



CENTRE COURT

Summer 2016



LLOYD HAVLIK

Winner of the Warren Kennedy Memorial Trophy

NATASHA VAN BEMMEL

Winner of the Ethel Le Neveu Trophy

CHRISTMAS
& NEW YEAR
TRADING
HOURS

**Christmas Eve,
Saturday 24 December 2016**
Normal Trading until 6:00pm
The Club will close at 7:00pm

**Christmas Day,
Sunday 25 December 2016**
Closed

**Monday 26 December 2016
– Sunday 8 January 2017**
Gym & Pool 7:00am – 6:30pm
Clubhouse, Presidents Bar,
Courtyard Bar & Racquet Lounge
7:00am – 7:00pm

Dining – Courtyard Bistro
(All Day Dining Menu & BBQ's)
10:00am – 6:00pm

Monday 9 January 2017
Normal trading resumes

Fitness Classes
Fitness Classes will
not be conducted from
Monday 19 December 2016 –
Friday 27 January 2017
inclusive. Classes will resume
on Monday 30 January 2017.



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President's Report

I would like to welcome members to the summer edition of the Centrecourt Magazine. We experienced a long cold winter and an exceptionally wet spring. However, with the days getting longer and Bill Turner doing an excellent job on our grass courts, we are looking forward to a wonderful summer of tennis and activities at the Club. It is customary that I set out for you a summary of what has happened around the Club and what is coming up in the near future.

GROUND & CLUBHOUSE

With such a large complex, it is always difficult to determine where to allocate resources to ensure that we provide a satisfying outcome for members. That said, I advise that since the renovations to the Mont Verdant Apartments, we have continued to obtain a high occupancy rate from members, their guests and reciprocal members. The tennis courts are always on a maintenance watch but we are very pleased with the full rebuild of courts 1-4 which now play beautifully. We have continued to enhance a number of areas in the clubhouse and recently installed new hot water systems to ensure members' needs are accommodated. Furniture and water coolers have been upgraded in the sporting areas, the air conditioner was replaced in the Pavilion and the Squash Court area is now secure with members required to use their security card to gain access.

FOUNDATION

To date, the RSYLTC Foundation has had a very successful year, hosting a Cocktail Party in May and the Croquet Tournament in October. Full details of the Foundation's activities and successes are detailed elsewhere in this edition of Centrecourt.

MASTER PLAN

I'm very pleased to advise that our Master Planning Group which consisted of the Honorary Secretary — Jonathan Roberts, Roger Poole and Derek Skues, have now completed a very informative document which outlines the property needs of the Club going forward. I would commend this document to you, which is available on the website.

TENNIS

The Club completed the 2016 Tennis Victoria winter pennant season in August with ten of our seventeen teams reaching the finals. The Women's Grade 3 team captained by Georgia Rogers won their grand final defeating MCC. Lloyd Havlik was awarded the Men's Grade 6 Tennis Victoria Pennant Player of the Year.

Junior tennis at the Club continues to be strong with junior players competing in the Bayside Regional Tennis Association on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

SQUASH

In the autumn Club Circuit competition, the C1 team, captained by Roger Moritz won a premiership defeating MCC (see separate report). The 2016 Men's and Women's Open Singles Squash Champions were James Kavourakis and Sophie Temple.

The Club is assisting Grace Park Hawthorn Club, Squash Section, allowing five teams to host their home matches at RSY during the renovation of their clubhouse. This is an important part of our inter-club co-operation culture.

STRATEGIC PLAN TOWARDS 2020

Over the past few months, the Committee along with the Executive and external consultants have completed a Strategic Plan which will take the Club through to 2020. The Strategic Plan is a vital document in setting a framework for the future of the Club.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Since my last report, members social events have included, the Club's signature event the 'Rio Carnivale', the Young Members annual Yarrayong Ball (Rio 2016), the RSY Sports Dinner, two Welcome to New Members evenings, a Winemakers Lunch and the ever popular Caulfield Cup Calcutta. These events were all very successful and I look forward to seeing you over the Christmas period.

– Drew Fenton

Obituaries

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

Susan Mary Maidhael Bolton
Playing Member – 1943

Deirdre Jane Drummond
Playing Member – 2000

Ann Faulkner
Special Non Playing Member – 1969

Thomas James Gillespie
Playing Member – 1942

Gwyneth Jean Rhys Harrison
Playing Member – 1981

Norman Jeffries Marshall
Playing Member – 2005

Donald John McDonald
Playing Member – 1954

David John Morris
Playing Member – 1974

Annie Meredith Perkins
Playing Member – 1978

Lady Susan Renouf
Restricted Playing Member – 2007

Brian James Ritter
Non Playing Member – 1991

Bruce Frederick Williams
Life Member – 1952

Lawrence James Woods
Honorary Life Member – 1954

Cedric Mason Wins Victorian Spirit of Tennis Award

It was a very special and treasured moment at the June 2016 Tennis Victoria Championships dinner when we witnessed our esteemed Honorary Life Member, Cedric Mason, receive the Spirit of Tennis Award.

Cedric, an RSY member since 1953, joined Frank Sedgman, Neale Fraser, Judy Dalton, Pat Cash and Margaret Court on the Honour Roll. He was a member of the RSY Men's A Grade winning pennant team in 1960 and Club Captain from 1991-1993.

It is indeed a fitting tribute to Cedric's lifetime dedication and service to the game and recognises the significant contribution he has made in the promotion and growth of tennis.



2016 Queen's Birthday Honours

The Club would like to congratulate members who have been recognised for their contribution to our community:

Mr Anthony J Beddison AO AC who received an award in the Queen's Birthday Honours for eminent service to the community through leading roles with national and international charitable organisations, as an advocate for corporate social responsibility, philanthropy and business innovation, to children's health and to business.

Mrs Samantha H Baillieu AM who received an award in the Queen's Birthday Honours for significant service to the community through support for charitable initiatives, to animal welfare, and to rural and regional renewal.

Lawrence (Lawrie) James Kenworthy Woods 1927 – 2016

The Club lost one of its senior Past Presidents and one of its great contributors in June of this year with the passing of sixty-two year member Lawrie Woods at the age of eighty-nine.



Lawrie's administrative contribution commenced in 1956 upon joining the General Committee of the Club, growing in significance as Vice-President 1961-1967 and as President 1967-1974.

Undoubtedly Lawrie's main distinction lay in the

responsibility he held in relation to the historic major reconstruction of the clubhouse during 1971-1972. Together with years of preliminary work associated with the project, he had the task of obtaining the difficult approval of members to proceed.

In relation to this rebuilding project, for those that were present, who could forget the 1970 animated Extraordinary General Meeting of members in the Toorak Presbyterian church hall; the temporary timber Clubhouse positioned on Porous Courts 5 and 6 which united everyone and ultimately resulted in the gender equality within the Club; and the official opening of the new Clubhouse by the Governor.

Other notable events during Lawrie's Presidency included:

- 1968 Marquee Dinner-Dance for three hundred & sixty people held on grass courts 1 and 2
- The very serious 1967 drought affecting all the grass courts that resulted in the permanent cessation of the Club's long-time Annual Open Christmas Tournaments
- The establishment in 1970 of the Membership Advisory Board

- The 1974 first 'South Pacific Grand Prix' televised professional tournament played on the Club's courts

Lawrie was a serious, very competitive pennant tennis and squash player of good standard, a regular Club squash representative throughout the 1950s and the winner of many Club perpetual tennis trophies, particularly the Men's Senior Doubles and Men's Veterans Doubles.

In recognition of his contribution to the Club Lawrie was elected an Honorary Life Member at the Annual General Meeting of 1975.

In the business world Lawrie was very accomplished, founding two successful companies with Woods Furniture and Woods Auto Shops, of which he was very proud.

In his latter years of retirement Lawrie lived in his beautiful clifftop Portsea home overlooking the bay where he insisted upon a daily swim from his beach until he was unable to do so.

Lawrie was diagnosed in 1981 with Motor Neurone Disease from which he suffered a gradual physical degeneration resulting in his ultimate death. He was a respected, friendly man of great character, determination and achievement who carved a niche for himself in the history of our Club.

Club Member receives Stonnington Citizen of the Year Award

John Hood received the Mayor's Special Service Award for his work with mecwacare, a not-for-profit aged care and community services provider founded in Malvern.

John has also served as the chairman of the Victorian division of the Australian Red Cross and spent a number of years serving on the charity's board of directors. A very deserving recipient.

Very Special Kids

The Very Special Kids organization hosted a Mother's Day luncheon at the Club and in turn raised \$25,000 for this very worthy cause.

This Stonnington based charity helps families who care for a child with a life-threatening condition. By giving a little support to our community, it goes a long way to assist families to receive the extra support required in such tragic circumstances.



Farewell James

After serving the Club for six years as its Hospitality Director, James Fien resigned his position from the Club.

During James' tenure he paid special attention to the food & beverage offerings at the Club and at Club events.

For the latter, his creative talents turned many events from mundane to spectacular. We wish James all the very best for his next venture and thank him for his outstanding contributions to the Club.

It is also fitting that we extend a warm welcome to John McConnon, who has recently joined the team as our new Hospitality Director.

We ask that you introduce yourself to John, when you next visit the Club. We are certain that John will make a positive impact and his outstanding food and wine knowledge will certainly be an asset to our Club.

Crèche

Our Crèche Manager, Danielle Garwood and her team create a caring and fun-filled environment for members and guests children. In the knowledge their children are happy and well cared for, members are free to play tennis, use the gym and/or participate in fitness classes, as well as enjoy the offerings in the Courtyard Bistro and Members Dining Room.

The crèche facility is available to non-school aged children from Monday to Friday (except Public Holidays) and opens from 8:45am to 3:30pm.

The sessions range from:

- 8:45am to 11:00am
- 11:00am to 1:15pm
- 1:15pm to 3:30pm



Bookings may be made up to one school term in advance for 2.25 hrs, 4.5 hrs or 5 hrs period, commencing at any time from 8.45am.

The cost is \$25.00 per session, per 2.25 hrs. For further details and bookings contact Danielle on 9829 1510 or email crèche@rsyltc.org.au or www.rsyltc.org.au

AUTUMN BARBECUE & GUEST TENNIS EVENING

Friday 7 April 2017

A social mixed, men's and women's doubles tournament played on grass followed by a BBQ.

Time: Tennis from 5:30pm, BBQ from sunset

Guests: 3 guests per member (visitor fees waived)

Convenors: Lachlan Beer and Di Hepworth

RSVP: sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au or 9829 1533

Early bookings essential.



ROYAL SOUTH YARRA LAWN TENNIS CLUB FOUNDATION

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

EMISSARIES

In addition to the Trustees a number of members have agreed to act as Emissaries to the Foundation to assist in raising its profile and also promote the Foundation to other Club members.

The members include Mary Church, Peter Clarke, Zara Kimpton OAM, John McInnes OAM, Angus Mackay, Susie Strangward and Rob Warnock.

ACTIVITIES

A cocktail party held in May was given to thank and recognise the forty-one Major Donors/ Foundation Benefactors, who had contributed \$1,000 or more to the Foundation.

The guest speaker, Todd Woodbridge, gave an interesting talk as he spoke about the role Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club can play in supporting and developing tennis in Australia.

Over the past year we have gained financial support from many members who had not previously donated to the Foundation, including the Club's Tuesday Bridge group, which has also become a Foundation Benefactor.

Prior to 30 June 2016, the Club transferred the proceeds from a recent bequest to the Foundation, from the estate of Valerie Edwards, which is the first bequest received by the Club since the creation of the Foundation.



We are very appreciative of this bequest and hope it will encourage other members to make a donation to the Foundation and/or consider providing a future bequest to the Club. The Foundation reserves now stand at over \$436,000. Consequently, the Foundation Trustees have prepared an investment policy to protect and grow this over time.

Funds from the Foundation will be directed towards capital projects and sport development. The Trustees will consider establishing a sport development bursary for elite tennis or squash players and supporting capital projects identified within the Club's Master Plan.

We are now ten years old and I am very pleased to advise that our current group of Trustees possess a diverse range of complementary specialist skills, coupled with a great passion for the Club. This I believe, will collectively and prudently drive the Foundation forward for many years to come.

The General Committee recently agreed to the Club's annual Croquet Tournament being sponsored by the Foundation, with an appropriate trophy. This year the event took place on Sunday 16 October.

– Derek Skues

Contributors to the Foundation

BEQUESTS

Estate of R Valerie Edwards

MAJOR DONORS

(\$10,000 or more)

Anonymous
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(\$1,000 to \$9,999)

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Peter S F Lie
John L C McInnes
Richard N Mirfield
Graeme D Mollison
Catherine L Moore
Norman M Roberts
Helen M Robertson
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Victor E Teasdale
Neil M Thomas
Angela M Westacott
Andrew J Willder

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Captain’s Report

Tennis at the Club is flourishing with the courts as busy as ever. As the weather improves, this will only grow and it has been fantastic to see so many members and their guests enjoy the Club and witness this hive of on-court activity spilling over to social interaction off-court.

TENNIS VICTORIA PENNANT

In August, eleven of the seventeen teams competing in the Men’s and Women’s 2016 Tennis Victoria Pennant competition reached the finals.

The week following the RSY Sports Dinner, the Women’s Grade 3 pennant team competed in the grand final against MCC Tennis Club which was held at the neutral venue of Kooyong LTC. The team was well supported by a large contingent of RSY supporters who were treated to some superb tennis. Our team came out strongly in the singles, taking a 3-1 lead going into the doubles. After plenty of hard fought tennis, the team was victorious 4-11-93 to 3-6-85. Members of the winning team were Emily Collin, Piper Priestley, Sam Rogers, Stacey Flaounas, Georgia Rogers (Capt.), Ellie Rogers and Nikita Chumbley.

The Women’s Grade 2 team, co-captained by Caroline Fernando and Danijela Mijic, and the Master Men’s 45+ team, captained by Richard Joubert, reached the grand final and finished runners-up. In March, the Club fielded a Men’s and Women’s team in the 2016 Premier League. This competition is the highest competition in the state and provides some exciting tennis for members to view when each club hosts a super-round. Both teams were competitive with the Men’s and Women’s teams finishing outside the top three.

CAPTAIN’S TROPHY

The Captain’s Trophy is an initiative that was unashamedly borrowed directly from the golf club knockout system where participants are put into a draw and given a period of approximately four weeks to co-ordinate their match with their opponent(s). It is another great opportunity for members to play competitive tennis against one another and foster new relationships. The winners of the 2015/16 Captain’s Trophy were:

- A Grade mixed - Adrian Soon & Cassandra Moraleja
- B Grade mixed - Sue Gatford & Andrew Meagher
- Men’s B Grade Singles - Lloyd Havlik
- Women’s B Grade Singles - Sue Gatford
- Men’s A Grade Singles - Harry Lim
- Women’s A Grade Singles - Gemma O’Farrell

The 2016/17 Captain’s Trophy commenced in November to coincide with the opening of the grass courts, which will encourage matches to be played on the Club’s preferred surface. Matches will be played until mid-February.

GRASS COURT TENNIS

The Spring Racing Carnival signals the start of the grass court season with the ground staff traditionally aiming to have courts open by Melbourne Cup Day. This season promises to see a lot of grass court use, with members traditionally taking advantage of the improving weather and daylight savings to hit during the day and most evenings. The Club’s signature tennis events are designed around the grass court season and members are encouraged to participate in these events which include:

- Captain’s Trophy commenced in November
- Captain’s Hit-ups (Saturday afternoon) commenced in November
- Club Championships, 9-12 & 16-19 February 2017
- Captain’s vs President’s Challenge, Sunday 19 March 2017

Have a great summer of tennis and I look forward to seeing as many members as possible on the courts and in the clubhouse.

– Lachlan Beer

Night Competition

In the 2016 autumn competition RSY had seven finalists with two teams going all the way.

In the Monday Night Open Section 1 Competition, RSY had one finalist. The “Super Captain” Rowan Sawers tried everything in his power to get his team over the line. Unfortunately, it wasn’t to be so better luck next season to the “Topspinners”!

The Monday night Open Section 2 finals were a truly RSY affair with three of the four teams representing our Club. Even with the odds in our favour it was a tough series. In the first semi-final, on the dodgy Melbourne Uni deck, Darko Tausan ripped his achilles off the bone, he battled on manfully but to no avail – it was a forfeit. The subsequent diagnosis has not been good. Darko won’t be returning to the court anytime soon!

The following week the “Mighty Allsorts” took revenge for their fallen comrade and collected the title in a tight one. The season’s team included Edwina Affleck, Lachlan Beer, Jennifer Langford, Kate MacNeil, Catherine Martyn, James Matthies, the now retired ‘Little General’ Andrew Meagher and Stuart & Rachel McRae. Well done team, truly deserving, and thanks for the beer afterwards in the bar.

In a dominating performance the Open Section 3 title was taken out by the “Smashers”, and smash them they did! This team barely lost a set, let alone a match. As a direct result of this awesome performance, they completely skipped a section and were moved up to Section 1.

The Ladies Section 1 competition was not won by the “Diamonds”. To the uninitiated this may appear an odd thing to say, however, so far they have won four flags in a row under numerous guises and incarnations. However, it was not all doom and gloom for the Diamonds as Zoe Browning took out the coveted night competition ‘Player of the Year’ award at our recent Sports Dinner.

Finally, the one and only Tuesday night team – the “Yarras” (who came up with that name?) made the finals as per usual. This team has had vast success over the past seasons (perhaps only rivalled by the trophy hunting Diamonds).

We have more teams than ever before and this competition is going from strength to strength.

– Richard Ralph



Andrew Meagher, Stuart McRae, Kate MacNeil & Lachlan Beer

Eastern Districts Women’s Tennis Association

The 2016 autumn season of the EDWTA Mid-Week Ladies Competition was very competitive.

Eight teams competed in the competition with three teams qualifying for and winning their respective grand final, completing a trifecta.

The Section 2 (RSY3) team of Adrienne Bishop (Capt.), Libby Hicks, Louise Rehe, Penny O’Farrell, Sally Bell and Ro Scarborough defeated Donvale Tennis Club in the grand final.

The Section 4 (RSY6) team of Susan Mackay, Mandy Woodard, Annabel Holmes (Capt.), Ginny Aitken, Andrea Donaldson and Sallyanne Sawers won their grand final convincingly, defeating East Malvern Tennis Club.

The Section 6 (RSY8) team of Dimity Millear (Capt.), Kate Longbottom, Lucy Fortey, Sally Cameron, Susannah Calvert-Jones, Anthea Francis and Kirsten Mailer won their grand final in a tightly contested match against Nunawading Tennis Club.

Congratulations to all players on a fun and competitive season.

Section 2 (pictured L-R) Adrienne Bishop, Libby Hicks, Louise Rehe & Penny O’Farrell

Section 4 (pictured L-R) Susan Mackay, Mandy Woodard, Annabel Holmes & Ginny Aitken

Section 6 (pictured L-R) Dimity Millear, Kate Longbottom, Lucy Fortey & Sally Cameron



Section 2



Section 4



Section 6

Lloyd Havlik

*2016 Tennis Victoria Pennant
Player of the Year*

In September, Lloyd was awarded the Men’s Grade 6 Pennant Player of the Year. This award recognises the outstanding season of an individual player in each grade and in many cases the winners compete against over two hundred players for this honour.

A very worthy winner, congratulations Lloyd!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

*9, 10, 11, 12 & 16, 17, 18,
19 February 2017*

Playing, Restricted Playing, Junior members, and Scholarship Holders are encouraged to enter the Club Championships which will be played on grass courts. New members are encouraged to participate — all standards welcome. Partners can be arranged for doubles events. Online entry only.

Enquiries: Sports Director, Jarrad Wright 9829 1533

2016 Tennis Victoria Pennant Teams

MEN

Grade 1, Section 2

Jeremy Beale
Harry Lim
Andrew McLean
Campbell Salmon
Yuri Mijic (Capt.)
Oliver Casey

Grade 2, Section 1

Adam Freeman
Carl Wood
Ruben Digby-Diercks (Co. Capt.)
Stuart Janiszewski
James Freeman (Co. Capt.)
Andrew Macfarlane

Grade 2, Section 2

Alexandros Yiappos
Yani Patras (Capt.)
Adrian Soon
Paul Leffler
Matthew Camenzuli
Richard Robson
Terry Batistatos
Matthew Woerndle

Grade 4, Section 1

Andre Del Papa
James Gilson
Henry Casey
Tom Trumble
Stuart McRae (Capt.)
Edward Bickford

Grade 4, Section 2

Callum Champion de Crespigny (Capt.)
Drew Fenton
Nick Salmon
Hamish Salmon
James Everitt
Rupert Mosley

Grade 4, Section 3

Andrew Buchanan
Graeme Campbell
James Bull
Alex Molnar (Capt.)
Robert Venturini
Chris O’Farrell

Grade 6, Section 1

Lloyd Havlik
Huw Gatford (Capt.)
James Moore
Marsel Stanisic
Jonas Holk Darnos
Timothy McDonald

Grade 8, Section 1

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

Grade 8, Section 2

Ethan McRae (Capt.)
Lachlan Hicks
Matthew Jaskiewicz
Maxim Fisher
Mathew Hayward
Tom Richardson
Nick Gubbins
Christian Hendy
William Beaton

Master’s 45+ - Grade 2

Richard Joubert (Capt.)
Tony Joubert
Hamish Sutton
Steve McGlaughlin
Tim Breadmore
Peter Lie
David Hepworth
David Dunstan
Jonathan Roberts
Jock Holland

WOMEN

Grade 1, Section 1

Taylah Mielczarek
Cassandra Moraleja (Capt.)
Natasa Ilic
Audrey Teo
Annabel Jaskiewicz
Zoe Theodorakopoulos
Gabriella Ioannou

Grade 1, Section 2

Monika Wejnert
Marie Monterosso (Capt.)
Taylor Capannolo
Ellie Capannolo
Bianca Horsley
Gussie O’Sullivan
Tayla Stenta
Rani Goodland
Gemma Goodland

Grade 2, Section 1

Monique Hric
Erica Layton
Jovana Stanisic
Natasha Van Bommel
Danijela Mijic (Co. Capt.)
Rachel McRae
Caroline Fernando (Co. Capt.)

Grade 3, Section 1

Emily Collin
Piper Priestley
Sam Ritchie
Georgia Rogers (Capt.)
Stacey Flaounas
Ellie Rogers
Nikita Chumbley

Grade 3, Section 2

Michaela Majdan
Olivia Fowler (Capt.)
Chelsea Armstrong
Sue Albert
Vanessa Calvert
Rebecca Murray
Laura Dean
Sasha Kenna

Grade 4, Section 2

Kate MacNeil (Capt.)
Sue Gatford
Anna O’Gorman
Virginia Collins
Jennifer Langford
Charlotte Fenner
Sarah Robinson

Grade 5, Section 2

Skye Douglass
Jacqui Saunders (Capt.)
Claudia Albert
Phoebe Jefferson
Emma Heeps-Eriksen
Jessie Gleeson
Lucy Roper

Tuesday Tennis Group

The Tuesday Tennis Group continues to be a strong, happy and cohesive group, enjoying relaxed social tennis and comradeship.

We have again had another lovely grass court season with the courts beautifully prepared by the grounds staff. The porous courts have been in equally good condition over the autumn season with players managing to play most Tuesdays, braving the gusty and inclement weather whilst enjoying a good standard of tennis.

The Badge Days have been keenly contested and our winners were:

MARCH

Silver Section

Winner – Carolyn Martyn
Runner-up – Deborah Skues

APRIL

Silver Section

Winner – Mandy Woodard
Runner-up – Annabel Holmes

Bronze Section

Winner – Liz Bostock
Runner-up – Susan Mackay

JUNE

Silver Section

Winner – Carolyn Martyn
Runner-up – Deborah Skues

Bronze Section

Winner – Sallyanne Sawers
Runner-up – Mandy Woodard

JULY

Silver Section

Winner – Bryony Simpson
Runner-up – Sue O'Brien

Bronze Section

Winner – Jane Roberts
Runner-up – Liz Rayward

SEPTEMBER

Silver Section

Winner – Mandy Woodard
Runner-up – Brigitte Claney

Bronze Section

Winner – Shadda Abercrombie
Runner-up – Sue O'Brien

OCTOBER

Silver Section

Winner – Brigitte Claney
Runner-up – Mandy Woodard

Bronze Section

Winner – Shadda Abercrombie
Runner-up – Susan Mackay

The Joy Fair Perpetual Trophy was contested by the Badge Day finalists on Tuesday 6th December with the trophy presented at the Christmas lunch.

Interested players can contact the Convenors:

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or Kerri Unsworth
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E kerri@kibby.com.au

RSY Sports Dinner

The RSY Sports Dinner is a celebration of all competitive sport at the Club and is a chance for members to mingle with team mates and friends.

For the first time ever, the Sports Dinner was sold out, with 176 members and guests in attendance. The evening commenced with canapés and live music in the Members Dining Room before moving into the Como Room for main course and dessert. Upon completion of the presentation of the Club's major sporting awards, attendees danced the night away with a brilliant DJ and saxophone combination.

The recipients of the Perpetual Trophies were:

- Lloyd Havlik won the Warren Kennedy Memorial Trophy, awarded to the best performing men's pennant player.
- Natasha Van Bommel won the Ethel Le Neveu Trophy, awarded to the best performing women's pennant player.
- Ginny Aitken and Mandy Woodard won the Judy Dalton Perpetual Trophy, awarded to two players with the best match results over two consecutive seasons in the Mid-Week Ladies competition.
- Zoe Browning won The Night Tennis Trophy, awarded the best player over two consecutive seasons in the Night Tennis Competition.
- Samantha Ritchie won the Junior Perpetual Trophy, awarded to the best performed junior player representing the Club in competition tennis.
- David McRae won the Dick Doyle Memorial Squash Trophy, awarded to the pennant squash player with the best win/loss record over two seasons.



Richard Ralph & Zoe Browning



Gabriella Ioannou, Natasa Ilic & Beatrice Hetrel



Roger Moritz, Trevor Giacometti, Hugh Gengoult-Smith & David Court



Richard Joubert with Tim & Louise Breadmore



Drew Fenton & Aaron Leeder-Chard



Ginny Aitken, Judy Dalton & Mandy Woodard



Conrad Lim, Stuart Janiszewski & Charlotte Cameron



Emily Collin, Olivia Fowler, Rebecca Murray, Piper Priestley, Caroline Fernando & Danijela Mijic



Andrew & Gemma Meagher



Storm Sanders & Tammi Patterson

Pennant Profile: Caroline Fernando

AGE: 38
PLAY: Right Hand
PENNANT: Grade 2



Q. When did you begin playing tennis?

I started playing tennis when I was about 8 years old. Mum and Dad both played, so my siblings and I often followed them around (in the back of our van) during Saturday afternoon comp. The competition and social aspects were very appealing and I had a great coach who encouraged my love of the sport.

Q. Tennis Achievements?

As a junior, I played in Shell Squad and at the top level of Eastern District Junior Competition. I then received a full scholarship to play College tennis in Arkansas, where I completed an Exercise Physiology degree whilst playing tennis for the university.

Q. How often do you practice?

I try to hit two to three times a week. I have been fortunate enough to participate in the Friday night squads, which are so well run by Conrad Lim and his team of excellent coaches at SMARTennis.

I have met other members through this and definitely improved my game, especially my doubles game! I also like to run regularly as part of my cross training and play table tennis & squash for variety, (especially when the Club Championships are on!)

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

It would be an amazing thrill and honour to win the Australian Open in front of a home crowd, with all of my family and friends there.

Q. Who is your ideal tennis role model?

Growing up my biggest role model was Steffi Graf, as she was always so composed, although I was never going to be able to hit a one handed backhand like her! Nothing seemed to upset her and she just got on with the job of winning, and winning well. Her technique was flawless and her attitude on and off the court was inspirational.

Q. Do you have any advice to give other tennis players?

Tennis is not just about hitting balls, it is about strategy and mental toughness. So be prepared to change your game if something is not working. In addition, for pennant, if you cannot play doubles you will not make it to the finals, so it is a good idea to learn how to volley!

Q. Have you enjoyed success in the RSYLTC Club Championships?

I have made it to the final of the women's open doubles and semi-final of the mixed open doubles. Next year I hope to make it one better!

Pennant Profile: James Freeman

AGE: 25
PLAY: Right Hand / Left Hand
PENNANT: Grade 2



Q. When did you begin playing tennis?

I remember first picking up a racquet aged 8 years old with my younger brother, Adam. It was back in the days of 'after-school-care' and I distinctly recall my weapon of choice was a black & green Dunlop 'Max Plus' 25.

We lived across the pond in Yarraville at the time, so we would often request that Mum/Dad collect us from school no earlier than 5pm, so we could thrash it out against one another. Our intense rivalry, sparring and jeering have remained with us ever since.

Q. Tennis Achievements?

For the most part, these have been acquired off court... In 2011, I met Novak Djokovic, in my then professional capacity as a concierge of a boutique hotel in a leafy suburb of Melbourne. Attending to the daily needs of his entourage.

More recently I have savoured the sweet nectar of victory in the following competitions:

- Men's Summer Pennant 15/16 – RSY Section 3 Champions.
- BNDTA Tuesday Night Competition 14/15 – RSY Section 2 & 3 Champions.
- SEEK Annual Mixed Doubles 16 – Work Champions.

My career prize money, to-date, totals an imposing \$250. (I actually think the printer may have left off a few zeros, but that's okay, I don't like to boast).

Finally, I am yet to encounter defeat when playing tennis abroad. I have played in France, Thailand and Japan and my international career singles record stands at a notable 3 wins: 0 losses.

Q. How often do you practice?

As often as I can. Typically twice a week and nine times out of ten at RSY. I think the ideal amount is two during the week and one longer hit on the weekend.

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

To be perfectly honest, I still think I have this opportunity... on the Masters Tour...if my knees and body haven't blown-up by then. We'll see!

In all seriousness, if given the choice it would be between Roland-Garros & Wimbledon. That said, I can't imagine playing on the Parisian dirt gets anywhere close to the stupor of that immaculate, freshly cut lawn at the All England Club. So it's Wimbey for me! Incidentally, I've never been to either tournament, but plan on visiting the SW19 in the not too distant future (hopefully with an RSY army in tow!).

Q. Who is your ideal tennis role model?

This one's easy as two people come to mind straight away:

Bjorn Borg:

- Beautiful player, in both style and grace and on-court demeanour
- 5 Wimbledon and 6 French Open crowns
- 'Delicious' double-handed backhand
- That hair and headband combination! And the now iconic Fila getup

Wayne Cowley:

- Taught me the ABC of doubles: Always Be Closing!
- RSY Club Legend and no stranger to the Championship Honour Boards
- Guile, strategy, spin and placement are his chief on-court weapons
- That left handed swinging serve. We've all seen it, but who has returned it?

Q. Do you have any advice to give other tennis players?

The best advice I received wasn't actually intended for me specifically. The advice was in the form of a hand-written note that I surreptitiously stumbled across in 2011. The note read:

"Remember Novak, it's not the will to win that makes a winner, but the will to prepare."

Those seventeen words have struck a chord with me. I think this mantra is particularly apt as we all contemplate the off-season and how we might embark upon shedding the winter weight and transform ourselves into worthy Club Championship material.

As my Mum always says, "I've never seen a winner that went out. So just hit more winners, James!"

Q. Have you enjoyed success in the RSYLTC Club Championships?

That depends on how you define success. The short answer: no, not quite, very nearly. The long answer: on two occasions Carl Wood and I have made it to the last Sunday of the Open Men's Doubles Championship only to be defeated by champions Steve Casey & Phil Kloc (2013) and Yuri Mijic & Alexandros Yiappos (2014).

Champion Loretta Sheales and I also made an appearance in the Open Mixed Final in 2014, but Taylor Stenta & partner (guess who) Alexandros Yiappos were too strong on the day.

Perhaps I'll just etch my own name into the honour board. Is that allowed?

Junior Report

BAYSIDE JUNIOR COMPETITION

The Club entered two teams on Saturday and six teams on Sunday in the 2016 autumn and spring competitions of the Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA).

Training for the BRTA junior competition has continued with sessions held on Tuesday evenings and squad training for the more advanced players held on Friday evenings.

YEAR 8 DISCO

The Year 8 Disco was held in May and this popular event was a sell-out yet again and enjoyed by junior members and their guests. This night is the only non-tennis event on the junior calendar, as such it is not to be missed.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS

Over the past few months we have held two Junior Round Robin tournaments and two Hot Shots tournaments.

At the Junior Round Robin tournaments each court had an overall winner and a Sportsmanship Award was presented to a player on each court, who behaved in the most sportsmanlike way.

These tournaments were very well attended and with beautiful weather, the players socialised at the sausage sizzle at the end of the day. If you are keen for your children to start playing tennis at the Club, these days are a great introduction.

The Hot Shots tournaments enables young children to start rallying much earlier in the sport of tennis and allows them to enjoy match play. These tournaments are conducted by the Club's SMARTennis coaches.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENTS



TEEN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

On Sunday 16 October, RSY hosted the annual Teen Tennis Challenge against Kooyong LTC, where twenty-four players from each club were selected to represent their respective club.

Although we were aiming for a 'three-peat', unfortunately, it wasn't to be with Kooyong winning the coveted Cedric Mason Trophy in a tight battle (96 games to 93).

It was looking a little grim on the weather-front with strong winds in the morning and rain in the afternoon. However, luck was on our side, the wind died down and the rain stayed away allowing for a perfect afternoon for doubles tennis on the porous courts. Both teams had four players on each court (spread over six courts) playing doubles tennis to time (20 minutes per match). The spectators were all impressed with the tennis skills and sportsmanship on display. It was truly exceptional!

Cedric presented medallions to the court winners, prior to announcing the overall result of the day. The Club's deserving court winners were: Liam Albrecht, Vivienne Johnston, Oscar Lynagh, Charlie Gough, Lachlan Francis & Harriet Gray.

Congratulations to all players on your fantastic efforts, we look forward to 2017 where we head to Kooyong and aim to come home with the trophy!



SMARTennis

COACHING TIP RETURN-OF-SERVE

The first golden rule for a great return-of-serve is to train yourself to hold your forehand grip with your playing hand and have the backhand grip locked-in with your other hand. This applies to a single or double-handed backhand. This technique will allow you to hit topspin returns from both sides of your body, which is very necessary in today's tennis.

Next, face the direction of the server, which means do not stand parallel with the baseline, but more angled into the court, facing towards your opposition. This helps being able to return equally as well from both sides of your body, as you will not be favouring a particular return wing.

Next, I would like you to try to do a slight jump, leaning ever so slightly forward. This restricts a backwards movement to the incoming serve and allows you to take it slightly earlier. However, you must practice landing with both feet on the ground simultaneously when the ball hits your opposition's strings.

Finally, you should try to plan where you will return the ball.

I believe that the forehand return should always be aimed to the forehand side of your opponents end (if you are right handed then always aim to where a right hander's forehand side would be and the same applies if left handed then always aim your forehand return to where a left hander's forehand side of court is, regardless of which hand your opponent plays with). Always aim your backhand return to the corresponding backhand side of the court. Not only will aiming to these sides encourage you to take the return earlier, it means that if you contact the ball late you still have half a court for the ball to land in. Human error dictates that unless you hit every return perfectly, your opponent won't know your pattern. Even if they do figure it out, you will have already taken control of the point and have a huge advantage.

With some simple practice and structure like this, your return game should very quickly become an extremely strong part of your winning formula.

Play well!

- Andrew McLean



Squash Report

VSRA CLUB CIRCUIT

The Club fielded four teams in the 2016 autumn competition; Grades B1, C1, D1 and F.

The C1 team of Trevor Giacometti, Jonathan Cameron, Hugh Gengoult-Smith, David Court and Roger Moritz won the premiership defeating MCC.

David McRae was awarded the 2016 Dick Doyle Memorial Trophy at this year's Sports Dinner, for the best performance (win/loss ratio) over two consecutive squash pennant seasons.

The 2016 Men's Open Squash Club Champion was James Kavourakis who defeated Jason Wolff. This was James' eighth Open title in nine years.

The 2016 Women's Open Squash Club Champion was Sophie Temple who defeated Louise Field. This was Sophie's third consecutive title.

The Handicap Event was won by David McRae who defeated John O'Sullivan.

Table Tennis Club Championships

An ode to the 2016 Table Tennis Club Championships

When Pennant is done and dusted
Alas - for one more year,
Come hither to the merry mantle
Of Table Tennis cheer.

Look - see the athletes!
In all shapes and sizes,
Bounding down from Presi's bar
Wearing their tricky disguises.

A true warrior's game
And even an Olympic sport,
On stage in Como Room
Many close battles were fought.

The youngsters were strong
And almost stole the bacon,
But their beer loving foes
Were not to be mistaken.

With 87 warriors in attendance
And 6 arenas on display,
A special thanks to Jarrad
& Meagan For making
everyone's Friday.

This TT enthusiast knows the score,
And takes his leisure here and now,
Content and fulfilled as
The sun goes down.

The results were:

Men's Singles:

Andrew Spargo d
Campbell Salmon

Women's Singles:

Louise Field d Marie Monterosso

Men's Doubles:

Ed Bickford & Andrew Spargo d
Adam Freeman & James Freeman

Women's Doubles:

Jovana Stanisic & Natasha
Van Bommel d Louise Field
& Loretta Sheales

Mixed Doubles:

Kate Kemp & Lachlan Kemp d
Matilda Hay & James Freeman

Congratulations to all
competitors for their entertaining
performances on the night and
to all spectators, cheerleaders,
coaches and sports physicians
for their support.

We look forward to seeing
you all again next year.

- James Freeman



Louise Field & Andrew Spargo



Kate & Lachlan Kemp

Croquet Tournament

In 2016, the RSY Croquet Tournament was supported by the RSYLTC Foundation with great success. Close to fifty competitors of all ages battled it out as the rains held back and some fierce rounds and strategic tactics were played between much camaraderie and laughter.

The style of the tournament is Golf Croquet which is the main form of competitive croquet played in Australia. Teams of two play each other with the goal to pass through more hoops (out of a total of seven) than your opposing team. Whilst croquet has its roots in classical antiquity, the first recorded rules were from England in 1856. In 1866 organised competition started in Victoria.

The illustrious RSY Croquet Tournament dates back to 1992 and this year's winners will join the great RSY sportsmen and sportswomen of the past. Congratulations to this year's winners: John O'Sullivan and Jonathan Cameron.

The day was very well received by all members with excellent food and beverage offerings. As always, next year will be played in late October and promises to be an event not to be missed.

- Jonathan Cameron



John O'Sullivan & Jonathan Cameron

Sports Profile: Lauren Drago

Pilates Instructor

Lauren is a Pilates teacher as well as a Stretch & Strength coach and dancer who was fascinated with how it feels to use the correct muscles to facilitate movement. Her exposure to conditioning classes such as stretch and



strengthen, floor bar & Pilates at Limber Sports Performance, massively impacted upon her flexibility, and strength & body awareness. This inspired her to study Mat Pilates teaching at the Balance and Control Pilates studio.

Lauren attended Spectrum Dance Performing Arts for two years full-time study, which saw her perform throughout Australia, Dubai and America. She has trained at world-renowned dance studios and most recently in China, for an eight-month contract, dancing for major Chinese Pop Artists.

Lauren has danced for artists in Australia, such as, Flo Rida, Brian McFadden, Jessica Mauboy and Zoe Badwi. She has performed on the Grand Final Footy Show, Hey Hey It's Saturday and Australia's Got Talent. Lauren

has worked as a cheerleader for Melbourne Storm, Melbourne Stars and Aggreko Dynamos at the Rugby 7's World Tournament. She has also performed for Australian Contemporary Companies Vertical Shadows and Collaboration the Project.

Lauren is a passionate and dynamic Pilates teacher who takes pride in sharing her combined knowledge and experience with students of all ages and backgrounds. She tailors her classes to students needs, whether they require a workout, relaxation session, or both.

To arrange a one-on-one Pilates class with Lauren, contact the Sports Director, Jarrad Wright on 9829 1533 or sportsdirector@rsyltc.org.au

Rio Carnivale

Signature Event

If you needed a helping hand to get you into the mood for the opening of the Olympic games, then the Rio Carnivale party held in the Member's Dining Room was it!

The clubhouse was immersed in all things 'Rio' from Olympic rings and a life size statue of Christ the Redeemer (very popular for photographing with guests) to the Brazilian samba dancers and palm trees back drop lining the back wall. Add to this the vibrancy of coloured fairy lights, the Brazilian dance troupe of women (in traditional Brazilian tiny costumes and feathers), accompanied by dancing men in brightly coloured suits and you have the perfect recipe for a party!!

Over one hundred and sixty members and guests got into the spirit, dancing to the exotic beats of Brazil whilst savouring the gourmet selection of food prepared by our Executive Chef, Jake Ward and his team. Cocktails upon arrival with champagne and wine completed this very entertaining and fabulous evening. Our thanks must go to all staff who made this evening so special.

– Di Hepworth



Mother & Son Dinner

The inaugural Mother and Son dinner was held at the Club on Friday 13 May. The guest speaker, Collingwood legend Paul Licuria gave an in-depth interview with Brigette McGuire who deftly brought out his humility and sense of humour.

In this candid interview Paul revealed some of the challenges he overcame when facing adversity in the elite sporting ranks.

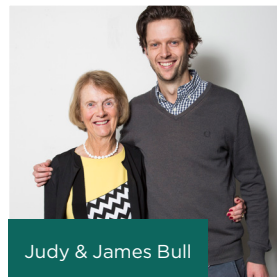
As part of the fun, a hand-ball competition was fought out with gusto by the female contingent and gamely won by Jo Joubert. A photographic memento with Mothers and their sons were given to all attendees.



Paul Licuria & Brigette McGuire



Sam, Jane & Tom Murray



Judy & James Bull



Angus, Sally & Max Charles



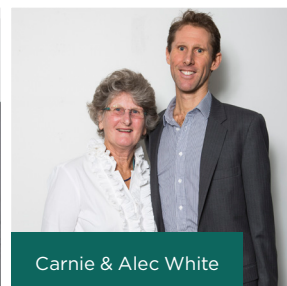
Bayles, Shadda & James Abercrombie



Susie & Talbot Henry



Alex, Jo & Charlie Joubert



Carnie & Alec White

Yarra Valley Winemakers Lunch



The Winemakers Lunch held in October featured Charles Smedley and Julian Parrot from Mandala Wines, Dixons Creek.

The Club chose Mandala Wines as our guest winemaker for the year, for lunch on a very wet and windy spring day. Numbers were conservative but all those in attendance were not left dry or wanting.

Mandala is a relatively newcomer into the Valley producing wines for a little over a decade, however they produce exceptional wines that are made with great care and skill. They cover all the main varieties which the Valley is renowned for: Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Shiraz and the “King” Cabernet Sauvignon.

Charles, the proprietor and chief winemaker took us through their history and the styles which

we enjoyed in brackets and singularly. Julian, the Viticulturist explained the various growing methods, soil, climatic variables and techniques used to present these fine and enjoyable wines.

Members and guests were treated to a show of excellence combined with the table centrepieces which were made up of fruit, mushrooms, vegetables, extracts and spices, all full of all the flavour profiles one will experience independently in the wines presented. A lot of trouble and effort by Hospitality Director, John McConnon was appreciated by the adventurous as a clever educational tool.

We look forward to the continuity of these functions choosing winemakers that have something different and special to offer.

See you in 2017.

– Adrian Bell

Young Members

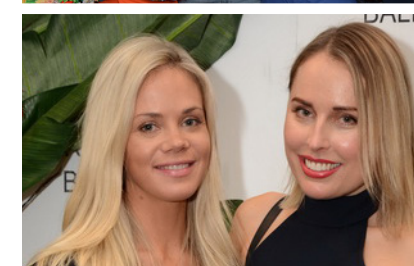
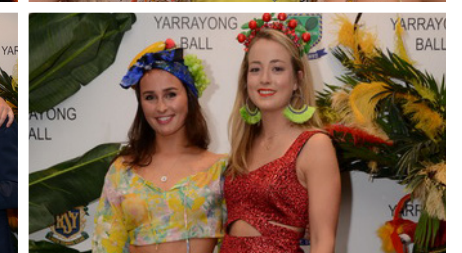
‘GETTING QUIZZY WITH IT’ YOUNG MEMBERS TRIVIA NIGHT

The Young Members hosted its first Trivia night on Friday 4 June. The night proved to be a roaring success with over 140 registrations. Members and guests assembled on tables of ten or smaller groups intermingling with other members. The Como Room was set up as a ‘local neighbourhood pub’ with ample finger food, peanuts on tables and jugs of beer flowing. Contestants were tested mentally with six gruelling and fun rounds of trivia throughout the evening, MC’d by ‘The Riddler’ himself! Winning tables celebrated by kicking on in the Presidents Bar post festivities.

YARRAYONG BALL

Together the Young Members from KLTC & RSY and guests enjoyed a colourful and vibrant Ball on Saturday 20 August in the Como Room, Norman Brookes Room and Western Terrace. Members and guests dressed up with vigour in colour, feathers and hats in theme with the ‘Rio 2016’ billing for the evening! Best dressed guests were seen as Olympic swimming pools, equestrian athletes, carnivale performers and beach party goers.

A total of 280 tickets were sold in what is surely the highlight of the Young Members social calendar. The Como Room was decked out as a Copacabana & Ipanema Beach Party with beach bars, tropical rainforests, feathers and colour. Carnivale girls greeted guests and the ‘fire twirler’ was impressive, however the piece de resistance was definitely the Rio Dance performers – who lifted the mood of the evening to fever pitch!



The Verdant Group

At the end of June, Graeme Mollison, Wendy Seward and Rosie MacDougall retired from their positions of convenors for The Verdant Group activities. On behalf of Verdant Group members, I would like to thank Graeme, Wendy and Rosie for their outstanding commitment and organisation of a wide-ranging series of events under their stewardship.

Graeme founded this group in 1994. In addition, his dedication and service to its activities have been remarkable. The happy memories, shared outings and camaraderie became the hallmark of this group for many of its participants.

In May, the Verdant Group visited The Johnston Collection, a legacy of William Robert Johnston (1991-1986) an antique dealer and collector of many beautiful pieces, with lunch held at the Pullman Melbourne on the Park. In June, we attended the opening of the very popular Degas Exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. The day's event began with an interesting talk by NGV Education Officers who gave an insight into the life and times of Degas and the variety of paintings completed during his early, middle and later years. After the exhibition, we had a delicious lunch in the Persimmon restaurant.

I am pleased to be the 'new' leader for the group with assistance from Ro McDonald and Diana Dougall and take this opportunity to welcome any member who would like to join with us.

- Elizabeth Jeffrey



Tuesday Bridge Group

This Group continues to gather more members. Over one hundred members play bridge at the Club of which seventy-five members are affiliated with the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF). The big interest this year has been the extra Duplicate day held on a Tuesday, giving us three duplicate days in each month, February - November. The best results of the second and third Tuesday of the month become the champion of that month (players are only permitted to win this award once a year).

Champions of the Month to date:

May Ann Camamile,
June Susie Bunting & Jane Brougham,
July Jocelyn Russell,
August Anne Gorman & Judith Foreman,
September Elaine Dickson & Sally Graham,

October Sue Head,
November Sue Kinnear

The competition held on the fourth Tuesday is when players compete for the Janette Machin Trophy which is presented to the winner at the Christmas Lunch. Five Red Point days have been held at random on Duplicate Days for the more competitive players.

Trophy Duplicate day winners:

May N/S: Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford, E/W: Ann Camamile & Pru Court
June N/S: Jill Chambers & Betty Dackas, E/W: Patricia Donges & Sally Marshall
July N/S: Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford, E/W: Mary Church & Sally Marshall
August N/S: Pru Court & Ann Camamile, E/W: Sandra Fildes & Jenny Swann
September N/S: Anne Ramdsen & Jennifer Brash, E/W: Lucille Stewart & Caroline Batty
October N/S: Anthea Bickford & Samantha Ballantyne, E/W: Ann Camamile & Pru Court

November N/S: Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford, E/W: Pat Donges & Sally Marshall

Throughout the year friendly bridge matches have been played against the Commonwealth, Royal Melbourne, Victoria and Kingston Heath Golf Clubs. Bridge challenges have been held against the Peninsula Golf Club, Melbourne Cricket Club, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, and an inaugural match was held against RACV. Royal South Yarra won all matches with the exception of the match against Kooyong.

In April, May, June and July Bridge Director, Ben Kingham conducted very informative bridge lessons on a Tuesday prior to Duplicate Bridge. These lessons are subsidised by the Tuesday Bridge Group.

Four Duplicate Bridge and Dinner evenings are held during the year when members and guests enjoy drinks prior to dinner, followed by bridge. In May the Bridge for Brains Day was held with members and guests raising \$1,165 to support the research into Alzheimer's disease.

Welcome to New Members

New members and their proposers were welcomed to the Club in May and September by the President, Drew Fenton.

On these evenings, members of the General Committee, Membership Board and staff are also on hand to welcome the new members and to assist with any queries that may arise. Drinks and canapés are served for this informal gathering.



I would like to sincerely thank our most able Treasurer Judy Foreman, Sue Head who organises the social bridge days and Virginia Cameron who organised the bridge matches at the golf clubs.

The Bridge Group would like to thank the administration and hospitality staff for their assistance throughout the year, making our bridge days very successful and enjoyable.

Bridge Information

The Bridge Group has continued to support the RSYLTC Foundation donating \$1,000 in September.

They have also donated \$325 to Motor Neurone Disease, \$325 to Lort Smith Lost Dogs Home and \$350 to Berry Street (assistance to children, young people and families across Victoria).

- Mary Church



SAMANTHA RITCHIE

Winner of the Junior Perpetual Trophy, pictured with Hugh Mosley

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