants



Henry Campbell

Club Championships

The Club Championships were conducted over two weekends in February, with two hundred and seventy players competing in thirty-eight events. This year the weather was fantastic. We had many marathon matches lasting over a number of hours, which was great tennis for the spectators that gathered on the Members Balcony. Umpires and lines people were organised for the Open Singles, Doubles, Mixed and 18/U Boys and Girls Singles.

On the final day spectators experienced some brilliant tennis played on Court 1 in the Men's and Ladies' Open Singles final. Yuri Mijic won his third title and Louise Field won her second title, with both demonstrating tremendous ability and skill in the two entertaining finals.

Marie Monterosso and Loretta Sheales won their third Ladies Open Doubles title. Alexandros Yiappos and Yuri Mijic won the Men's Open Doubles, for the third consecutive year. Peter Johnston and Louise Field won the Open Mixed Doubles. Cassandra Moraleja won back to back titles in the 18/U Girls Singles and Campbell Salmon won the 18/U Boys Singles.

After play, members and guests gathered in the Como Room for presentations and viewed a very impressive video of players and matches taken throughout the Championships. The President, Drew Fenton, Club Captain, Lachlan Beer and Chairman of the Junior Committee, Hugh Mosley presented the perpetual trophies and prizes to the winners and runners-up of each event.

Also, on the last weekend of the Club Championships, the Member's Friday Night drinks were held on the Balcony. This area provided great viewing for the members who watched the very competitive match played by Rob Tucker and James Freeman. Complimentary snacks were served and many members continued on for dinner in the Courtyard Bistro.

Once again, the championships were a great success and the Sports Director Jarrad Wright, Hospitality Director James Fien, Curator Bill Turner and their teams are to be congratulated on the organisation of this major event of the year.



Drew Fenton & Yuri Mijic



Louise Field & Peter Johnston



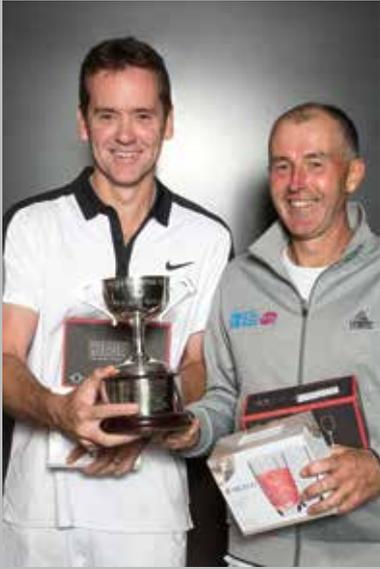
Laura Dean



Loretta Sheales & Marie Monterosso



Nicholas Salmon & Brigette McGuire



Antony Hearnden & Peter Johnston



Chris Langdon & Mark Richards



Louise Field



Skye Douglass & Kate MacNeil



Sallyanne Sawers & Annabel Holmes



Lucy Leckey & Joanna Bell



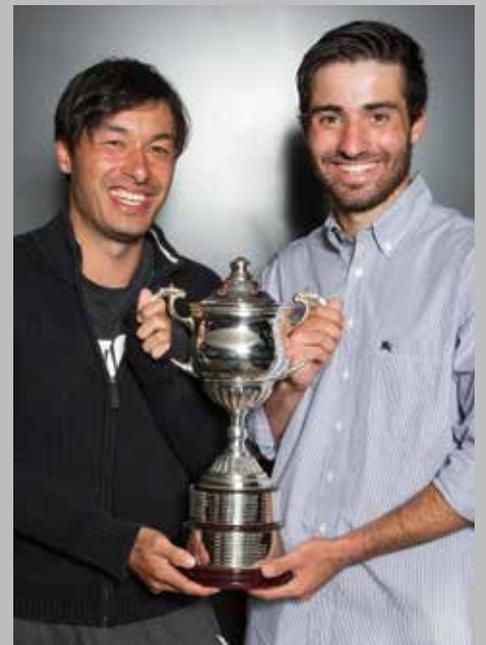
Sue & David Gatford



Cassandra Moraleja



Campbell Salmon



Yuri Mijic & Alexandros Yiappos

Junior Club Championships



Nicholas Salmon



Vivienne Johnston



Maxim Fisher



Darcy Albert



Abby Ralph & Jemma Mitchell



Toby Ralph & Oliver McLean



Lachlan Mailer



Mietta Passon



India Longbottom & India Francis



William Beaton & Claudia Albert



Sinclair Mosley



Hamish Francis



Matthew Jaskiewicz & Tom Spargo



Lachlan Francis & Sam McLean

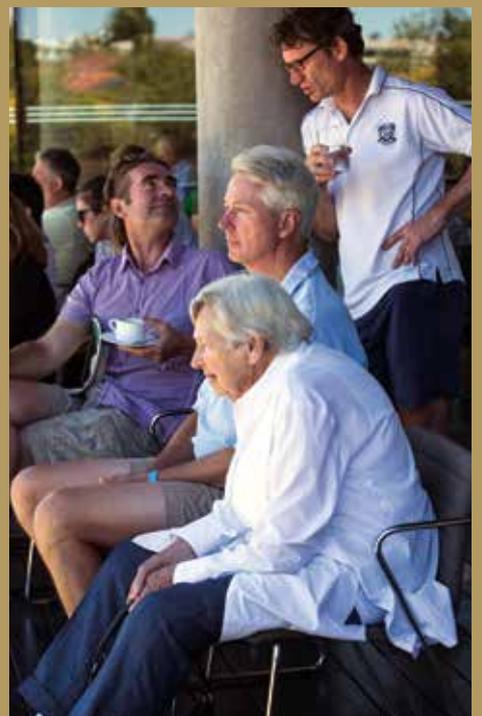


William McNamara



Skye Park

Captured during the Club Championships



2016 Club Championships Results

SENIORS

Men's Open Singles

Yuri Mijic d Matthew Leffler
3-6 6-4 6-4

Ladies' Open Singles

Louise Field d Cassandra Moraleja
6-4 6-0

Men's Open Doubles

Yuri Mijic, Alexandros Yiappos d
Matthew Leffler, Paul Leffler 6-2 7-6

Ladies' Open Doubles

Marie Monterosso, Loretta Sheales d
Caroline Fernando, Samantha Ritchie
6-2 6-2

Open Mixed Doubles

Peter Johnston, Louise Field d
Adam Freeman, Marie Monterosso
6-4 6-7 7-5

Men's B Grade Singles

Liam Albrecht d Hamish Sutton
6-3 3-6 10-7

Ladies' B Grade Singles

Laura Dean d Nikita Chumbley
3-6 6-1 10-5

Men's B Grade Doubles

Campbell Salmon, Nicholas Salmon d
James Bull, Graeme Campbell
7-6 1-6 10-6

Ladies' B Grade Doubles

Vanessa Calvert, Jane Murray d
Nikita Chumbley, Stacey Flaounas
6-3 1-6 10-6

B Grade Mixed Doubles

Nicholas Salmon, Brigitte McGuire d
Robert Macdougall, Jane Murray
4-6 6-2 6-4

Men's C Grade Singles

Andrew Adams d Sean Wilson 6-0 6-3

Ladies' C Grade Singles*

Winner: Eliza O'Farrell
Runner-up: Belinda Henry

Men's C Grade Doubles

Andrew Adams, Wes Albert d
David Dunstan, David Hepworth
6-1 6-4

Ladies' C Grade Doubles

Skye Douglass, Kate MacNeil d
Annabel McFarlane, Sophie Trotter
6-3 6-3

C Grade Mixed Doubles

David Gafford, Sue Gafford d
Lawry Simpson, Sophie Trotter
6-3 3-6 10-6

Men's Social Singles*

Winner: John Albrecht
Runner-up: Thomas Richardson

Ladies' Social Singles*

Winner: Annabel Holmes
Runner-up: Arabella Georges

Men's Social Doubles

Chris Langdon, Mark Richards d
Seve De Campo, Eric Nelson 9-7

Ladies' Social Doubles

Annabel Holmes, Sallyanne Sawers d
Joanna Bell, Lucy Leckey 8-4

Men's Veteran Doubles

Antony Hearnden, Peter Johnston d
Lars Heidenreich, Richard Joubert
6-1 6-2

Men's Senior Doubles

Antony Hearnden, Peter Johnston d
David Liddle, Hamish Salmon 7-5 6-2

Boys' Singles

Campbell Salmon d Matthew Woerndle
6-0 6-1

Girls' Singles

Cassandra Moraleja d Natasha Ilic
6-3 6-3

JUNIORS

Boys' 16 & Under Singles*

Winner: Maxim Fisher
Runner-up: Charlie Aitken

Girls' 16 & Under Singles*

Winner: Vivienne Johnston
Runner-up: Laura O'Farrell

Mixed 16 & Under Doubles

William Beaton, Claudia Albert d
Oliver Ritman, Charlotte Ritman 8-3

Boys' 14 & Under Singles

Nicholas Salmon d
Jonas Holk Darnos 8-2

Girls' 14 & Under Singles

Vivienne Johnston d Laura O'Farrell 8-3

Boys' 14 & Under Doubles*

Winners: Matthew Jaskiewicz,
Tom Spargo
Runners-up: Henry Campbell,
Hugo Druce

Girls' 14 & Under Doubles*

Winners: Vivienne Johnston,
Charlotte Ritman
Runners-up: India Francis,
India Longbottom

Mixed 14 & Under Doubles*

Winners: Henry Campbell,
Vivienne Johnston
Runners-up: Lachlan Francis,
Jemma Mitchell

Boys' 12 & Under Singles

Hamish Francis d Sinclair Mosley 8-1

Girls' 12 & Under Singles

Jemma Mitchell d Chloe Joubert 8-3

Boys' 12 & Under Doubles*

Winners: Lachlan Francis, Sam McLean
Runners-up: Lachlan Mailer,
Sinclair Mosley

Girls' 12 & Under Doubles*

Winners: Jemma Mitchell, Abby Ralph
Runners-up: Lucy Campbell,
Chloe Joubert

Boys' 10 & Under Singles

Lachlan Francis d Darcy Albert 7-6

Girls' 10 & Under Singles*

Winner: Skye Park
Runner-up: Mietta Passon

Boys' 10 & Under Doubles

Oliver McLean, Toby Ralph d
Darcy Albert, William McNamara 7-6

*Round Robin Event



RSY v KLTC Tennis Challenge

Royal South Yarra was delighted to host the RSY v KLTC Tennis Challenge on Sunday 17 April.

The grass courts were in excellent condition and the challenge was played in wonderful autumn weather. Both clubs had a good mixture of experience and youth and were very competitive in doubles and mixed doubles tennis.

Royal South Yarra were hoping to win back the "Koots Trophy", but it wasn't meant to be, with Kooyong winning the challenge 165 games to 140 games.

All players had a fantastic day on and off the court, with canapés and beverages served in the clubhouse after the challenge.

We look forward to the 2017 challenge and welcome new players to join this event in our force to win back the Koots Trophy.



Cindy Damien & Di Hepworth

Pennant Tennis Pre-season Warm-up

The Pennant Tennis Pre-season Warm-up was held on Saturday 16 April. This occasion provided pennant players with the opportunity to meet and mingle with their fellow team members in the Tennis Victoria winter pennant competition. The Club Captain, Lachlan Beer welcomed members to the breakfast and the pennant convenors Jennifer Langford and Richard Joubert welcomed new players to the Club and the competition.

Louise Field, the current RSY Open Singles Champion, (who was formerly ranked 96 in the world for the ladies singles and 48 in the ladies doubles and also played in the Australian, French, Wimbledon and US Open Championships during her successful tennis career) delivered an enlightening speech about her pathway into elite tennis and her experiences on the world tennis tour.



In her speech, Louise highlighted the importance of "team" and encouraged all pennant players to become more determined and successful in the upcoming season.

We wish all pennant players the very best for the 2016 Tennis Victoria winter competition.

After breakfast, players took the opportunity to play doubles tennis with their team members.

Staff Farewell

After 39 years of service to the Club as Assistant Curator, Wayne Cuebas retired at the end of 2015. During his tenure at the Club he maintained the grass and porous courts and the surrounding grounds of the Club.

Wayne's departing quote was "It's been a pleasure looking after the courts for the girls"

We would also like to recognise Louise Goodwin, Chef de Partie who resigned in November, after 26 years of service to the Club.

We thank both Wayne and Louise on their outstanding contribution to the Club and wish them the very best for the future.



Wayne with the Tuesday Tennis Group

SMARTennis



Coaching Tip SERVING

In my opinion the serve is the most important shot in tennis. It is the first stroke to make

contact with the ball and the ball starts in the players' hand. It allows you to be in control from the outset.

Most Club players don't spend an adequate proportion of their practice sessions allocating time to the serve. Ten minutes of serving and aiming at specific points in the service box (before playing points in an hour long session) is time very well spent.

The following are some serving suggestions that over time will definitely help you improve the most important shot in the game.

Firstly, even before you take your stance and bounce the ball, decide where you are going to aim your serve and then enter your service stance with that in mind.

Ball Toss

Only start the ball toss once all your weight is set on your back foot. The only moving body part is your ball toss arm. This will give you a very consistent starting point which is repeatable. This is a major factor in having a great ball toss. The ball toss shouldn't be too far forward of where your front foot is placed at the address position. Once you rock your body weight onto your back foot your ball toss hand is nearly directly above the toes of your front foot. Because you are stationary at this point of the service action, you should increase your ability to deliver a consistent ball toss starting from here.

When you swing at the ball, it is better to hit as the ball drops from its highest point of the ball toss. The contact point should be at least as high as you can reach above your head, with racquet in hand and your arm stretched upwards. At contact, the top of the racquet head should be just about to pass the impact point, this leads to greater racquet head speed which can create more speed

and more spin if done correctly. If the ball toss is too far forward, the handle has to lead the swing for too long and this does not allow you to produce as good a quality serve.

The essence of a quality serve is both good placement and power, but it also takes into account the net clearance plus the ability to have the ball bounce high, making it harder to return. When you practice serving, take note of where the ball hits the back fence. The court numbers on the back fence, are at such a height that a very good quality serve should make contact around that point. Just some food for thought.

Practice hard and enjoy it.

Andrew McLean

Squash Report

VSRA Club Circuit

The B2 team of Carlo Zabotto, John O'Sullivan, David McRae, Robert Warnock (Capt.), James Woods, Trevor Giacometti and Jonathan Cameron had a remarkable result in the 2015 spring competition tying their final against Mulgrave on rubbers, games and points. A tied result in the finals hasn't happened for a number of decades, so after a few hectic minutes of ringing officials, the appropriate Club Circuit rule was found, which resulted in both teams

being awarded premiership flags! Well played to all involved.

For members interested in squash, the upcoming Club Championships commence on 30 May to 25 June and this is a great way to get more involved. The competition is open to any standard of player and there are Men's and Women's Open and Handicap events.

**Simon Brain
Convenor**



David McRae, Rob Warnock, Jonathan Cameron, Trevor Giacometti & Carlo Zabotto

Summer Barbecue & Guest Tennis Event

With an above average rainfall for January 2016, we managed to find a short dry spell of two hours during three days of rain for play in our annual guest event. Sadly we had to forego the coveted grass courts but still managed to have fun on the porous courts at the Pavilion. Forty-five members and their guests enjoyed a casual barbecue afterwards, set-up in the Courtyard Bistro.

Recycle Tennis Ball Bins

In an effort to strengthen the Club's green/recycling credentials, two bins have been provided for members to deposit their used tennis balls. One bin has been placed near the Water Fountain at Grass Court 1 and one at the Pavilion.



Table Tennis Championships

On Monday 19 October fifty-five players competed in the 2015 Table Tennis Club Championships. It was a fabulous response from our members as this had exceeded past entries.

The standard of play was exceptionally strong in all events and the friendly social atmosphere made the night a great success with many family members in attendance.

Matches were best of three sets, first to eleven points with many matches advancing to a third set. Some matches were often long and tiring but thankfully the hospitality team was on hand to serve delicious burgers, pizza, tacos and cool refreshments.

The results were:

Men's Singles

Andrew Spargo d James Bull

Women's Singles

Louise Field d Marie Monterosso

Men's Doubles

Edward Bickford & Andrew Spargo d Adam & James Freeman

Women's Doubles

Louise Field & Loretta Sheales d Meredith Druce & Amelia Campbell

Mixed Doubles

Kate & Lachlan Kemp d Amelia & Richard Campbell

Congratulations to all competitors for their outstanding performance and to the spectators for their support.



Andrew Spargo & Louise Field



Kate & Lachlan Kemp

Croquet Tournament

Sixty-six members and guests participated in the annual Croquet Tournament on Sunday 25 October. A record number of players and spectators made this the biggest and best yet with over ninety people in attendance.

The tournament was played on the pristine grass courts in warm and windy weather, with many spectators on hand for support. Pimms and punch along with sweet and savoury dishes were set up on tables under umbrellas. Many players were new to the sport of croquet and were not deterred in contributing to an overall impressive standard.

The most talented pairing's progressed to the final, the 'peg challenge'.

The pairings included Tanis & Peter Cameron, John O'Sullivan & Richard Leckey, and Belinda Henry & Richard Topham. It was an exciting final with the winning pair not decided until the final stroke. The 2015 victors were Belinda Henry and Richard Topham.

We thank the Victorian Croquet Association for their assistance and guidance on the day. We also thank the convenor, Jonathan Cameron together with the hospitality staff.

This tournament provides a lovely social and family atmosphere which accommodates all ages and standards of play.

All members are welcome and we look forward to your involvement in the 2016 tournament.



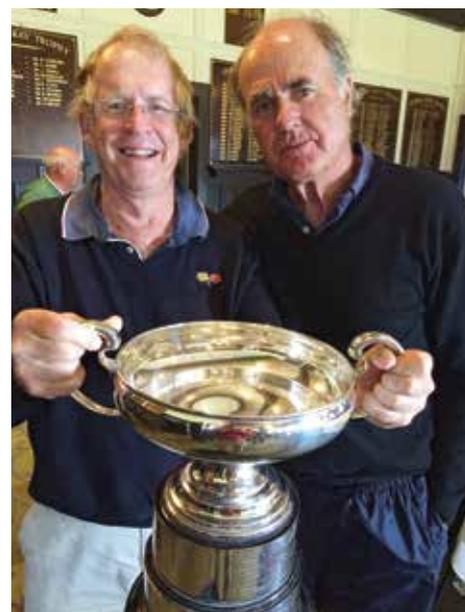
Belinda Henry & Richard Topham

Men's Golf Day

The Men's Golf Day was held on 18 March in the delightful setting of the Frankston Golf Club marred only by the worst conditions in the fifty year history of the Derick Keble Johnston Memorial Cup. Very few holes were playable and the contest was abandoned at midday allowing members to partake in a long and tasty barbecue provided by the Club with Ben Mescher's expertise and dexterity in serving the barbecue in such appalling conditions. Due to the circumstances it is unlikely that many of the prizes (bottles of 2002 Shiraz Viognier) made it home to recipient's cellars.

The winners, under controversial circumstances were John Hood & Phil Vile, and the runners-up were Michael Fraser & Jim Campbell, and John McInnes & John Grigg. The winner of the longest drive was David Court and Clive Nettlefold & Michael Fraser won the nearest to the pin.

Doug Tait & John Hood Convenors



John Hood & Phil Vile

Young Members

Barefoot Bowls & Turning 18 Drinks Friday 20 November

A total of fifty-six registrations were received for Barefoot Bowls which included the annual 'Turning 18' Drinks. What was planned as a night of barefoot lawn bowls and drinks on the grass courts was shuffled due to unseasonably wet weather hitting in late November. The Club did a fantastic job of a last minute reschedule to form a fabulous night of carpet bowls, drinks and an absolutely delicious Mexican style street food supper. Our budding bowlers turned out in strength despite the conditions and had an unforgettable night.

Long Lunch Saturday 19 March

Due to widespread demand, the Young Members gathered in the Dining Room to experience a French themed Long Lunch and rosé tasting session. The room was transformed for the afternoon into a French vineyard complete with vines, flowers and bicycles! A total of four rosé varieties were on offer for tasting, with the most astute wine connoisseurs battling it out in a tasting competition. Sixty-one members and guests then retired to the long tables for a delicious lunch of seasonal roasted vegetables, salmon and the most delicious hollandaise sauce this side of the Mediterranean. A relaxed afternoon (and more rosé) continued in the Presidents Bar.

Wimbledon Tennis & Tonic Evening Friday 5 February

With recent popularity around the 'Tennis & Tonic' events, the Young Members Committee decided to bring the event forward to early February to take advantage of the luscious grass courts and balmy summer conditions. And what a night it was! The theme was 'Wimbledon' – think all whites,

Pimms on ice and, of course, plenty of strawberries & cream. A total of eighty-six members and their guests turned out for a magnificent evening on the grass courts followed by dinner, drinks and laughs a plenty on the croquet lawn. This event will definitely continue on the Young Members calendar!



Lachy Cameron, Will Fuller, Emily Cameron, Emily Martyn, Dean Taylor & Kester Felton



Charles Reid, Rennie Johnson, Lydia Davies & Kate Cowan



Long Lunch



Amelia Wharton & Emily Beasley



Caro Stanson, Lucy Harris & Holly Anne Visser



Bel Martin, Will Yencken, Richard Israel, Tom Collinson, Hanna Gyton & David Wright



Bridge Report

The Bridge Club completed a very successful year in 2015 with the popular Christmas Lunch being well attended on 8 December. The morning commenced with coffee followed by Duplicate and Social Bridge and a delicious lunch with beautifully decorated tables. The Janette Machin Duplicate Trophy was awarded during the lunch and the 2015 winner was Shirley Philpott, the runner-up was Mary Church.



Shirley Philpott

At the beginning of 2016 an additional Duplicate Bridge day was introduced to the Bridge calendar. Duplicate Bridge will now be held on the second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month. The player with the highest score on the second and third Tuesday of the month (February – November) will be awarded 'Bridge Champion of the Month' (players are only permitted to win the award once).

To date the results are:

February

Winner: Betty Dackas
Runner-up: Sue Head

March

Winner: Pru Court
Runner-up: Judy Foreman

April

Winner: Mary Church
Runner-up: Sue Kincaid

Winners of the Duplicate Trophy competition held on the fourth Tuesday of the month are:

February

N/S – Elaine Dickson & Anthea Hone
E/W – Patricia Donges & Sally Marshall

March

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

April

N/S – Jill Chambers & Betty Dackas
E/W – Dorothy Baenziger & Rosemary Lill

Bridge Information

Ben Kingham will conduct free bridge lessons for members of the Bridge Club from 10am – 12noon on Duplicate Trophy days during June and July.

During the current financial year the Bridge Club donated \$1,000 to the RSY Foundation.

I would like to thank our competent Treasurer Judy Foreman, the Social Bridge co-ordinator Sue Head and all the helpers who assist with the smooth running of the Bridge Club. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to the staff that do an excellent job in setting up the bridge room and equipment throughout the year.

Mary Church Convener

Billiards & Snooker Championships

The finals of the 2015 Billiards & Snooker Championships were held in November. The championships were very competitive with an increase in entries.

Richard Walpole was the winner of the Open Snooker Championships and was awarded the Eric Wells Memorial Trophy.

Championship results:

Open Snooker
Richard Walpole d Warwick Loton

Handicap Billiards
Tom Cameron d Warwick Loton

Handicap Snooker
Tom Cameron d Warwick Loton

Jonathan Harris Convener



Richard Walpole

The Verdant Group

Our program for the first half of the year was circulated to all members who indicated an interest in our group. Much research and thought has gone into providing what we consider an interesting and balanced program and it is our hope that members will be attracted to joining the group for one or all of our activities.

By the time you receive this edition of Centrecourt we will have held our March, April and May activities. In March, we visited the magnificent Point Nepean National Park to explore the historic Fort Nepean and absorb the superb ocean and bay seascape views offering in this unique area. In April, we once again presented the Club's traditional ANZAC

Remembrance Parade Lunch. This year we were delighted to have a most distinguished Royal Australian Navy Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral John Lord AM FAICD as our guest speaker, who proved to be a great attraction. In May, we visited "The Johnston Collection" of Antique Furnishings and Fine Art in East Melbourne.



Jan & Bill Rogers

Our activity in June will be held on **Friday 24 June** and arrangements have been made with the National Gallery of Victoria to receive a previewing lecture and viewing of this year's winter masterpieces 'Edgar Degas - A New Vision'.



Malcom Jack & Ian McAllister



Graeme Mollison, Rear Admiral John Lord & Mike Wills



Ian George, Chris Renick & Bill Cameron

The Vintage Lunch

Sunday 17 April was a beautiful autumnal day for us to enjoy the Club's 16th Vintage Lunch at the invitation of the President and the General Committee. One hundred and twenty-four people attended and had a very happy day. Many members organised tables which brought together different groups of friends, many of whom only see each other once a year.

This year the date was moved to ensure ease of parking, unfortunately we had to compete with another Vintage function at the adjacent oval the "Vintage Car Meet". Hopefully we will avoid this next year.

Executive Chef, Jake Ward and his staff produced a perfect lunch which was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all guests. A special thank you must

also go to the Hospitality Director, James Fien and his team who again did a magnificent job.

All attendees are special members but we would like to highlight a few; Helen Rowan has been a Club member for seventy-six years and John Carre-Riddell & Graham Duncan have been Club members for seventy-four years. Our most senior members in attendance were Jean Harrison and James Keipert. Also attending were three Honorary Life Members and Past Presidents; Laurie Woods, Graeme Fair and Graeme Mollison, and finally two Honorary Life members; Joy Fair and Graham Duncan.

Club President, Drew Fenton sent his best wishes on the day as he was

overseas and unable to attend. Graeme Mollison addressed the lunch and spoke about the Christmas Tournaments which were held at the Club in the very early days.

This day is very special to me, listening to stories from members who have spent so many wonderful years as part of the Royal South Yarra family - reminiscing about the friendships made over the years and the wonderful social life they have at the Club today.

Susie Strangward
Convenor



Barbara King & Margot Harper



Graham Menzies & Richard Strangward



Susan & Noel Harman

Christmas Party

In December the convivial atmosphere at the Club Christmas party always lays the foundation for a very successful evening during this festive season. The food was plentiful and delicious, the special Christmas cocktail drink was delightful and the pianist playing Christmas carols enticed many members to join in a sing-along of their favourites. It was good to see many new faces at the 2015 Christmas Party, where members meet in such a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

Thank you to all staff who engaged in the Christmas spirit and added to the fun.



Club Functions

JUNE

Friday 3
Trivia Night

Tuesday 7
Tuesday Tennis Group – Badge Day

Tuesday 14
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon – Guest Day

Tuesday 21
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon

Friday 24
The Verdant Group

Saturday 25
Squash Championship Finals
Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together

Tuesday 28
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon –
Trophy Competition

Wine Dinner

Saturday 16 July

Featuring wines from the
Yarra Valley Region.

More details to be advised.

Save the Date

RSY Signature Event

Cocktail Party

Friday 5 August

Yarrayong Ball at RSY

Saturday 20 August

Sports Dinner

Saturday 27 August

“Gettin’ Quizzy with it”

Trivia Night

Friday 3 June

After the recent success of many trivia nights, the Young Members Committee is working hard towards our next event which will be an old-fashioned night of trivia held in the Como Room.

Start sharpening your general knowledge, testing yourselves with the weekend newspaper quizzes and forming your most well-rounded combinations for a casual night of trivia, drinks and dinner. Stay tuned – more information to follow!

Mont Verdant Apartments

Available for short or long term accommodation, the Club’s apartments are adjacent to the clubhouse in Verdant Avenue. We offer four, two bedroom fully self-contained apartments which

provide a deluxe standard of accommodation for members, their guests and reciprocal members. Please call the Club’s administration on 9829 1556 for bookings.





Yuri Mijic, winner of the Men's Open Singles Championships