

CENTRECOURT

ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER



Huw Gafford, winner of the Warren Kennedy Memorial Trophy

Spring 2015



President's Report

Welcome all to the spring edition of Centrecourt. The weather has improved and we are all looking forward to opening the grass courts shortly. I would like to mention a few items of interest below, in relation to a number of other topics. Please see more detailed reports elsewhere in the magazine.

Tennis

The Club fielded seventeen pennant teams this winter season and has ten teams entered into the Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association's forthcoming spring season. RSYs 'What a Racquet' and 'Yarras' won their respective sections in the Monday and Tuesday night competition for the autumn season. We submitted seven teams in the always popular Mid-week Ladies Competition and Sections 2, 3 & 5 advanced to the grand final with Section 2 winning back-to-back premierships.

Junior competition continues to thrive, as does the Club's Hot Shots program. The Junior Round Robin Tournament and Round Robin days were both well attended.

This year we have expanded our Captain's Trophy event to include A & B Grade Mixed Doubles. These events help to widen our intra-Club tennis offerings and enable more members to build their Club networks.

We have submitted a Men's and Women's team in this year's Asia Pacific Tennis League. Competition will take place in late November and early December.

Squash

Our D3 team was successful in winning the pennant flag for the autumn season. We have entered four teams into the spring season of Club Circuit which commenced in August. Our Open and Handicap Club Championships were well contested with Sophie Temple, John O'Sullivan and Jason Wolff winning the open women's, handicap event and open's men's titles respectively. Due to the amalgamation and re-building of Grace Park & Hawthorn's clubhouse, we are hosting five Grace Park Hawthorn Club squash teams for twelve months from July 2015.

Facilities

We will re-build porous courts 3 & 4 following the successful refurbishment of porous courts 1 & 2 at this time last year. Courts 1 & 2 are now playing beautifully, so we look forward to the same results for courts 3 & 4. During the first half of the year we renovated Mont Verdant Apartment #3 & #4 and are currently renovating apartments #1 & #2. This work should be completed in November.

Hospitality Events

Events have included the Anzac Day parade and commemorative lunch, the Mornington Peninsula Winemakers lunch, The Verdant Group events, the Father & Daughter dinner, the Progressive Sports Awards Dinner, a Winemakers Lunch featuring wineries from the Barossa Valley, Champagne Prosecco Tasting, the City Clubs Wine Challenge and the Caulfield Cup Calcutta.

Younger Members

The Yarrayong Ball was held at Kooyong this year with over 350 attendees. The Young Members Committee held a number of events ranging from Tennis & Tonic nights to Footy pie nights. This group targets members up to 35 years of age.

RSY Foundation

The Foundation held two Information Nights in April and October for members with over 40 years and 20 - 39 years membership respectively. Our Trustees continue to work on a number of initiatives to refresh our Foundation. Please see the separate report.

Members' Carpark Boom Gate

The Club lodged two separate appeals to VCAT seeking approval to retain the boom gate which restricts access to the Members Carpark. The tribunal has determined that we may operate our carpark for members only, with the exception of periods when the Club hosts functions for one hundred or more participants, and that Stonnington Council is to amend both involved permits to allow this. Whilst the Club is obviously pleased with this result, I do note that at the time of going to print that this decision may still be appealed by the other parties within the allowed 28 day period.

Site Master Planning

The Honorary Secretary Jonathan Roberts and team continue to work on the Club's Site Master Plan. Louise Hansen has joined this working group.

Staff

Our Executive Chef, Peter Villinger, resigned after 30 years of service and was farewelled at the end of July at an afternoon tea in the Como Room, attended by many members and staff. I also record that Andre Trecate (Sous Chef) resigned after 28 years. We welcome Executive Chef Jake Ward and Sous Chef Paul Maloney, and have enjoyed their culinary wizardry in our kitchen.

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Housekeeping matter – supervision of children

Children are an important part of our Club and are wholeheartedly encouraged to enjoy its facilities. However, to ensure the convenience, enjoyment and safety of all members, and to comply with licensing laws, we must ensure children are under the immediate supervision of an adult member at all times - both within the clubhouse and Club's grounds. Whilst we expect members generally will recognise and comply with this requirement, we have asked our administration team to facilitate this and request you assist in ensuring we do not breach our licensing obligations and respect other members' enjoyment of the Club.

Upcoming Events

Save the date for President's Day scheduled on Friday 13 November and I encourage those of you interested in a fun social tennis day to join in. The Christmas Party will be held on Friday 11 December and bookings are now open for this very popular evening.

Peter Lie

RSY Foundation

A new brochure was sent to all senior members of the Club in April 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 have been held during the year.

A form for tax deductible donations, through the Australian Sport Foundation, was sent to members with the annual subscription notice. As a result the Foundation's funds have more than doubled during the year. 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

2015 ITF Super-Seniors World Team & Individual Championships – Umag, Croatia

The ITF Super-Seniors World Team Championships is the highest ranked team event on the ITF Seniors Circuit in age groups 65 - 90 years.

In the Individual Championships Ann Fotheringham reached the semi-final of the women's singles and partnered Max Byrne from Tasmania in the mixed doubles to win the silver medal.

Doris Hart Cup



Ann Fotheringham



Kaye Joubert

This team event was also played in Umag, Croatia. Ann Fotheringham (Captain) and Kaye Joubert represented Australia. In a valiant effort Kaye was unlucky to lose a three set advantage match.

Australia finished in sixth place and we congratulate Ann and Kaye on their sterling achievements.

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.

Should you wish to discuss making a donation through the Australian Sport Foundation or directly to the Club, please contact me on (+613) 9829 1556 and/or via: Foundation@rsyltc.org.au

Derek Skues

Club Matters

Annual General Meeting

Members are advised the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held in the **Como Room at 6:00pm on Thursday 19 November.**

Queen's Birthday Honours

We would like to congratulate **Mr Andrew Michael Cannon AM** who received an award in the 2015 Queen's Birthday honours for significant service to the community through fundraising and support roles with a range of organisations and to Indigenous youth education.

Obituaries

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

Michael Armstrong
Playing Member – 2012

Ian George Coghill
Playing Member – 1975

Veronica Condon
Playing Member – 1948

Leonard Gordon Darling AO CMG AC
Life Member – 1940

Ruth Valerie Edwards
Playing Member – 1952

Lorraine Frost
Playing Member – 2011

Brenda Evelyn Johnston
Playing Member – 1973

Patricia Kelly
House Member – 2009

Genevieve A Oswald-Jacobs
Special Non Playing – 1980

Marion Orme Page
Special Non Playing Member – 1934

Robert John Ross Paul
Country Member – 1966

Jennifer Norris Smithers
Playing Member – 1977

Yvonne Lois Spencer
Non Playing Member – 1990

Visit to the All England Lawn Tennis Club

Members from Royal South Yarra joined Kooyong, Royal Sydney Golf Club and Neutral Bay Club in accepting an invitation from the All England Lawn Tennis Club, Wimbledon, to participate in a quadrangle challenge coinciding with the opening of Wimbledon member's grass courts in May 2015. A tour of the famed courts and grounds was first on the itinerary, followed by a two hour session of tennis drills with the resident Wimbledon coach.

The groups honed their tennis skills, in readiness for the following day's play. The English weather was surprisingly kind which allowed participants to play on the grass courts. Several matches (mens, womens & mixed doubles) were played on Saturday morning and afternoon. All Royal South Yarra members managed to notch up a win giving them the distinction of 'winning' a match at Wimbledon!!!!

At the conclusion of the day's play the groups dressed for drinks in the

royal box followed by a superb dinner and speeches in the member's dining room. The Chairman of Wimbledon, Philip Brook formally welcomed the Australian contingent and thanked them for the cordiality received by Wimbledon members on visits to Australia. The Captains responded on behalf of their respective clubs and each presented a gift and thanked their hosts for their generous hospitality.

It was indeed a memorable visit!!!



Team photograph and cameo appearance by Pat Cash (centre)

ITF Seniors Tennis Circuit

The ITF Seniors Tennis Circuit has been in full swing over the last year. Three of our club members, Wayne Cowley, Ian Jarman and Loretta Sheales have had some good results domestically and internationally.

Since breaking his ankle and recovering in 2014, Wayne has been on a roll thereafter, generating an impressive win loss record of 54:1. In Europe Wayne won the Czech, Croatian and European Championships as well as the ITF GMP Cup and in Melbourne, in March

this year he won the ITF Oceania Regional Seniors Tennis Championships defeating current World #1 Andrew Rae 6/4 6/2 in the final. More recently he won the Sunshine Coast Championship in Noosa in the Over 60s Men's Singles.

Ian has been compiling some positive results too. Ian was runner-up in the singles at the recent Sunshine Coast Championships and winner of the mixed doubles. Ian was also runner-up in the singles at the Queensland Championships and

winner of the men's doubles and won the singles title at the Tennyson Championships - Ian is currently ranked #5 in singles in Australia for the men's 55's.

In March, Loretta won the women's 45 singles event in the ITF Oceania Regional Seniors Tennis Championships held at Kooyong LTC.

The next big tournament is the National Seniors Grass Court Championships held in January at Shepparton - all the best for future tournaments!



Wayne Cowley



Ian Jarman



Loretta Sheales



Captain's Report

The seasons have changed so quickly, which is great news as we head towards the anticipated warmer temperatures and longer days both spring and summer provide. This encourages members to use the fantastic facilities at the Club.

I invite all members to come and use the facilities - whether it be tennis on the grass courts, squash on the squash courts, the gymnasium (which now features all new equipment), swimming pool or the bar and dining areas. It's your Club, so please make the most of it!

Over the last couple of months the Captains Committee have been heavily involved in organising an active program of summer activities for all Club members.

Below is the tennis calendar which includes our five marquee Club events:

- President's Day, Friday 13 November 2015
- Asia-Pacific Tennis League Tournament, played at RSY on Thursday 26 November 2015
- Tennis Club Championships, Friday 12 - Sunday 21 February 2016
- President's v Captain's Tennis Challenge, Sunday 27 March 2016
- Captain's Trophy will commence before the pennant season in early April 2016

ATL at RSY

In November and December RSY will participate in the ATL (Asia-Pacific Tennis League) after successfully submitting a mens and ladies' team. This league showcases the elite players in Australian tennis, many with world rankings. In our team we have the calibre of players such as Luke Saville (ranked #12 in Aus) and Daria Gavrilova (ranked #2 in Aus & #38 in the world).

RSY will host a "super" round when both the mens and ladies' teams play at Royal South Yarra; an ideal opportunity for children, parents and grandparents to watch the most elite Australian and International tennis players in action.

Junior Tennis

The plan to bolster the junior tennis program is gaining significant momentum. The Hot Shots program which targets the 4-11yr. age group continues to go from strength to strength. Royal South Yarra leads the way in Hot Shots with over fifty children enrolled in the program and we are the only Club to provide three teams in the Stonnington Hot Shots league.

We congratulate the convenors, led by our Head Coach, Conrad Lim, and members of the Junior Tennis Sub-Committee.

Winter Tennis

RSY is represented in various tennis competitions on almost every day of the week. At pennant level, we were the second largest Victorian Club in 2015 with seventeen pennant teams competing in the winter pennant competition.

In total there were forty-eight teams representing the Club across the various forms of tennis and squash:

- Tennis Victoria winter pennant: 17 teams (9 men's and 8 women's teams)
- Eastern Districts Mid-week Ladies competition - 7 teams
- Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association - 9 teams
- Bayside Regional Tennis Association competition (summer) - 1 team
- Bayside Regional Tennis Association competition (juniors) - 7 teams
- Tennis Victoria Hot Shots Program (juniors) - 3 teams
- VRSA Club Circuit (squash) - 4 teams

In the Tennis Victoria competition three mens and three ladies' teams advanced to the finals with the ladies Grade 4 team losing in the sectional final. The Men's Grade 1 team was unfortunately defeated in the grand final against Dingley Tennis Club. It was a tremendous effort to reach the final at the highest level of winter pennant. Team members included Andrew Poustie, Jeremy Beale, Oliver Casey, Sebastian Bell, Harry Lim (Co-Capt.), Conrad Lim (Co-Capt.), Andrew McLean and Matthew Leffler.

Our new scholarship members have settled in well and greatly assisted the womens and mens teams over the course of the 2015 winter pennant season.

In all of the matches I have watched during my time as Captain, it is a great pleasure to witness members display the core values discussed in our strategy meetings, such as tradition, friendship, teamwork, good sportsmanship, hard work and dedication. When we play the game, we play it with passion and pride because we are representing our Club.

Tony Joubert

Blackburn & Districts Night Tennis Association

The Night Competition is an increasingly popular way for busy tennis players to participate in competitive tennis.

The Club submitted nine teams in the autumn 2015 season of the Blackburn & District Night Tennis Association with three teams reaching the semi-finals.

The Monday Open Section 3 'What a Racquet' team won back-to-back premierships. The team consisted of Fiona Ralph (Capt.), Sally Charles, Zoe Browning, Richard Charles, Sophie Richards, Fiona Murdoch, Richard

Ralph, Andrew Cox, Dean and Kitty Park.

The Tuesday Open Section 3 'Yarras' team captain by Jimmy Everitt (Capt.), James Israel, James Freeman, Yuri Mijic, Stuart McRae, Ruben Digby-Diercks and Adam Freeman also won the grand final.

The Monday Ladies Section 1 'Top Shots' team finished fourth. The team consisted of Sarah Robinson (Capt), Eliza Robinson, Belinda Henry,

Sue Gatford, Brigitte Claney, Charlotte Fenner, Margaret Neeson and Jacqui Saunders.

Good luck to teams currently participating in the spring competition. Anyone interested in joining a team or forming their own team in the autumn 2016 competition, commencing 1 February should contact the Sports Director on 9829 1533.



James Israel, Yuri Mijic, Jimmy Everitt, Ruben Digby-Diercks, Stuart McRae & James Freeman.



Andrew Cox, Sophie Richards, Zoe Browning & Richard Ralph.

Mid-week Ladies Tennis

The 2015 EDWTA winter season was a very competitive competition for the Mid-week Ladies. Seven teams competed in the competition, four teams reached the semi-finals and three teams went on to compete for a flag in the grand final.

The Section 2(3) team captained by Belinda Henry, Sally Bell, Ro Scarborough, Fiona Ralph, Kitty Park and Ann Hyams won back-to-back premierships defeating St Dominics Tennis Club in the grand final. The Section 3(5) team captained by

Wendy Potter, Deborah Skues, Sue O'Brien, Sue Hill, Eleanor Pollard, Di John and Wendy Seward had a nail biting finish in the third set finishing runners-up to Willison Park Tennis Club. The Section 5(7) team captained by Lucy Fortey, Dimity Millear, Susannah Calvert-Jones, Anthea Francis, Sophie Cooper, Kirsten Mailer, Nathalie Shergold and Kate Longbottom finished runners-up to Ardrie Park Tennis Club.

Congratulations to all players on a fun and competitive season.



Kirsten Mailer, Kate Longbottom, Dimity Millear & Susannah Calvert-Jones



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



Eleanor Pollard, Wendy Potter, Sue Hill, Deborah Skues & Sue O'Brien

Tuesday Tennis Group

The Tuesday Tennis Group has been well supported with up to thirty-five members attending on a regular basis. From November to May we play on the grass courts and from May to November we use the porous courts located around the Pavilion. The Court Captains do a great job each week ensuring we enjoy an even standard of tennis and have an opportunity to meet and play with different members. The Badge Days are keenly contested and our winners to date are:

MARCH

Silver Section

Winner – Jenny McCormick
Runner-up – Ginny Aitken

Bronze Section

Winner – Lorraine Cantor
Runner-up – Kerri Unsworth

APRIL

Silver Section

Winner – Carol Batty
Runner-up – Sallyanne Sawers

Bronze Section

Winner – Sue O'Brien
Runner-up – Annabel Holmes

JUNE

Silver Section

Winner – Carol Batty
Runner-up – Mandy Woodard

Bronze Section

Winner – Carolyn Martyn
Runner-up – Kerri Unsworth

JULY

Silver Section

Winner – Brigitte Claney
Runner-up – Bryony Simpson

Bronze Section

Winner – Diana Dougall
Runner-up – Lorraine Cantor

SEPTEMBER

Silver Section

Winner – Carolyn Martyn
Runner-up – Brigitte Claney

Bronze Section

Winner – Susan Mackay
Runner-up – Libby Appleby

On Tuesday 1 December the Badge Day finalists will compete for the Joy Fair Perpetual Trophy with the winners announced at the end of year Christmas lunch.

Interested players can contact the Convenors:

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c.martyn@bigpond.com
0400 531 852 or

Pauline Saunders
paulinesaunders2001@yahoo.com.au
0438 335 850.

Book early for the Australian Open Tennis

18 - 31 January 2016

The Club has purchased Australian Open tennis tickets for the Rod Laver Arena and the Margaret Court Arena for day and evening sessions.

The cost of tickets range from \$69-00 – \$139-00 subject to choice of date. Members can purchase four tickets per session, maximum of three sessions.

RSY goes to the Australian Open Tennis

On Thursday 21 January champagne and chicken sandwiches will be served at the Club before heading off by bus to the Rod Laver Arena.

Cost: \$125-00 per person.
Tickets are strictly limited to 30.
BOOK NOW!

For details relating to tickets contact the administration on 9829 1556.

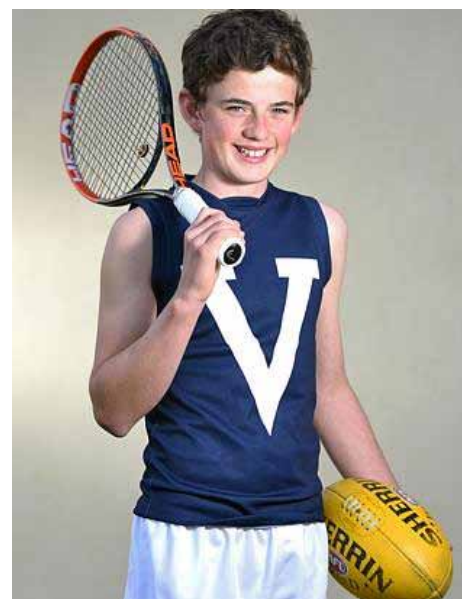
Nicholas Salmon

Tennis & Football All-rounder

After winning RSY's 12 & Under Singles Club Championship earlier in the year, Nicholas Salmon has continued his winning form recently being selected in the Victorian Bruce Cup tennis team to play in the national championships in Tasmania in October.

It's been a busy few months for Nicholas 12, who has combined playing pennant in the RSY Grade 5 team whilst also representing the Big V in the national football championships, where as Vice-Captain, Nicholas and his team mates were undefeated in winning the national title.

Following in the footsteps of older brother Campbell who played Bruce Cup for Victoria in 2012, Nicholas is looking forward to the competition, *"I'm honoured to have the opportunity to represent Victoria in the Bruce Cup. We have a great team and we'll work hard to do our best for the Big V."*



Pennant Teams

MEN

Grade 1, Section 2

Andrew Poustie
Jeremy Beale
Oliver Casey
Sebastian Bell
Harry Lim (Co-Capt.)
Conrad Lim (Co-Capt.)
Andrew McLean
Matthew Leffler

Grade 2, Section 3

Yuri Mijic (Co-Capt.)
Alexandros Yiappos
Adam Freeman
Carl Wood
Ruben Digby-Diercks
(Co-Capt.)
Campbell Salmon
Paul Leffler
Alec White
Adrian Soon

Grade 3, Section 1

James Freeman
Terry Batistatos
Richard Robson
Andre Del Papa (Capt.)
Ricardo Iniesta Oliva
Stuart McRae
Scott Anson

Grade 4, Section 1

Graeme Campbell
Callum Champion de
Crespigny
James Brearley
James Everitt
Tom Trumble
James Gilson
Chris O'Farrell
Alex Molnar (Capt.)
Drew Fenton

Grade 5, Section 2

Hamish Salmon
Lloyd Havlik (Co-Capt.)
Archie Trotter
Edwin Jupp
Timothy McDonald
Marcus Stathos (Co-Capt.)
Nick Salmon
Andrew Clements

Grade 7, Section 1

Matthew Woerndle
Henry Casey
Rupert Mosley (Capt.)
Liam Albrecht
Nick Gubbins
Huw Gatford

Grade 7, Section 4

Lachlan Beer
Richard Ralph
George Colman (Capt.)
Dean Park
Andrew Meagher
Hugh McDonald

Grade 8, Section 1

Ethan McRae
Sean Wilson
Jonas Holk Damos
Lachlan Hicks (Capt.)
Alex Robinson
Lachlan Kemp
Maxim Fisher
Edward Wilmoth

Master's 45+- C Grade

David Hepworth
Peter Lie
Richard Ollerenshaw (Capt.)
David Dunstan
Jock Holland
Andrew Adams
Richard Joubert
Edward Fitzgerald

WOMEN

Grade 1, Section 2

Gussie O'Sullivan
Gemma Goodland
Marie Monterosso
Rani Goodland
Bianca Horsley (Capt.)
Audrey Teo
Cassandra Moraleja
Natasha Van Bemmell
Annabel Jaskiewicz

Grade 2, Section 1

Gemma O'Farrell (Capt.)
Danijela Mijic
Emily Collin
Ellie Capannolo
Piper Priestley
Georgia Rogers
Sam Ritchie

Grade 2, Section 2

Zoe Theodorakopoulos
Jovana Stanisic
Gabriella Ioannou
Caroline Fernando (Capt.)
Erica Layton
Zara Parker

Grade 3, Section 2

Olivia Fowler
Chelsea Armstrong
Sue Albert
Vanessa Calvert
Ellie Rogers
Rebecca Murray (Capt.)
Sasha Kenna

Grade 4, Section 1

Sophie Trotter (Capt.)
Anna Collin
Sue Gatford
Kate MacNeil
Jennifer Langford
Charlotte Fenner
Sarah Robinson
Claudia Trotter

Grade 5, Section 2

Elissa Lidstone (Capt.)
Skye Douglass
Emma Heeps-Erikson
Phoebe Jefferson
Claudia Albert
Virginia Collins

Grade 5, Section 3

Laura Dean
Virginia Wallace
Sunny Brearley
Isobel McFarlane
Bella Happell
Annie Hicks (Capt.)
Penny Roper

Grade 6, Section 1

Jacqui Kirwan
Natalie Sudlow
Phoebe Sudlow
Sara Shaw (Capt.)
Jessie Gleeson
Alexandra Veall

Pennant Profiles



NAME: Ruben Digby-Diercks

AGE: 22

PLAY: Right Handed

PENNANT GRADE & POSITION:
Grade 2, No 5

MEMBERS STATUS: Junior scholarship member for 4 years, currently a Playing member.

How long have you been playing tennis?

I have been playing tennis since I was six years of age. Throughout this time I have taken breaks from tennis to focus on my final year of VCE as well as other sporting ambitions.

Tennis Achievements?

When I was studying at the Box Hill Tennis School, I led my year-level to win the Schoolboys State Championships for three consecutive years. Between the ages of 14-16, I won several singles and doubles Victorian tournaments.

Moving to Trinity Grammar School for my senior schooling, I was the Captain of the 1st Tennis Team; winning the AGSV Tennis Championship in my final year. That same year, I was named Vice-Captain in the AGSV Representative Team. Since High School, I have played in a winning Monash University tennis team as well as playing in several pennant final teams.

In terms of tennis, where do you see yourself in the next five years?

In the next five years, I still see myself playing competitive pennant for RSY. I have aspirations at some point to move overseas (due to work opportunities) and play tennis for a European tennis club.

What is your favourite shot and court surface?

My favourite shot would be the cross-court forehand passing shot as well as any backhand angle volley shot. My favourite court surface would be Classic Clay, as you usually get a pretty reliable bounce and my best results have come on this surface.

If you had the opportunity, which Grand Slam event would you like to win and why?

Winning any Grand Slam event would be a great achievement, however I think it would be hard to go past Wimbledon. The tournament has such a rich tennis history and so many skilled tennis players have won the tournament.

Who would be your ideal tennis role model?

Growing up watching tennis, my favourite player was Tommy Haas. He always played on the edge of emotion and produced some amazing shots. Another tennis figure I admire is Tony Roche. He is a great coach and after his playing career, has given back to the sport by single handily helping improve Rafter, Federer and Hewitt's game.

Do you play other sports?

Outside the pennant session I play in a Futsal and Soccer team with University friends, whilst also filling in for a friend's mixed Netball team.

Have you enjoyed success in the RSYLTC Club Championships?

I haven't enjoyed that much success in the Club Championships over the past few years. I have had a couple of good wins in singles and doubles but I'm still waiting for Jarrad to give me a good draw!!



NAME: Chelsea Armstrong

AGE: 27

PLAY: Left Handed

PENNANT GRADE & POSITION:
Grade 3, Number 2

MEMBER STATUS: Playing member

How long have you been playing tennis?

For as long as I can remember – we were lucky enough to have a tennis court at home growing up, so tennis forms a big part of my childhood memories.

Tennis Achievements?

I've made it onto the Girl's Singles honour board in the clubhouse – I still point it out to everyone when we walk past! (even although it was years ago).

In terms of tennis, where do you see yourself in the next five years?

We have a regular team each season consisting of Sue Albert, Vanessa Calvert, Liv Fowler and Bec Murray (with star appearances from Jane Murray from time to time). They are such a fun group; we play so well together and we're all very competitive which adds to the excitement. I envision a few pennant flags for us over the next five years.

What is your favourite shot and court surface?

Off-Forehand on porous.

If you had the opportunity, which Grand Slam event would you like to win and why?

Probably the Australian Open – I imagine the energy from winning in front of a home crowd would be incredible.

Who would be your ideal tennis role model?

Pat Rafter

Do you play other sports?

I enjoy snowboarding, swimming and running – but tennis has my heart.

Have you enjoyed success in the RSYLTC Club Championships?

Winning the U18 Girls Club Championships in 2004.

RSY Sports Dinner

On Saturday 29 August a record number of members and guests totalling a hundred and forty-five attended the Sports Dinner.

This dinner provides recognition for and is a celebration of all competitive sport at the Club. The format of the evening was given a fresh, new, progressive look with member's initially filling the Members Dining Room for beverages and canapés, and then venturing into the Como Room for the main course, dessert and award presentations.

Guests were thoroughly entertained by the Club Captain, Tony Joubert who was the Master of Ceremonies. There was a video footage and images of our fabulous members playing tennis and squash. The brilliant, heartfelt speeches delivered by the deserving winners as listed below was also a highlight.

- Warren Kennedy Memorial Trophy – Huw Gaford
- Ethel Le Neveu Trophy – Vanessa Calvert
- Judy Dalton Perpetual Trophy – Jessica Davey and Sally Lobley
- Junior Perpetual Trophy – Jonas Holk Damos
- Night Tennis Trophy – Richard Charles
- Dick Doyle Squash Trophy – James Anders

After the presentations many members and guests danced the night away to Tom Carty's Band in the Members Dining Room. At the conclusion of the evening a large number of members were transported by bus to Chapel Street to continue the festivities – what a night indeed!

We would like to congratulate the trophy winners and nominees, and acknowledge all competitors who represented the Club with such talent and humility.



Peter Lie & Vanessa Calvert



Tara Ebes, Alfred Anders, Dale Fisher & Maureen O'Keefe-Anders



Sasha Kenna, Gemma O'Farrell, Caroline Fernando, Olivia Fowler & Emily Collin



Gabiella Ioannou, Natasa Ilic & Casandra Moraleja



Richard Charles



James Anders



Jonas Holk Darnos



Georgia Rogers & Sam Harper



Hugh McDonald & Dean Park



Katrina & Laura Dean



Sally Lobley, Judy Dalton & Jessica Davey

RSY Sports Dinner



Sunny, James & Shirley Brearley



Charles Lie, Simon Brain & Rollo Morgan



Ethan McRae, Stuart McRae & Hugh McDonald



Adrienne & Ken Bishop and Louise Rehe



Ivette Velazco & Ricardo Iniesta



Samantha, Tracey & Chris Ritchie



Marie Monterosso & Michael Constantinou



Lloyd Havlik & Amelia Atkins



Peter & Amanda Woodard



Edwin Jupp & Jessica Gardner

JUNIORS

Bayside Junior Competition

In the autumn season of the Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA) the Club entered two teams in the Saturday competition and five teams in the Sunday competition.

The Saturday Section 2 team captained by Maxim Fisher finished runners-up losing to Lauriston. The team consisted of Maxim Fisher, Rupert Mosley, Liam Albrecht, Will Anders, Jasper Fisher and Henry Gannon. The Sunday Section 2 team of Chloe Joubert (Capt.), Lachlan Francis, Harry Cooper, Jemma Mitchell, Ava Lansell and Isabella Horner reached the finals. Congratulations to all who participated in this competitive competition.

Currently the juniors are competing in the spring competition with two teams playing on Saturday and six teams on Sunday.

Training for the BRTA junior competition is held on a Tuesday evening, with squads for the more advanced players held on Friday evening. Both evenings have been very well attended.

The Tennis Victoria Orange and Green Ball Hot Shots competitions have continued throughout the year. The Hot Shots competition remains a key program for juniors.

Year 8 Disco

The Year 8 Disco held in May was again a great success; it was very well attended and enjoyed by a hundred and eighty members and guests. This night continues to be a highlight of the junior calendar.

Junior Round Robin Tournaments

Junior Round Robin Tournaments were held in May and August. In August the tournament was very well attended when members were encouraged to bring a guest. Junior tournaments are a vital way for our younger members to meet other members and be involved with Club activities. The tournaments end with a presentation of awards, a sausage sizzle for the children and a drink for the parents.

Forthcoming Event

Adult & Child Tennis Day
Sunday 15 November

Junior Round Robin Tournament



SMARTennis



Forehand Fundamentals

The hitting of forehands now days is greatly helped by modern strings and racquets. There is however still a

need for some cornerstones in your technique to produce consistent quality strokes.

Firstly, commence your backswing with the elbow of the racquet hand leading, like starting a lawn mower, by pulling it back. This gets the racquet, arm and shoulder into a position, that if the ball comes through faster than first anticipated or heaven forbid a bad bounce occurs, you can still make a controlled reliable swing at the ball. Taking the racquet head back first requires a fully completed backswing to allow this.

Secondly, make your step to the ball with the same foot as the hand you swing the racquet with. This foot now acts as the start of the axis and you can now swing around. Also by stepping with this foot, it gives a much fuller swing with the arms and allows the shoulders to turn. The last advantage is how much harder it is for your opponent to wrong foot you, as there is minimal time your feet are not on the ground after completing the stroke, compared to stepping across your body and having to step back to be ready for the next shot.

Next, swing the racquet towards the ball, more like throwing a discus, instead of straight at the ball. This movement allows the swing to lead away from the body and gives room for the shoulders to be rotated by the arm during the follow through.

Lastly, when you finish your backswing for the stroke, the shoulder of your racquet arm should be back towards the fence behind you. When you have completed your stroke/follow through it should be further towards the target than your non-racquet shoulder.

We have made a video lesson which is easier to follow and goes into a little more depth. If you are struggling with forehands it can be very frustrating.

The forehand video lesson can be seen by clicking on the link on the Club website:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uo03QQYpmQ8

I hope this helps and please book in for a lesson if you are struggling with your forehand unnecessarily

Andrew McLean

Squash

Squash Club Championships

At the end of May play commenced for the Squash Championships and we watched Jason Wolff defeat James Kavourakis in the Men's Open event in an exceptionally high standard match. Both Jason and James are highly ranked in Victoria and Jason pulled off a great win, which broke James' seven year winning streak! The Women's Open event was held for the second year running with Sophie Temple winning back to back championships defeating Sophie Trotter. The Handicap event was a replay of the 2014 finalists with John O'Sullivan defeating Rob Warnock.

VSRA Club Circuit

Four teams in Grade B2, C2, D3 and F competed in the 2015 autumn season of the VSRA Club Circuit.

The D3 team of Rollo Morgan, Charles Lie (Capt.), Richard Campbell, James Anders and Will Yencken won the premiership defeating the Bentleigh Club.

We would like to congratulate James Anders who won the 2015 Dick Doyle Memorial Trophy for the best performance (win/loss ratio) over two consecutive squash pennant seasons.



Jason Wolff



John O'Sullivan

Personal Training

Personal training concentrates on mind and body fitness together with traditional exercise. Programs can be tailored to help you achieve your goals and improve your fitness.



Suzanne Bremner

Suzanne is an experienced Personal Trainer who holds a Certificate III as a Gym Instructor, Certificate IV Personal Trainer, Older Adults Health & Fitness Specialist and Diploma in Fitness.

Suzanne conducts a variety of classes, catering to all individuals – including Legs, Glutes & Core, Boxercise, Circuit and Group Fitness. She believes in

fitness for functionality – being strong and healthy for everyday life. During her personal training sessions, she focuses on individual client goals and body deficits to achieve physique balance.

She can specifically design a self-maintenance gym program guiding you through correct technique with bi-monthly reviews.



Jarah Breese

Jarah's passion for training and working with athletes stemmed from being a high level athlete in

the sport of mountain bike racing, where he represented Australia at the World Championships. Following the championships he completed an Exercise & Sports Science degree at Deakin University. During this time he applied his experience and knowledge in working with athletes that he had established through a previous training business. Jarah continued to work with individual clients, with many reaching the Australian Championships and gaining Australian team selection for mountain bike racing. Jarah became Director of High Performance for the Factory Honda Racing Team and worked with their athletes to help them achieve many national podium finishes.

Following his work with Honda, Jarah decided to further his education and complete his Masters in High Performance Science obtaining a degree at Bond University.

To arrange a personal training session with either Suzanne or Jarah please contact the Sports Director, Jarrad Wright on 9829 1533 or sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au

New Gymnasium Equipment

We are delighted to advise members the Club has recently installed state of the art gymnasium equipment from Life Fitness Australia. A half rack (ideal for bench press and squats), TRX, reebok step, Keiser machine and abdominal machine has been introduced to the Free Weights Room. The gymnasium now features six new treadmills, three cross trainers, one flex strider, two rowing machines, two spin bikes, three upright bikes and a recumbent bike (with most featuring LCD screens and internet). An assisted chin-up/dip machine and kettlebells has been installed in the Gymnasium and Free Weights Room alongside new floor mats, and the Fitness Studio now includes a plyo box. Some of the strength training machines and benches have been re-upholstered and the bar and dumb-bells have been retained.

Members are encouraged to try-out the new equipment and are required to ensure they understand how to operate all the equipment before use. If assistance is required, please contact the Sports Director.

To organise a fitness assessment, program or a personal training session please contact the Sports Director, Jarrad Wright via sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au



Father & Daughter Dinner

The inaugural Father & Daughter Dinner was held on Friday 14 August. The evening was a great success, with almost eighty people attending. There was a terrific atmosphere on the night and it was a lovely opportunity to share a special night out and to remember it with a keepsake photo.

Guests were entertained by Belinda Thomson, winemaker and viniculturist from Crawford River Wines, who spoke eloquently and gave guests an insight into the wine industry. She also spoke about the unique relationships involved in managing her family business, in particular her relationship with her father. The menu was also created to highlight the exceptional wines from Crawford River.

A special thank you must go to Honorary Treasurer, George Colman who acted as MC for the evening, sharing many humorous tales about his own daughters and experiences at the Club.

Thank you to all those who made the evening possible as we have received much positive feedback and we look forward to these functions becoming a regular event on the Club calendar.



Chrissy Cumming, Jane, Richard & Sophie Strangward



Sara, Peter & Holly Byrne



Lucilla, George & Isobel Colman



Alex & David Hepworth



Karen Quist, Graham Kraeche & Alexandra Searle



Michael & Sophie Rigg



James & Alison Robson, Bill Fary & Rowena Treseder, Stan & Edwina Sahhar



Megan Fairbairn, Phil & Katherine Shiels and Amanda Schwilk

Young Members

Tennis & Tonic

Thursday 7 May & 17 September

On a chilly Thursday evening in early May around fifty YMs and their guests gathered at the Pavilion for a relaxed evening. The tennis was very casual and social, with members and guests mingling and playing amongst themselves while enjoying a Gin & Tonic, as well as beer and wine. The tennis was followed by a delicious gourmet barbecue prepared by the Club in an informal and social atmosphere.

In September after another Tennis & Tonic evening was held with a more diverse crowd attending. Again, members and their guests enjoyed a good hit of tennis followed by a fantastic gourmet 'street-food' type barbecue with a menu of slow cooked meats, tortillas and burrito food.

These two evenings were most successful and attracted new members to the YM events.

Footy Night

Friday 12 June

The Young Members gathered for a few drinks, some meat pies and hot chips on a cold winter's Friday evening. The match between Port Adelaide and Geelong was beamed on the big screen in the Presidents Bar where we enjoyed a classic close game as well as a few drinks and socialising with other members.

Barefoot Bowls & Turning 18 Drinks

Friday 20 November

Come down to the grass courts after work on Friday 20 November for a fun, relaxed and chill-out night of barefoot bowls. Gather with other Young Members and your guests (up

to three guests per member) for some casual lawn-bowling, a few beverages in the sun and a superb gourmet barbecue dinner. This event is held in conjunction with the 'Turning 18 Drinks' so we actively encourage all Young Members, who have turned 18 throughout the year to join in on the festivities and bring a group down!

Staff

Farewell

After completing a total of fifty-seven years between them, Executive Chef Peter Villingier and Sous Chef Andre Trecate have retired from RSYLTC.

During their tenure our culinary offerings were taken to a new level and we thank them for their outstanding contribution to many of our memorable meals.

We wish them well in their future endeavours.



Welcome Executive Chef, Jake Ward

Jake has trained at 5 star hotels and Michelin restaurants in London before settling in Australia where he worked at

the Regent, Hyatt & Sheraton Hotels and Donavon's restaurant in St Kilda. He was responsible for the Le Meridien kitchen and subsequently the dual role of Executive Chef and Food & Beverage Manager.

After owning a successful hotel and restaurant Jake worked on the Mornington Peninsula before joining Royal South Yarra.



Welcome Sous Chef, Paul Maloney

Paul gained much experience in his early days working in iconic venues such as the Dogs Bar in St Kilda and held a rewarding

position at Grossi Floretino Restaurant before heading up the Hoo Haa Bar & Restaurant in Windsor. In 2007 he moved to London to work for the Soho House Group and returned to Australia to work as Head Chef for outlets in the Zampelis Group.

We look forward to Jake and Paul's new and exciting menus for the Club.

Winemakers Lunch

Mornington Peninsula Regional Winemakers Luncheon Friday 22 May

The Club chose a new format by engaging four Winemakers from the Mornington Peninsula renowned wine region - Kathleen Quealy of Quealy Vineyard, Balnarring, Michael Lee of Foxey's Hangout, Red Hill, Ewan Campbell of Phaedrus Estate, Moorooduc and Tim Elphick of Portsea Estate, Portsea.

Each winemaker was given the opportunity to show and offer

members samples of their wines the previous day as a selling and promotional exercise. Over sixty members and guests were entertained and given the chance to enjoy their excellent wines and delicious matching regional food.

The region is noted for Chardonnay Pinot Gris, Pinot Grigio and Pinot Noir, however, a remarkably good Sparkling, a choice of Red & White from Foxey's Hangout and an equally good Shiraz from Phaedrus surprised many. The

beautifully balanced Chardonnays from Portsea and the delightful Quealy Pinot Noir left a very good impression.

We are very fortunate to have such a fine choice of vineyards so close to our doorstep and we should all be encouraged to make the effort to drink and enjoy local wines, the standards are up there with world's best practice and the results show.

Adrian Bell
Convenor

Yarrayong Ball

Together with KLTC Younger Members, the RSY Young Members and their guests enjoyed an extravagant Ball at Kooyong on Saturday 22 August. Members and guests dressed up in their finest fur coats, hats and formal wear for the theme 'From Russia with Love'. A total of 350 tickets were sold in what is surely the highlight of the Young Members social calendar. The ballroom was decked out as a 'Winter Wonderland' with an ice sculptured swan as the stunning centrepiece and a Russian folk singer kicking off festivities on the dance floor!





Bridge

The Bridge Club is flourishing with excellent attendance to all our events. The Duplicate Bridge days conducted by Bridge Directors Sue and Laurie Kelso also continues to be very popular.

Duplicate Trophy winners:

April

N/S – Pru Court & Ann Camamile
E/W – Steve Kiddle & Sue Head

May

N/S – Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford
E/W – Pat Donges & Sally Marshall

June

N/S – Joan Gray & Mary Church
E/W – Pru Court & Ann Camamile

July

N/S – Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford
E/W – Mary Church & Shirley Philpott

August

N/S – Anne Gorman & Judy Foreman
E/W – Pru Court & Ann Camamile

September

N/S – Virginia Monahan & Jo Wenzel
E/W – Barbara King & Jenny Brash

The Duplicate Bridge Guest Day held on 5 May was our Charity Day of the year and \$1,000.00 was raised for the Alzheimer's Research Group. Members and their guests enjoyed a light lunch followed by duplicate bridge – we hope the bridge is keeping our brains in good order!

The Wednesday Duplicate Bridge and Dinner evenings held during March, May, September and November, conducted by Terry Crawford continues to be well attended by members and guests.

Bridge Challenges

Monday, 11 May the Club entertained the Peninsula Golf Club bridge members at our annual bridge challenge with Royal South Yarra reclaiming the trophy.

Monday, 18 May the Club hosted the biannual bridge match between RSY and the Melbourne Cricket Club with RSY being successful retaining the trophy. The second match was played on Monday 19 October at the MCC with RSY being victorious.

Monday, 29 June the Club hosted the biannual bridge match between Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club with Kooyong being victorious and reclaiming the trophy.

Tuesday, 21 July a bridge challenge was held at the Alexandra Club with RSY winning a duplicate competition.

*Mary Church
Convenor*

Forthcoming Events:

- **Tuesday 27 October & Tuesday 10 & 24 November**
Duplicate Bridge Afternoon
- **Tuesday 10 November**
Duplicate Bridge (Guests Day)
- **Wednesday 11 November**
Duplicate Bridge & Dinner Evening
- **Tuesday 8 December**
Christmas Bridge Lunch

AFL Footy Tipping Competition

Richard Roberts won the 2015 Footy Tipping Competition with a respectable 147 winners giving an average of 6.39 per week. Runner-up and third place were Joan Weber and Margaret Bugge respectively.

We congratulate Richard on his fine effort.

1st Prize \$860

2nd Prize \$250

3rd Prize \$120

There were 58 entries this year and we thank and acknowledge the efforts of Meagan Spicer from the Administration who coordinates the competition.

We look forward to another successful season in 2016.

Monday Evening Social Bridge

The Como Room is available for bridge playing members from 9:00am to 9:00pm on Mondays.

Beginners lessons will be conducted over eight sessions by Bridge Director Ben Kingham for the remainder of 2015.

Details of Intermediate Bridge lessons in 2016 will be advised in due course.

For further details please contact Di Hepworth at dihepworth@gmail.com



Ann Hargraves, Jayne Hanlon, Di Otter, Jane Williams, Anthea Bickford and Di O'Sullivan attended the Wednesday Duplicate Bridge in September.

The Verdant Group

Our program covering the second half of the year has been forwarded to all members who have indicated an interest in our group, together with our hope that you will find one or all of our projected activities of interest for you to join us.

We visited the National Gallery of Victoria at the end of September, where we received an introductory lecture followed by the viewing of the gallery's "Masterpieces from the Hermitage – The Legacy of Catherine the Great". For those with an interest in the arts this unique collection could not be missed. Lunch in the Persimmon Restaurant completed the occasion.

Other Verdant Group activities through to the end of the year are as follows:-

Friday 30 October – Wendy Seward has made arrangements for a morning visit to the National Wool Museum in Geelong where one can view and hear about the fascinating background and history associated with the important Australian wool industry. Lunch and the viewing of a fine garden will follow at the lovely Point Lonsdale home "Oakhill".

Friday 27 November – Arrangements have been made by Rosie Macdougall to visit the recently reopened Sherbrooke home "Burnham Beeches" where we will take lunch in their Piggery Café and enjoy their lovely Woodlands Garden.

Friday 11 December – the Como Room has been booked for our traditional Verdant Group Christmas Lunch. We do hope that all our group members can join together on this happy day to complete our year, to enjoy the four piece harmony of the

"Boardwalk Barbershop Quartet", the fine Christmas fare, with the extraordinary RSY Male Choir for the traditional carols and enjoy each other's company.

Remember that we encourage new members, your guests and single participation in particular.

National Gallery of Victoria



Sandi Crawford-Fish, Beverley Hattam, Aileen Hyden & Jenny Murchie



Helen Rowan, Bob & Dorothy Baenziger

Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

Christmas Eve – Thursday 24 December 2015

Normal trading until 4:00pm, at which time the Club will close

Christmas Day – Friday 25 December 2015

Closed

Saturday 26 December 2015 – Sunday 10 January 2016

Gym & Pool 7:00am – 7:00pm

Clubhouse, Presidents Bar, Courtyard Bar & Racquet Lounge 7:00am – 7:00pm

Dining (All Day Dining Menu only) 10:00am – 6:00pm

Monday 11 January 2016

Normal trading resumes

Fitness Classes

Fitness Classes will not be conducted from Monday 21 December 2015 – Monday 1 February 2016 inclusive.

Welcome to New Members

In May and September fifty-nine new members were welcomed to their Club membership, and were introduced to the General Committee, the Membership Board and key staff.

After the warm welcome given by President Peter Lie, new members along with their proposers mixed with other guests and enjoyed canapés and drinks.



Presidents Day

Friday 13 November

Enjoy a game of doubles and/or mixed doubles on the grass courts followed by casual dinner, drinks and presentations on the Western Terrace.

All playing standards ranging from competitive to social are welcome.

Tennis: 6:00pm

Dinner: 8:00pm

Guests: 1 per member

Cost: Members \$50-00, Guests \$60-00

RSVP: Monday 9 November to
Jarrad Wright

sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au

Bookings slip available from the website and administration.

Enquiries:

Sports Director 9829 1533

RSY Christmas Drinks

Friday 11 December

Christmas drinks will be held on the Balcony, in the Racquet Lounge and Members Dining Room.

Time: 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Guests: 3 guests per member

Cost: Members \$75-00,
Non-Members \$80-00

Ladies: Cocktail

Men: Jacket (Tie Optional)

RSVP: Samantha Dove
eventsmanager@rsyltc.org.au
or 9829 1516.

Summer Barbecue & Guest Tennis Evening

Friday 29 January

A social mixed, men's and women's doubles tournament played on grass followed by a barbecue adjacent to Court 1.

Time: Tennis available from 5:30pm,
barbecue from sunset

Meet: On the Grass Courts

Guests: 3 guests per member
(no visitor's fee applicable)

Cost: \$30-00 per person
– cash bar, drinks at bar prices

RSVP: Friday 22 January

Tennis courts available from 5:00pm

Early bookings essential
– first in, best dressed

Minimum booking four (4) players
per court. Tennis balls provided.

Convenor:

Di Hepworth - 0407 547 834

Lachlan Beer - 0403 786 007

Club Championships

12, 13, 14 & 19, 20, 21 February

Playing, Restricted Playing and Junior members, and Scholarship Holders are encouraged to enter the tennis Club Championships.

The championships will be played on grass courts and it is a great way to gain valuable match practice for the upcoming pennant season.

- New members are encouraged to participate - all standards of tennis are catered for

- Partners can be arranged for doubles events

- Online Entry @ www.rsyltc.org.au

Enquires:

Sports Director, Jarrad Wright 9829 1533

Save the Date!

Sunday 17 April 2016

The Vintage Member Lunch
held in honour of all
members aged eighty years
and over will be held on
Sunday 17 April.

Invitations will be mailed to
members closer to the date.

Save the Date

OCTOBER

Friday 30

The Verdant Group

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 10

Duplicate Bridge Afternoon

Wednesday 11

Duplicate Bridge & Dinner

Friday 13

President's Day

Sunday 15

Adult & Child Tennis Day

Welcome to New Junior Members

Pennant Tennis Try-out

Thursday 19

Annual General Meeting

Friday 20

Young Members Barefoot Bowls

Turning 18 Drinks

Tuesday 24

Duplicate Bridge Afternoon

– Trophy Competition

Friday 27

The Verdant Group Activity

Sat 28 – Sun 29

Royal Sydney Golf Club Visit

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1

Tuesday Tennis Badge Day Play Off &
Presentation Lunch

Sunday 6

Sunday Morning Group Christmas Lunch

Christmas Family Lunch

RSY Children's Christmas Party

Tuesday 8

Christmas Bridge Lunch

Friday 11

The Verdant Group Activity

RSY Christmas Cocktail Party

Sunday 13

Christmas Family Lunch

Sunday 20

Christmas Family Lunch

JANUARY

Thursday 21

RSY goes to the Australian Open Tennis

Friday 29

Summer Barbecue & Guest Tennis Event

Mont Verdant Apartments

The Club's apartments have undergone a stunning renovation for members, their guests, and reciprocal Club members for short or long term accommodation.

