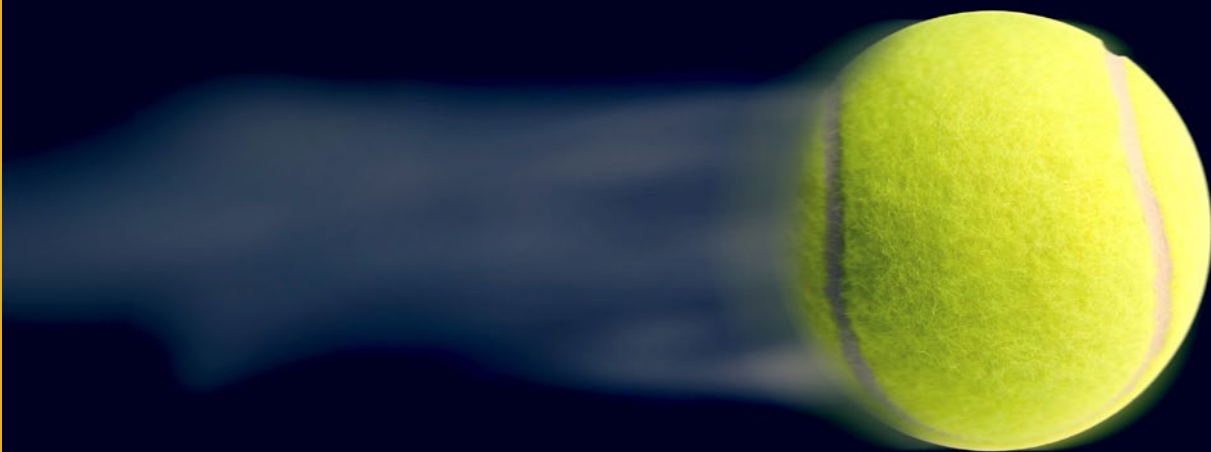


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## 2017 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



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*Editor: Dianne Hepworth*

“With storm clouds overhead and intermittent rain, the final day of the Club Championships finished on time”

## PRESIDENT’S REPORT

In my role as President, many people ask me how the Club is going. I always reply, “the Club is doing very well.”

We have a strong membership base, we are financially very sound and it is a place where I can always find a smile and meet an old friend. We have our eyes firmly placed on the future while embracing our wonderful traditions.

Two words that resonate with me in the business world are; professional and respect and I think they are equally as important for the Club. Let me explain:

### PROFESSIONAL

The Club endeavours to provide the most professional service models possible for its grounds, buildings, food and beverage offerings and member engagement. As an insight into the Club, we provide more than one thousand, seven hundred & fifty meals per week and we employ approximately eighty full-time and part-time staff and our hours of operation total around one hundred & twenty per week.

As participants in the Victorian Tennis Winter Pennant competition, we field twenty teams comprising around two hundred members and we have year-round squash teams, weekly bridge and many more organised activities. All of this requires extensive planning and implementation that provides the professional service model we have today.

### RESPECT

From the Club’s perspective, we have the utmost respect for the greater tennis community, local and state governments, neighbours, members and staff.

My observation of recent times is a noticeable lack of respect from some members of the Club, towards their fellow members, staff and Club guests.



This can manifest itself in various ways, whether it be inappropriate attire on the courts or within the clubhouse or improper behaviour of members or their guests or the non-supervision of children at the Club.

To maintain a friendly and welcoming environment within the Club, it is dependent on members’ co-operation, consideration and courtesy; therefore, in keeping with the Club’s core values, we encourage members’ interactions with Club staff and fellow members to be always respectful and polite.

### APPOINTMENT OF CEO

I’m pleased to advise as per the President’s Pen of 24 April that the General Committee have appointed Mr Stewart Fenton as the new CEO.

Stewart brings with him outstanding experience and success and we look forward to him joining the Club at the end of May.

We would also take this opportunity to thank Mr Kim Young who resigned at the end of 2016, for his service to the Club.

*Drew Fenton*  
President



# 2017 OPEN SINGLES CHAMPIONS

## LOUISE FIELD

Right-handed	Seeded No 2
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Ladies' Open Singles Champion

Member since 2004



## CAMPBELL SALMON

Right-handed	Seeded No 6
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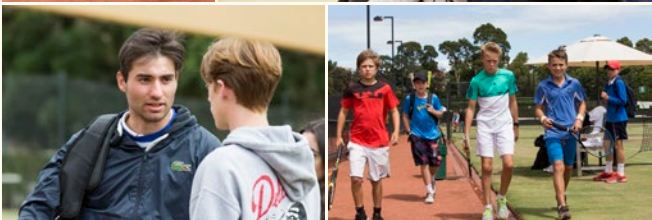
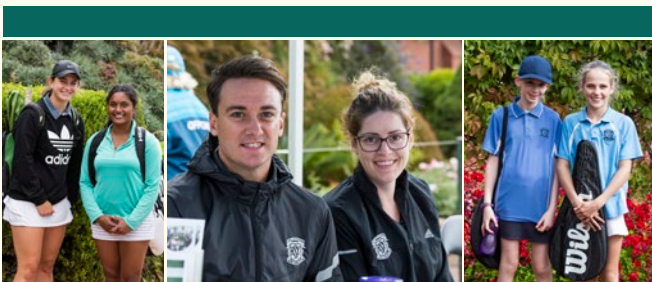
Men's Open Singles Champion

Member since 2012



# CAPTURED AT THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

— AROUND THE CLUB —





# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Louise Field

Antony Hearnden, Mary White & Peter Johnston

Campbell Salmon

Natasha Ilic

Virginia Wallace & Peta Kowalski

At the presentation cocktail party the President Drew Fenton, Club Captain Lachlan Beer, Junior Committee chairperson Louise Field and distinguished guests presented the trophies and prizes to the winners and runners-up.

We congratulate the winners and all players who competed in the Championships and acknowledge the Sports Director, Jarrad Wright, Hospitality Director, John McConnon, Head Curator, Bill Turner and their teams for their efforts in organising this major Club tournament.

The Club Championships held over two weeks in February had two hundred & ninety-five players competing in four hundred & twenty-one matches. The weather conditions during the tournament had an impact; some matches were fleeting and some were marathons lasting over three hours. Chair umpires and lines people were organised for the final of the Open Singles, Doubles, Mixed Doubles, and the Boys and Girls Singles events.

Due to the inclement weather, most finals were played on porous courts.

On the final day spectators gathered on the grass courts to watch the open finals – during which a mini-tornado was visible from the clubhouse balcony.

It was impressive tennis in the Men's and Women's Open Singles final. Campbell Salmon aged 16yrs won the Men's title for the first time.

Louise Field defended her title winning the Women's Open Singles. Louise is now a three-time Open Singles champion winning the event in 2004, 2016 and 2017. Alexandros Yiappos and Monika Wejnert were runners-up in the Men's and Women's Open singles, both demonstrating tremendous ability and skill in highly entertaining finals.

Marie Monterosso and Loretta Sheales won their fourth Women's Open Doubles title defeating Jovana Stanisic and Natasha Van Bommel. Henry and Oliver Casey won the Men's Open Doubles defeating Alexandros Yiappos and Yuri Mijic. Peter Johnston and Louise Field defeated Yuri Mijic and Loretta Sheales in the Open Mixed Doubles.

Natasa Ilic won the 18/U Girls' Singles title defeating Erica Layton and Campbell Salmon won his second U/18 Boys Singles title defeating Alex Kevill.

Seventy-six Juniors participated in the Club Championships, not only did the children compete for singles doubles and mixed titles in the 10/U, 12/U, 14/U, 16/U and open junior events, they also thoroughly enjoyed the social aspect of the tournament.



Emily Jarman & Huw Gatford

John Albrecht & Richard Leckey

Eliza Mantello & Fiona Jones

Lucy Leckey & Joanna Bell

Loretta Sheales & Marie Monterosso

Hamish Salmon & Brigette McGuire

Henry & Oliver Casey



# JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS



Mietta Passon



Matthew Jaskiewicz



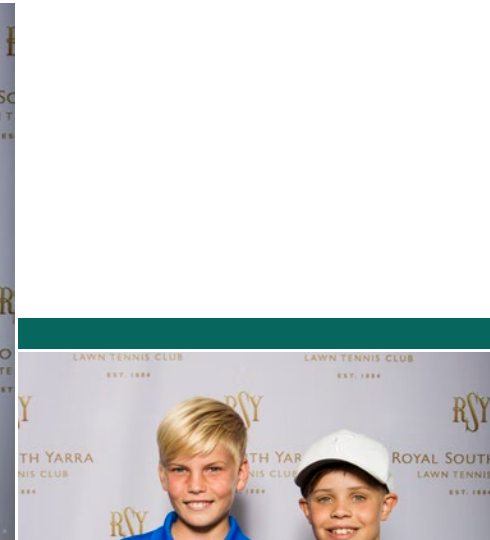
Sascha Tausan & Kalan Lai



Axy Park & Indi Officer



Grace Keating & Skye Park



Toby Ralph & Oli McLean



Claudia Cameron



Hamish Francis & Freddie Campbell



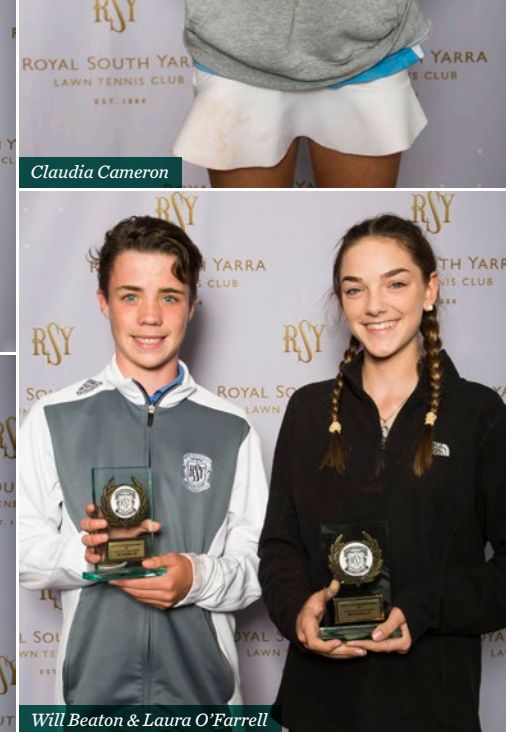
Jemma Mitchell & Abby Ralph



Oscar Lynagh



Sam McLean & Lachlan Francis



Will Beaton & Laura O'Farrell



Chloe & Harry Cooper



Tom Ritter & Louis Cox



Henry Campell & Vivienne Johnston



Declan Albrecht



Eliza & Lachlan Mailer



# 2017 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

\* Round Robin Event

## SENIORS

### MEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Campbell Salmon d  
Alexandros Yiappos 6-1 6-1

### WOMEN'S OPEN SINGLES

Louise Field d Monika Wejnert  
7-6 6-4

### MEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

Henry Casey, Oliver Casey d Yuri  
Mijic, Alexandros Yiappos 6-3 6-3

### WOMEN'S OPEN DOUBLES

Marie Monterosso, Loretta Sheales  
d Jovana Stanisic, Natasha Van  
Bemmel 7-5 6-4

### OPEN MIXED DOUBLES

Peter Johnston, Louise Field d  
Yuri Mijic, Loretta Sheales 6-3 6-1

### MEN'S B GRADE SINGLES

Jonas Holk Damos d  
Hamish Sutton 7-5 6-1

### WOMEN'S B GRADE SINGLES\*

Winner: Cathy Moore  
Runner-up: Sharon Werka

### MEN'S B GRADE DOUBLES

Stuart McRae, Tom Trumble d  
James Bull, Graeme Campbell 8-5

### WOMEN'S B GRADE DOUBLES

Vanessa Calvert, Jane Murray d  
Sue Albert, Cathy Moore 8-5

### B GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Hamish Salmon, Brigitte McGuire  
d David Bone, Sue Albert 8-5

### MEN'S C GRADE SINGLES

Tom Richardson d  
Matthew Kirkwood 8-2

### WOMEN'S C GRADE SINGLES

Belinda Henry d Zoe Browning 8-3

### MEN'S C GRADE DOUBLES

David Dunstan, David Hepworth  
d Charlie Faulkner, Sandy  
McFarlane 8-5

### WOMEN'S C GRADE DOUBLES

Peta Kowalski, Virginia Wallace d  
Zoe Browning, Sally Charles 8-2

### C GRADE MIXED DOUBLES

Huw Gatford, Emily Jarman d  
Wes Albert, Claudia Albert 8-6

### MEN'S SOCIAL SINGLES\*

Winner: Richard Campbell  
Runner-up: Paul Rankin

### WOMEN'S SOCIAL SINGLES

Arabella Georges d  
Andrea Donaldson 8-2

### MEN'S SOCIAL DOUBLES

John Albrecht, Richard Leckey d  
Edward Burke, Simon Connor 8-4

### WOMEN'S SOCIAL DOUBLES

Fiona Jones, Eliza Mantello d  
Joanna Bell, Lucy Leckey 8-0

### MEN'S VETERAN DOUBLES

Antony Hearnden, Peter Johnston d  
Timothy Breadmore, Tony Joubert  
6-4 6-2

### WOMEN'S VETERAN DOUBLES

Sue Albert, Cathy Moore d  
Jane Bell, Jane Murray 6-3 6-1

### MEN'S SENIOR DOUBLES

Antony Hearnden, Peter Johnston d  
Bret Richardson, Hamish Salmon 9-7

### WOMEN'S SENIOR DOUBLES\*

Winners: Sally Charles,  
Brigitte McGuire  
Runners-up: Ginny Aitken,  
Sallyanne Sawers

### BOYS' SINGLES

Campbell Salmon d Alex Kevill  
6-0 6-4

### GIRLS' SINGLES

Natasha Ilic d Erica Layton 7-5 6-2

## JUNIORS

### BOYS' 16 & UNDER SINGLES

Matthew Jaskiewicz d  
William Beaton 8-0

### GIRLS' 16 & UNDER SINGLES\*

Winner: Vivienne Johnston  
Runner-up: Fleur Wackett

### MIXED 16 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Henry Campbell,  
Vivienne Johnston  
Runners-up: William Beaton,  
Laura O'Farrell

### BOYS' 14 & UNDER SINGLES

Oscar Lynagh d Hamish Francis 8-1

### GIRLS' 14 & UNDER SINGLES

Jemma Mitchell d  
Jana Gattereder 6-1

### BOYS' 14 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Declan Albrecht,  
Tom Bartlett  
Runners-up: Freddie Campbell,  
Hamish Francis

### GIRLS' 14 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Jemma Mitchell,  
Abby Ralph  
Runners-up: Stella Heidenreich,  
Eliza Mailer

### MIXED 14 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Harry Cooper,  
Chloe Cooper  
Runners-up: Lachlan Mailer,  
Eliza Mailer

### BOYS' 12 & UNDER SINGLES

Sam McLean d Tom Ritter 8-3

### GIRLS' 12 & UNDER SINGLES\*

Winner: Claudia Cameron  
Runner-up: Grace Keating

### BOYS' 12 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Lachlan Francis,  
Sam McLean  
Runners-up: Louis Cox, Tom Ritter

### GIRLS' 12 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Grace Keating, Skye Park  
Runners-up: Claudia Cameron,  
Phoebe Ollerenshaw

### BOYS' 10 & UNDER SINGLES\*

Winner: Toby Ralph  
Runner-up: Sascha Tausan

### GIRLS' 10 & UNDER SINGLES

Mietta Passon d Indi Officer 6-2

### BOYS' 10 & UNDER DOUBLES

Oliver McLean, Toby Ralph d  
Kalan Lai, Sascha Tausan 6-0

### GIRLS' 10 & UNDER DOUBLES\*

Winners: Indi Officer, Axy Park  
Runners-up: Anna Eggleston,  
Katharine Soutter



## CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It has been another lively season of grass court tennis. Sadly, as Melbourne's winter sets in, it will soon come to an end. The grass court season traditionally commences on Cup weekend subject to weather. One of the first big Club events of the season was President's Day, which was held in late November. Members were matched for an evening of social tennis before the Club's head chef, Jake Ward and his team served a delicious dinner and drinks in the Como Room. This season was a particularly balmy evening and players were thrilled to be treated with Pimms on-court!

Other significant Club events held during the grass court season include the RSY Foundation Croquet Tournament, the annual Tennis Challenge against Royal Sydney Golf Club, the popular Younger Members' Tennis & Tonic, Club Championships (reviewed separately), Junior Open Day and President's V Captain's Tennis Challenge – well done Captain's team! These Club events are a great way of enjoying the Club's courts and hospitality and getting to know one's fellow members. Members are

strongly encouraged to look out for these events in the fortnightly "Happenings email" and the flyers available around the Club.

The Club has had recent success with the Men's F2 Squash team, captained by Alastair Reed, winning the spring 2016 season. In tennis, the RSY Top Shots defeated the RSY Diamonds in the Final of the Women's Section 1 Monday Night Competition. The BRTA summer competition Women's Section 1 team, captained by Rebecca Murray were Section 1 premiers and the Men's Section 2, captained by Alex Molnar, gallant runners-up. These strong results should launch the players into a strong start for the Tennis Victoria winter pennant which started on ANZAC Weekend.

All members are encouraged to come to the Club throughout the pennant season to cheer on the Women's teams from 9:00am on a Saturday, and a Grade 4 team at 1:00pm on Sunday. The men's teams commence play from 1:00pm every Saturday.

Saturday pennant players and supporters are encouraged to congratulate and console one another at happy hour in the President's Bar from 5:30-6:30pm throughout the season.

*Lachlan Beer*  
Captain

## WARRNAMBOOL LAWN OPEN

The Labour Day long weekend in March saw forty Club members and their families head west to the Warrnambool Lawn Open, a country tournament that attracts eight-hundred participants of all ages and standards. With unofficial RSY team shirts adorned with nicknames ranging from Disco to Frenchman, there is a real bond created amongst all members.

The camaraderie is palpable, very inclusive and friendly. Team dinners, (including an impressive spit roast) together with the gallivanting and cheering that took place, as our very own Monika Wejnert took out the Ladies Open was a great moment for the Club. Monika and James Bull were runners-up in the Open







## PRESIDENT'S V CAPTAIN'S TENNIS CHALLENGE

The President's v Captain's Tennis Challenge was played on a warm autumn day on Sunday 19 March and members experienced a high standard of grass court doubles tennis.

Our Captain's team won the challenge winning 181 games to 162 games. Following play, beverages and canapés were served in the relaxed atmosphere of the President's Bar and the President, Drew Fenton presented the perpetual trophy to the Captain, Lachlan Beer for the second year running. The sportsmanship awards were presented to Libby Hicks and Fiona Ralph for their fantastic effort on and off court. Well done Captain's team!

## PENNANT TENNIS PRE-SEASON WARM-UP



On Saturday 8 April, the annual Pennant Tennis Pre-Season Breakfast & Warm-Up took place. The breakfast, held in the Como Room, provided all pennant players with a fantastic opportunity to meet and intermingle with new team members and finalise planning for the upcoming winter pennant season. The hospitality staff set up the room wonderfully with players feasting on a delicious breakfast. Club Captain, Lachlan Beer delivered a very thoughtful and important speech during the breakfast. Our pennant Chairs, Jen Langford & Richard Joubert were informative and welcoming to seasoned and new players in the Captain's meeting which preceded the breakfast. We were privileged to welcome Nicole Pratt as the Club's guest speaker at the pennant breakfast. Nicole reached a career high singles ranking of #35, coaches current Australian players including Daria Gavrilova and has worked at the AIS since 2009 (after retiring from play in 2008). Nicole is also the coach of Australia's Fed Cup team. Her presentation was extremely insightful which will no doubt assist our pennant players over the coming season with the sound advice given.

Drew Fenton & Nicole Pratt

The audience questions to Nicole in particular, were a real highlight. Players then took the opportunity to play doubles in their new teams on the grass and porous courts.

We wish all pennant players the very best of luck for the 2017 winter season.

## NIGHT COMPETITION

In the 2016 spring competition the Monday Night Section 1 'Top Shots' team, made up of Margaret Neeson, Belinda Henry, Sue Gatford, Brigitte Claney, Sarah Robinson (Capt.), Jacqui Saunders and Sue Felton were winners of the Ladies Section 1 competition, defeating another RSY team, the 'Diamonds' captained by Fiona Murdoch. Both teams had a tremendous season and we congratulate them on their fine efforts!



Margaret Neeson, Belinda Henry, Sue Gatford, Brigitte Claney, Sarah Robinson, Jacqui Saunders & Sue Felton

## BAYSIDE REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION (BRTA)

### SUMMER COMPETITION SUCCESS!

Four teams represented the Club in the summer competition of BRTA, with all four teams advancing at the very least, to a preliminary final. The Ladies Section 1 team were outstanding in their grand final, defeating Hawthorn Tennis Club – 5 sets, 47 games to 2 sets, 37 games! The team was captained by Rebecca Murray and consisted of Monika Wejnert, Danijela Mijic, Rachel McRae and Caroline Fernando.

The Men's Section 2 team, captained by Alex Molnar were narrowly defeated in the grand final by Dendy Park Tennis Club – 5 sets to 3, 46 games to 36.



Rachel McRae, Monika Wejnert, Rebecca Murray & Danijela Mijic

## MID-WEEK LADIES TENNIS

In the Eastern Districts Women's Tennis Association, eight teams competed in the 2016 winter competition (July-November). It was a very competitive season with the Section 3(6) and Section 4(7) teams successfully reaching the grand final.

The Section 3 team, of Annabel Holmes (captain), Amanda Woodard, Andrea Donaldson, Sallyanne Sawers and Ginny Aitken were confident winners against East Malvern Tennis Club. We must congratulate the Section 3 team who have worked their way up from Section 5 and are now competing in the Section 2 competition. Well done ladies!

The Section 4 team, co-captained by Lucy Fortey and Dimity Milleur were very competitive, finishing runners-up against Vermont Tennis Club.



Ginny Aitken, Amanda Woodard, Annabel Holmes, Andrea Donaldson & Sallyanne Sawers

## ROYAL SYDNEY GOLF CLUB VISIT

Royal South Yarra hosted the annual RSY v RSGC Tennis Challenge at the Club for the second successive year. Royal Sydney were determined to win back the trophy after relinquishing it in 2015, however Royal South Yarra yet again selected a strong team. The day started with a delicious breakfast in the Como Room and a welcome speech from President, Drew Fenton and Captain, Lachlan Beer. The tennis challenge commenced at 11:30am followed by a delightful lunch on the Western Terrace with an American theme of hotdogs, burgers



## TUESDAY TENNIS GROUP

A perfect day dawned on Tuesday 6 December 2016 for the Tuesday Tennis Group's Badge Day play-off and Presentation Lunch. Conditions were ideal for play on the grass courts and the lunch was a great success. Guest speaker, Cas Benetto CEO of the Kimberly Foundation gave a very interesting and tantalising talk on rock art. In addition, the convenors threw in a couple of fun awards in keeping with the light hearted and very convivial atmosphere this group always generates. We were privileged to have Joy Fair present the Joy Fair – Ladies Day Perpetual Trophy to the winners of the Badge Day play-off.



Deb Skues, Joy Fair & Carolyn Martyn

### 2016 WINNERS

#### SILVER COMPETITION:

Winner – Carolyn Martyn  
Runner-up – Brigitte Claney

#### BRONZE COMPETITION:

Winner – Deb Skues  
Runner-up – Susan MacKay

We would like to express an enormous thank you to all who were involved in organising and supporting this special day for the Tuesday Tennis Group. A special mention is extended to Sue Hill, (Ball monitor), and the Club's staff who contribute to the success of this tennis group.



## SMARTennis

### PENNANT PRACTICE



With Tennis Victoria Pennant well upon us, I thought it would be a great time to focus on the best practice routine for your pennant week.

Hopefully everyone who plays pennant for our great Club invests some time each week to practice. This will not only increase your chances of success but

will also greatly increase you and your team mates' enjoyment of the pennant season. A winning team is a happy team!

If you can hit three times a week, it is best if the second and third sessions could be the two days preceding your competition day. So, if playing Saturday then make sure you hit on the Thursday and Friday leading up to Saturday. Another hit earlier in the week would be fine on the Monday or Tuesday.

**“It would be great if you could get into the routine of having a warm-up hit of at least 30 minutes and then a 30-60 minute break before the match actually starts.”**

If you only have the time to hit twice a week then the two days prior to play are also the best two days to hit. Spacing it out is not as good for you as the continuity of consecutive days' practice. However, if you have to space your hit-out, then obviously two hits are better than one.

On match day, it would be great if you could get into the routine of having a warm-up hit of at least 30 minutes and then a 30-60 minute break before the match actually starts. This time between the match and warm-up hit lets any information gained from the warm-up hit soak into your mind and muscles. It really does give you a better chance of performing well, as you can focus in this time on what you will be trying to implement during your match as well as being able to relax.

Good luck and I hope you all enjoy your season and give the finals a real shake.

*Andrew McLean*  
CLUB PROFESSIONAL COACH



Robert Craig, Graeme Mollison, Bill Cameron, Doug Tait & John Osborne

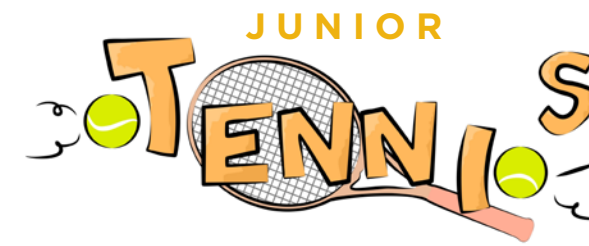
## SUNDAY MORNING GROUP

### PLAYERS WANTED

The men's Sunday Morning Group (SMG) is looking to grow its numbers. If you are a gentleman with full playing rights, we offer the opportunity to play doubles and mix with other players, which may particularly suit newer members. Whether you are wanting to play more social doubles tennis but struggle to organise enough players; or you want to compliment your singles game with some doubles play, then why not consider our group? We play all year around either on the grass courts or porous court 7 (if the grass is damp or winter-time) from 9:00am. The cost is minimal – \$3.00 for balls and the camaraderie is memorable.

At the 2016 Christmas Lunch, Graeme Mollison retired from his role as Captain of the SMG which he served with distinction since 1978. Graeme joined the SMG following its establishment in 1958; and from the late 1960s he played within the same group of four at 8:00am, for one or two sets before the others arrived, for over 30 years.

If you would like more information about the Sunday Morning Group, please contact Robert Craig on 0417 535 266 or David Sweeney on 9670 7303.



## JUNIOR REPORT

### BAYSIDE JUNIOR COMPETITION

#### BAYSIDE REGIONAL TENNIS ASSOCIATION (BRTA)

The Club continues to increase the number of teams participating in the BRTA. In the spring season two teams were entered in the Saturday competition and eight teams in Sunday competition, with two teams making the finals. Congratulations to Lachie Francis, Harry Cooper, Nick Evans, Rupert Edwards, Will Maughan, Eliza Mailer (captain), and Stella & Anouk Heidenreich who won the Saturday Section 2 premiership. The Section 3 Sunday team were runners-up losing by one game in the final. The team included Henry Gannon, Vivienne Johnston, Henry Campbell, Hugo Druce, Bill Cameron (captain), Sam McLean and Fleur Wackett.

### HOT SHOTS

Royal South Yarra is committed to its Hot Shots Program running an intra-club competition each term. This program teaches children the basics of match play in a supportive environment. It is great preparation for younger children or beginners wishing to play Bayside competition. The SMARTennis coaching staff also run Hot Shots tournaments throughout school terms.

### JUNIOR OPEN DAY

The Junior Open Day is a favourite for many of the junior members and a great introduction for new members. It involves a doubles round robin on the grass courts, a hot shots clinic for the younger children, coaching drills by the SMARTennis coaches as well as some fun activities such as a quiz, radar to measure serve speed and a delicious barbecue for juniors and parents served on the western terrace.



Court & Sportsmanship Winners

This day was held on 5 March, the weather was perfect and all juniors who competed in this event are to be commended for their sportsmanship and competitive spirit in which they played the doubles round robin. Trophies and prizes were presented to court winners and to those who showed outstanding sportsmanship both on and off the court. Andrew McLean presented a racquet donated by SMARTennis to Indi Officer for her sportsmanship.

The guessing competition to win a jar of four hundred & twenty-six lollies was won by James Mantello who jumped for joy when he accepted the prize.

The Stan Churchus award is presented on this day. This is a very prestigious award amongst the juniors. It is awarded to a 16/U member who aligns themselves with all the Clubs values as well as participating in junior events and competitions. The very worthy recipient was Lucy Ollerenshaw and she is highly commended for her efforts for the Club.



Lucy Ollerenshaw

### ADULT AND CHILD TENNIS DAY

The Adult and Child Tennis Day held on 13 November saw thirty-eight parent child combinations. Not only is this a very enjoyable family event, it is a great opportunity for the children to learn from the adults and gain experience playing against adults.



Sophie & Richard Boyce

Tom & Marcus Freeman



## GROUNDS UPDATE

### GRASS COURT IMPROVEMENTS

The grass court season this time around has been somewhat mixed. With some areas on the courts giving irregular bounces, it sometimes proved difficult to play. The weather at the start of the season was a contributing factor, together with other identified issues.

As such, grass courts 3 & 4 will undergo a complete rebuild which commenced in April. These two courts in particular have become uneven, particularly around the baselines. They will be laser levelled, new top soil will be applied, and new grass will be relaid over the entire two courts. The grass type used will be Legend Cooch. It is envisaged that this process will take place on a rolling basis to each bay of grass courts over the next four years. This type of rejuvenation of courts has not been conducted for an extensive period of time and is now well overdue. The remaining grass courts will have new baselines installed with work commencing in May.

The Grounds Committee is also considering new tennis court fencing which separates each bay of grass courts. The current fencing is very old and not of sufficient height.

### EN-TOUT-CAS COURTS

Over the last two years porous courts 1–4 have been rebuilt and are now starting to play very well as they compact and settle.

New LED court lighting has now been installed on Courts 1 – 7, significantly improving the standard of light across those courts. With regards to remaining courts 8 – 15, the LED lighting will be installed in May/June.

For the en-tout-cas courts to play at their optimum, the courts need to be well-watered at both commencement of play and at the end of each set. The courts also need to be bagged at the end of play.

It is imperative that correct footwear (ie: approved tennis shoes) be worn to protect the surface of the courts.

### OTHER

The Grounds Committee is also looking at installing more secure bike racks in the underground car park.

*Hamish Salmon*  
**CHAIRMAN, CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS**

## SQUASH

Last spring's competition was another successful pennant season for the Club, with four teams B2, B3, D1 and F2 as contenders in the competition. In particular, the F2 team had a fantastic season winning their grand final against RACV. The team was captained by Alastair Reed and regular players were Peter Wells, Kester Felton, Charles Connor and Jonathan Bleakley. In addition, the B2 team made up of David McRae, Justin Sharp, John O'Sullivan (Capt.), Carlo Zabotto and Robert Warnock had a tough and competitive season to make it through to the grand final, but unfortunately were beaten by Kooyong LTC.



Alastair Reed, Charles Connor & Peter Wells

The 2017 Squash Club Championships commence from 29 May, with the finals conducted on Saturday 24 June. All members of any standard are very welcome to enter in the Men's and Women's Open and Handicap Events.

## BILLIARDS & SNOOKER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 Club Championship matches were played over the last few months of the year.

The Billiards Handicap event was won by Warwick Loton and the runner-up was Tom Cameron. The winner of the Eric Wells Memorial Trophy was Nicholas Armstrong who won the Open Snooker Championships and the runner-up was Warwick Loton. The Snooker Handicap event was won by Tom Cameron, runner-up was Jonathan Walpole.



Nick Armstrong, Jonathan Walpole, Warwick Loton, Tom Cameron & Jonathan Harris

The City Circuit competition will commence in early June and will run for fourteen weeks, should any younger members be interested please contact Jonathan Harris on 0419 397 456.

## ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

### LONGEST LUNCH FRIDAY 7 APRIL

On a brilliant sunny day on the Western Terrace and in keeping with the Melbourne Food & Wine Festival, Royal South Yarra held its inaugural Longest Lunch. Fifty-seven members and guests enjoyed the fabulous feast that was prepared by Head Chef Jake Ward and the hospitality staff. With lunch stretching to four mouth-watering courses, the staff were busy clearing and resetting tables. At one such interlude guests were invited to visit either the croquet lawn or the Norman Brookes Room where tables were laden with onion & goats cheese tarts with red wine. All the wines and produce were from Victoria and two winemakers; Barry Elliott from Chanters Ridge and Barry Saunders from Kooyonga Creek Winery joined us for lunch and spoke about their respective wines.



### ART CLASSES

**“You don’t need talent to be an artist, just passion and practice, practice, practice”**

This advice was given by member Helen Lovett who taught an eager group of members and guests on the how-to of ‘sketching for a travel diary’. Helen was an accomplished botanical artist before moving on to sketching using her preferred medium pen and watercolour wash. After six, two hourly tutorials, Helen’s students have been inspired to capture in their own diaries, a pictorial reference of any future travels. As one student commented “this will be a wonderful legacy for my grandchildren”.

### THE VERDANT GROUP

The first Verdant Group activity for 2017 was held in March at Mount Macedon and Woodend. Morning coffee was enjoyed at the Mount Macedon General Store with a visit to the nearby garden nurseries before driving up the mountain past Braemar College (formerly known as Clyde) and the home of Frederick McGubbin en-route to Woodend.

In Woodend, we visited Wendy and Peter Duncan’s magnificent garden and enjoyed their warm hospitality at Woodbine. During lunch, they spoke about the history of the property (previously owned by Wendy’s parents, Ken & Judy Briggs, who were former members of the Club).

Activities planned for the remainder of the year will include the Archibald Prize at the Geelong Art Gallery later in the year, a guest speaker lunch at the Club and a movie afternoon.

*Liz Jeffrey, Rosemary Macdonald and Diana Dougall*  
**CONVENORS**



## THE VINTAGE LUNCH SUNDAY 9 APRIL

It is hard to believe that another twelve months has passed and we have once again enjoyed our special luncheon for those members who have reached four score years and more.

We were once again dogged by the weather and another event. Last year it was 39 degrees with parking impossible due to a Vintage car rally across the road. This year we were quite confident that we would be ok on all fronts!!!! However, we had extraordinary winds, thunderstorms and to top it off, another car rally!

However, none of this dampened the spirit of those who attended and one hundred & one of us enjoyed a very happy day with a delicious lunch. A particular hit was the eton mess.

This day has grown from an initial thirty-two eligible members to two hundred & sixty this year. It is wonderful to see so many of our more senior members catching up with friends made over a very long time and sometimes only see each other once a year.



Muffy Stogdale & Mary Church

Mary Church, who is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, spoke to us about her forty-six years of membership at the Club and it is interesting to note that she is still vitally involved in not only organising Club activities but enjoying spending time with friends on a regular basis.

Also joining us were President, Drew Fenton and Acting General Manager, Tim Juusti, both of whom spoke and it was particularly good to welcome them to the lunch.

Our longest serving members in attendance were John Carre-Riddell and Graham Duncan both of whom have been members for seventy-five years and Muffy Stogdale, who has been a member for

seventy-nine years. Muffy joined the Club as a young girl and is the mother of Past President, George Stogdale.



Richard Strangward & June Newton

Our most senior members in attendance were Kathleen Regos and James Keipert and it was with great pleasure that I welcomed them, along with everyone else who was able to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year at our very special Club function.

*Susie Strangward*  
**CONVENOR**

## BRIDGE

### RSY BRIDGE IN THE COMO ROOM

RSY Monday bridge is thriving and continues to grow in popularity. Thirty-two students joined our Monday evening Beginners Bridge Group for one lesson per week for eight weeks, hosted by teacher, Jan Clyne.

As part of the course, Jan's focus is as much on 'bridge language' as it is on 'bridge play', so students benefit immediately through her teaching methods. The Monday class celebrated their 'graduation night' with a Champagne & Chicken finale. A four week Improvers Bridge Class will commence in late May and continue until the end of June. These classes are aimed at post beginners and anyone needing a freshen-up. They will introduce further complexities into your game. Casual play is available for Members in the Como Room on Monday's & Tuesday's from 9:00am – 9:00pm.

To ensure a quality teaching experience for RSY members, these classes will be set with a minimum of 16 and maximum of 32 students. To register your interest please contact administration.

*Di Hepworth*  
**MONDAY BRIDGE CONVENOR**  
**CHAIRMAN ACTIVITIES & COMMUNICATIONS**



Judy Foreman, Sally Marshall & Mary Church

## TUESDAY BRIDGE

Tuesday bridge continues to be well populated and has both Duplicate and social tables available for play by members every week from 1:00pm.

The annual Christmas Bridge Lunch was held on 13 December with Duplicate and social bridge played. During lunch the winner of the Janette Machin Duplicate Trophy was presented. The 2016 winner was Sally Marshall, runner-up Trish Donges.

Duplicate Bridge is available to members every Tuesday from 1:00pm under the supervision of Bridge Director, Sue Kelso which is currently attracting new players, social bridge is also available.

Prior to the commencement of Trophy Duplicate on the fourth Tuesday of each month the competition of the best scores are tallied to award the 'Champion of the the Month'. Unless a guest day is organised Tuesday is strictly Members only bridge play.

The winners to date are:

### FEBRUARY

Betty Dackas, runner-up Ann Fotheringham

### MARCH

Shirley Philpott, runner-up Sally Marshall

The successful Trophy Duplicate pairs to date are:

### FEBRUARY

N/S Elaine Dickson & Anthea Hone  
E/W Jocelyn Russell & Shirley Philpott

### MARCH

N/S Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford  
E/W Ann Camamile & Sue Head

Free Advance Bridge lessons are conducted by Ben Kingham from 10:00am – 12:00pm on Duplicate days during the month of May, June & July. The Tuesday Bridge Group subsidises these classes.

*Mary Church*  
**CONVENOR**

## YOUNG MEMBERS

### WIMBLEDON TENNIS & TONIC

The Wimbledon Tennis & Tonic event on Friday 3 February proved to be another huge success, with great company, beautiful weather and plenty of social tennis. The event, set on the grass courts, welcomed guests with Pimms, encouraged everyone to have a hit of tennis and finished with dinner under the stars. The Young Members' Committee sees this as one of the most important events of the year as it kicks off the Young Members' social calendar and gives guests a taste of what is to come; fun, sociable events for great value.





## SPANISH CANTINA LONG LUNCH

The Young Members' Long Lunch was held on Saturday 18 March. This year it was themed the Spanish Cantina and lived up to its predecessor with all tickets selling out prior to the close of registrations.

Sixty-seven members and guests were served a delectable three-course meal with delicious Spanish wines, all set on one long beautifully decorated table on the Western Terrace. The Hospitality team are to be congratulated as the Young Members' Committee received raving reviews from all that attended the event. We look forward to an even bigger and better Long Lunch in 2018!



# RSY

## ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB FOUNDATION

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### FOUNDATION OBJECTIVE

The Foundation was established in 2006 with the primary objective to build the Club's reserves to:

- Continually improve our world class facilities for members' enjoyment; and
- Help protect us against unforeseen events, thereby securing the Club's future for existing and future members.

### FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Each of the current Trustees, appointed to their eight year term during 2013/14, together with the Club President, possess a passion for the Club and the necessary diverse and complementary expertise to support the Foundation's and Club's needs. The Trustees are:

- Derek Skues (Chairman)
- Drew Fenton (Club President)
- Janie Bell
- Phillip Gray
- Ian Jarman
- Cathy Moore

### ACTIVITIES

Over the past three years the Trustees have adopted a deliberate step-by-step approach to strengthen the Foundation, by:

- Developing a clear offering of 'giving' options, which were detailed in the new Foundation branded brochure as well as providing easy-to-use new donation forms attached to the annual subscription notice;

- Commencing a campaign to make members aware that they can give to the Club through annual donations, including tax deductible payments through the Australian Sports Foundation and bequests. For example, the Foundation sponsored for the first time the Club's annual Croquet Tournament in October. Janie Bell provided details on the background and objective of the Foundation and the Chairman presented the trophy to the winners being Jonathan Cameron and John O'Sullivan;
- Continuing to present its Distinguished Service Award at the 2016 AGM with this year's Award winner being Jane Murray;
- Providing recognition of donations and bequests in the spring addition of the Centrecourt Magazine and in the Annual Report; and
- Establishing a Major Donor and Bequest board at the Club entry.

The Foundation is currently developing two primary funding mechanisms:

- A 'Foundation Corpus' whereby only the earnings from the Corpus can be accessed and used to support annual Club activities, such as tennis development programs; and
- A 'Major Project Fund(s)' to finance specific projects identified by the General Committee.

We are working closely with the General Committee to prioritise projects identified in the Master Plan progress document published in mid 2016.

We are pleased to confirm the Foundation reserves now stand at \$442,676. In order to appropriately manage and protect these growing reserves, the Trustees have sought proposals and interviewed a shortlist of investment managers to prudently invest our funds, and an appointment is imminent.

While the Foundation has made positive progress, there is much more to be done and we look forward to working with the General Committee and liaising, communicating and listening to all members who are interested in becoming involved in the RSY Foundation. The Foundation Trustees and I encourage members to contact us through the Club's Administration to discuss the ways in which we can work together to secure the Club's future.

## WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR MAJOR DONORS:

### MAJOR BEQUESTS

- Harvey Holdenson
- Bruce Dyson
- Valarie Edwards

### MAJOR DONORS

- Gordon Newton
- Mardi Sloan
- Anonymous 1

Foundation donations received from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 will be acknowledged in the spring edition of Centrecourt.

*Derek Skues*

CHAIRMAN RSYLTC FOUNDATION

### RUTH VALERIE EDWARDS

As previously advised, in 2016 the Club was delighted to receive a most generous bequest from the estate of Val Edwards, representing a tenth of her estate.



She joined the Club in 1952 and remained a playing member until her death in 2015. Val was a good B Grade tennis player and held a number of positions within the Club during her life. Between 1966 and 1968 she was not only the sole female member of the

General Committee (as at that time only one female committee member was permitted), but was also on the Tennis Sub-Committee, Pennant Selection Sub-Committee, Social Sub-Committee and Chair of the Women's Sub-Committee in 1967 and 1968.

Following her tennis days, Val was an active member of the Club, also attending ANZAC and Vintage Lunches. She joined the Australian Women's Army Service at eighteen and through cartography became an expert in calligraphy, later working with Red Tulip chocolates and the architectural firm Bates, Smart and McCutcheon. Val treasured a letter from Buckingham Palace thanking her for her work on maps for the Royal Geographic Society.

Val's bequest is the first received by the Club since those of Harvey Holdenson in 1986 and Bruce Dyson in 2003.



RSYLTC FOUNDATION AWARD  
FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

At the AGM on Thursday 17 November 2016 Jane Murray was presented with the RSY Foundation Award for her dedicated service to the Club.

Jane’s contribution to the Club included service on the General Committee from 2010–2011 and was Club Captain during her tenure. She also served on the Captains Committee from 1998–2011, plus the Building Sub-committee, the House Sub-committee and Junior Tennis Sub-committee. She has represented the Club in Tennis Victoria pennant, Bayside Regional Tennis Association competitions (Saturday & mid-week competitions) and played in the Club Championships for many years. She was awarded the Nick Reid Service Award in the year

2000. Her achievements include winning the Ethel Le Neveu Trophy, awarded to the best performed female pennant player in 2010, and she was a member of the Women’s Grade 5 Tennis Victoria premiership team in 2004 and the Women’s Grade 3 premiership team in 2011.

Jane is a very deserving recipient and was presented with a silver salver and certificate.



Jane Murray

NICK REID SERVICE AWARD

The Nick Reid Service Award was presented to James Freeman at the AGM on Thursday 17 November, 2016.

This award is made by the General 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, son of Club member Diana Atkinson, 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.

James has served on the Captains Committee since 2013. He joined the Club in 2004 and has represented the Club in both junior and senior pennant tennis, and played Club Championships for many years. In the senior championships, he was runner-up in the Men’s Open Doubles in 2013 & 2014, and the Open Mixed Doubles in 2014. James was congratulated and presented with a certificate.



Diana Atkinson & James Freeman

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: PETER LIE

At the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 17 November 2016, Immediate Past President, Peter Lie was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Club.

In proposing the motion, the Honorary Secretary, Jonathan Roberts provided an insight into the significant contribution Peter has made to the Club. He was a member of the General Committee for six years, during which time he served as President for two years, Vice President for two years and Honorary Secretary for one year. During his time on the General Committee his portfolio was the Membership Advisory Board.

David Hepworth seconded the motion and recounted on Peter’s association and support of the Club.

Peter also served the Club in other capacities, which included the Clubhouse & Grounds and Building Committees and the Membership Review Group, and he was an inaugural trustee of the RSYLTC Foundation. He won the Warren Kennedy Memorial Trophy for best performed men’s pennant player in the Tennis Victoria pennant competition and the RSYLTC Night Tennis Perpetual Trophy.

The President, Drew Fenton presented Peter with the Honorary Life Membership pin and Peter responded by thanking the membership for this prestigious honour.



COMMUNITY NEWS

VERY SPECIAL KIDS

The Very Special Kids organisation held their Ladies Lunch at Royal South Yarra on Friday 3 March. This organisation supports families throughout Victoria caring for children with life-threatening conditions. The Lunch was a great success with over \$32,000 raised which will help this organisation to continue to make a difference to many families. A letter was received by the Club from Very Special Kids in appreciation of its support.

2017 AUSTRALIA  
DAY HONOURS

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

The Honourable Elizabeth Helen Curtain AM who received an award for significant service to the law and to the judiciary in Victoria, to medico-legal and professional groups and to the community.

Mr Robin Heath Fildes OAM AM who received an award for significant service to athletics, particularly through executive roles with leading administrative bodies, to business and to the community.

Associated Professor Gary Edward Richardson OAM who received an award for service to medicine, particularly in the area of oncology.

Mr Campbell Alan Rose AM who received an award for significant service to sports administration, to infrastructure and transport development and to the community of Victoria.

Mr Brian Francis Watson AO who received an award for distinguished service to business and finance through leadership roles in the investment and venture capital sectors, as a philanthropist and as a supporter of social welfare and medical research organisations.

OBITUARIES

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

*Peter John Cuningham*  
Playing Member – 1982

*Peter Stuart Isaacson AM DFC AFC DFM*  
Playing Member – 1996

*Malcolm Thomas Hastie*  
Restricted Playing Member – 2007

*Melinda Jane Law*  
Playing Member – 2011

*Rosemary Jane McCallum*  
House Member – 1996

*James Patrick O’Collins*  
Playing Member – 2003

*Anne Elizabeth Wilton*  
Playing Member – 1945

COMING UP SOON

SAVE THE DATE
Improver’s Bridge with Jan Clyne <i>Monday 5 June, 19 June &amp; 26 June</i>
Duplicate Bridge Guest Day <i>Tuesday 13 June</i>
Pennant Tennis & Squash Get-Together <i>Saturday 24 June</i>





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