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2018 SPORTS DINNER

Royal South Yarra celebrated members' sporting achievements at the annual Sports Dinner. This event gives recognition to and is a celebration of all competitive sport at the Club.

Young Members Yarrayong Ball

A spooktacular night was had by all at the 2018 Halloween themed Ball.

50 Year Members

At the AGM twenty-nine 50 Year Member Inductees were acknowledged.

SPRING/SUMMER 2018/19



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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

The Club congratulates **Mr Hugh S Millar OAM** who was recognised for his contribution to the community, receiving an award for significant service to medicine, particularly to otolaryngology.

Front Cover

Ruben Digby-Diercks & Oliver Casey, joint winners of the Warren Kennedy Memorial Cup and Fiona Ralph winner of the Ethel Le Neveu Memorial Challenge Cup.

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President's Report

This year, my first as President, and first full year in conjunction with our CEO, Stewart Fenton, has certainly been busy for me and the General Committee. Working closely with members of a very focused General Committee and management of the Club, really is a privilege.

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 November, the Honorary Officers and Committee were elected for the coming year. I would like to congratulate Jonathan Roberts (Vice President), Richard Ralph (Captain), James Bull (Honorary Secretary) and George Colman (Treasurer), Sally Charles, Ross Kemp, Hamish Salmon, Amanda Schwilk and Loretta Sheales who are continuing in their roles, and a special mention must be made to our newly elected Committee Member – Louise Field, who has been Chair of the Junior Committee for the past three years.

Di Hepworth stepped down after nine years on the General Committee. Di's understanding of social media, magazine editorial format, event management along with her excellent organisational abilities, has been a great asset to the Club. We thank her for the many years of dedication and service.

Finance

While the world we live in is full of both excitement and uncertainty, I am very pleased to report to all members, on behalf of the General Committee, that the Club is in very good financial health.

The Club achieved a much-improved financial performance in FY2018, recording a profit of \$141,085 compared to a loss of (\$285,000) in FY2017.

This is our first bottom-line profit since 2008 and reflects the hard work of our management team under the energetic leadership of our CEO. The Club also funded \$320,818 in capital expenditure from operating cash flows during the year and remains debt free. The Club's FY2018 profit result represented a turnaround of over \$425,000 from the FY2017 loss. This was driven by a 4.6% increase in sales revenue, and a 1% reduction in overheads and payroll expenses.

Grounds Enhancement Program (GEP)

The Club has undertaken a significant amount of work in relation to a staged Grounds Enhancement Program. The concept designs and vision are now complete, with member feedback welcome.

Whilst a significant amount of money has been invested into the clubhouse and Mont Verdant apartments in recent years, it is fair to say that over the past 50+ years, very little has been invested into the courtside surrounds, above and beyond annual maintenance.

The Grounds Enhancement Program represents a significant part of our long-term strategic vision, through a staged approach to upgrade the courtside surrounds and general grounds into a world class courtside and grounds environment.



We have been seeking member feedback from several focus groups over the last month and there will be a number of general *Membership Information Meetings* held in the near future. We envisage member feedback sessions will be completed by mid-February 2019, with a view to starting the project in late winter.

Grass Courts

As many of you are aware, we engaged an independent turf consultant, John Neylan, to report on maintenance practices on the grass courts. John is widely regarded as the pre-eminent expert in turf maintenance and consults to the MCG, Marvel Stadium as well as many sandbelt golf clubs.

In conjunction with John and our Head Curator, Anthony Lewis, there is a clear strategy and direction in returning the grass courts to their former reputation of being amongst the best in Australia. We are expecting year-on-year improvement with a two-year turnaround anticipated, as we seek to return the courts into peak condition.

Last year, we completely rebuilt grass courts 3 and 4 and this year grass courts 5 and 6 were also rebuilt. Moving forward we are aiming to replace a minimum of two courts each year as part of our ongoing renovation and replacement programs. We opened most grass courts in November but the new courts will not open until early to mid January.

Club, Gymnasium & Court Inspections

Over summer, there will be continual inspections to ensure the facilities are only used by Club members and their signed-in guests. A key focus will be on "correct dress" and in particular ensuring that all players are wearing the "correct footwear" for the grass and porous courts.

Tennis

In November we submitted a Men's and Women's team in the 2018 Premier League competition. This competition involves the elite tennis players from Victoria and across Australia, as well as attracting some international players. Refer to page 5.

We wish the best of luck to those members playing in the Australian Open Main Draw, the Qualification Tournament and the underage Nationals in December 2018.

President's Report continued...

Bring on 2019

We have come a long way over the past twelve months on improving our financial position but need to continue to be proactive in addressing challenges and planning for the future.

We need to understand the needs of our wider membership and plan to ensure that our facilities (courts and clubhouse) are world class. In meeting the needs of current members, we must also attract new members who are the future of our great Club. We must continually strive to raise the bar and be the very best that we can.

On behalf of the General Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to a prosperous 2019.

Tony Joubert
President

RSY V RSGC Tennis Challenge

On Saturday 24 November, RSY competed in the tennis challenge against Royal Sydney Golf Club.

This year RSY travelled to Sydney with our largest team ever (thirty-nine players). Unfortunately two of our players couldn't make it due to the inclement weather conditions. On Friday, RSY members made use of the RSGC facilities either playing golf or tennis or just enjoying the stunning outdoor swimming pool to get the competitive juices (or beers) flowing.

RSGC were keen to win back-to-back challenges and selected arguably their strongest team for this year's event. On Saturday, a nutritious breakfast was served in the Tennis Pavilion with a welcome speech by Tennis Director, Jon Ireland.

With good weather prevailing, two doubles rounds were played prior to lunch, with RSGC holding a slender 26 game lead at the half way mark. Players then had a light lunch and beverages to recharge the batteries, followed by the final two rounds of mixed doubles.

The tennis was highly competitive (each set was an 8-game pro-set) with RSGC winning the challenge, 314 games to RSYs 260.

In the evening, there was a three-course formal dinner with some informal speeches. Perennial RSY team captain, Robert Hinton entertained the members with a very amusing runners-up speech and in response RSGC's captain, Mike Dixon targeted Rob, presenting videos and images of Rob and other RSY members much to the amusement of those attending.

All players should be congratulated on their outstanding efforts both on and off the court. Although RSY was disappointed to lose the *Net Post Trophy*, we look forward to the return challenge on our home turf next year.



Captain's Report

The Club had a very busy year, with a record number of teams competing across the various tennis competitions.

Fourteen men's and eight women's teams competed in the 2018 Tennis Victoria winter pennant competition. This provided a challenge for our COO, Jarrad Wright (due to court allocation) however, he was able to reschedule some matches and enable courts to be available for member use. RSY won two Tennis Victoria premierships, one in Men's Grade 1, and the other in the Women's Grade 5 competition. This is an outstanding achievement as it was the first time in seven years the Club has won a pennant in both the men's and women's competition.

During the year, the Captains Committee also organised Premier League, tennis tournaments, Table Tennis Club Championships, the Foundation Croquet Tournament and the RSGC v RSY tennis challenge amongst other events.

Our Head Curator, Anthony Lewis and his team have been busy throughout winter and spring working on the grass courts.



They have undertaken a different approach than in the past, which has enabled the courts to be presented in excellent condition. Their work and preparation for the grass court season has certainly paid off with courts 1-4 and 7-10 open early November. Grass Courts 5 & 6 were re-laid in October and it is expected they will be open in mid-January.

I would like to thank the Captains Committee, the members and staff for their support and assistance over the past twelve months and I am looking forward to 2019, and in particular a summer of grass court tennis.

Richard Ralph
Club Captain

Eastern Districts Women's Tennis Association

Royal South Yarra submitted eight teams in the Eastern Districts Women's Tennis Association for Season 1 and Season 2.

Season 1 proved to be a very competitive season with four teams reaching the semi-finals and one team advancing to the grand final.

The Section 3 (RSY7) team, captained by Kirsten Mailer was narrowly defeated by Doncaster Tennis Club, 32 games to 38 games.

Season 2 was also a very competitive season with four teams reaching the semi-finals and three teams advancing to the grand final.

Both of our Section 3 teams (RSY 4 & 5) made it to the grand final, and played against each other. RSY 4, captained by Jessica Davey defeated RSY 5, captained by Sallyanne Sawers 42 games to 36.

Our section 4 (RSY 7) team, captained by Kirsten Mailer, defeated Vermont, 45 games to 30.

Well done ladies!



L-R: Emma Pierson, Kirsten Mailer, Kate Longbottom & Anthea Francis. Absent: Emma Baxter, Petrina Lie & Kate Richards



Tracey Kelly, Sarah Robinson, Carolyn Martyn, Sally Lobley, Bryony Simpson & Jessica Davey. Absent: Caroline Blackshaw

Blackburn & Districts Night Tennis Association

Royal South Yarra were represented by thirteen teams in the 2018 autumn competition of the Blackburn & Districts Night Tennis Association.

All teams performed admirably with three teams advancing to their respective grand final.

In the Monday night Open Section 2 competition, the *RSY Volleys* team defeated the *RSY What a Racquet* team by two games. The *Volleys* team was captained by David Dunstan who led, Alex Drutchinin, Peter Lie, David Hepworth, Richard Ollerenshaw, Jonathan Roberts and Edward Fitzgerald to victory. The *What a Racquet* team was captained by Richard Charles. Both teams are to be congratulated on a fantastic season.

RSY's Yarras team advanced to the Tuesday evening Section 1 grand final. Unfortunately this team, captained by James Freeman was defeated by the Nunawading Nunawobblies.

RSY V KLTC Social Tennis Challenge

On Sunday 29 April, Royal South Yarra hosted the annual RSY v KLTC tennis challenge.

Royal South Yarra won the challenge in 2017 and were eager to go 'back to back'. Both teams had a nice mix of experience and youth, playing both doubles and mixed doubles. The weather was pleasant and the grass courts were in excellent condition. Kooyong were victorious winning the challenge 161 to 124 and Kooyong's Captain Jenny Silvers accepted the "Koots Cup".

All players had a fantastic time on and off the court and the canapés and beverages served in the Norman Brookes Room following the tennis were certainly well-earned.

Tuesday Tennis Group

The Tuesday group provides members the opportunity to play 1-3 sets of tennis.

These are organised by an appointed convenor and gives members the chance to meet fellow players on the court and afterwards for a coffee or lunch in the clubhouse.



Francesca Hart, Joy Fair, Tony Joubert & Sam Russell

Badge Days are run every six weeks allowing members to compete in a mini round-robin with the winners playing off in December for the *Perpetual Trophy*. Social play is available for those not competing in badge.

Congratulations to the 2018 Badge winners - Sallyanne Sawers, Sam Russell, Margaret Neeson, Brigitte Claney and Carolyn Martyn.

On Tuesday 4 December at the end-of-year lunch the **Joy Fair - Ladies Day Perpetual Trophy** was presented to the overall Badge Day winners; Samantha Russell and Francesca Hart.

The 2018 results were:

Silver Competition

Winner, Sam Russell
Runner-up, Bryony Simpson

Bronze Competition

Winner, Francesca Hart
Runner-up, Susan Mackay

**Liz Jeffrey and Susan Mackay
Conveners**

2018 TENNIS VICTORIA

Tennis Victoria Premier League

Royal South Yarra submitted a men's and women's team in Premier League.

We fielded two outstanding teams which on paper were incredibly strong. This season we were marred by the injury bug, which tested our depth on a number of occasions.

Our men's team consisted of: Andrew Harris, Luke Saville, Aaron Leeder-Chard, Jarryd Maher (captain/coach), Jake Eames, Oliver Casey, Campbell Salmon, Matthew Woerndle and Yuri Mijic.

Our women's team consisted of: Pias Wongteanchai, Jihee Lee, Tayla Stenta (captain), Pearl Jansz, Taylah Mielczarek, Erica Layton and Louise Field (injured players included Daria Gavrilova, Tammi Patterson, Storm Sanders and Sam Harris).

There were six teams in each division. After five rounds (including a super round held at Royal South Yarra which saw 200 plus members and guests support our teams) our men's team finished fourth, with the women's team finishing in third position.

To advance to the finals, we were required to finish in the top three. The men's team just missed out whilst the women's team advanced to the finals.

On Saturday 24 November our women's team played Liston Tennis Club at Liston who featured four players who will all play in the Australian Open in some capacity.

Our team of Pias, Jihee, Tayla and Pearl were gallant but were ultimately defeated on the day.



Men's Premier League: Jarryd Maher, Oliver Casey, Campbell Salmon & Matthew Woerndle



Women's Premier League: Jihee Lee, Pearl Jansz, Tayla Stenta & Pias Wongteanchai

RSY win not one, but two Tennis Victoria Premierships

The Men's Grade 1, Section 1 pennant team comprehensively defeated Centre Court Indoor in the grand final.

RSY were so dominant in singles winning all in straight sets that they only had to win one set in doubles. The final score was RSY 4 rubbers, 9 sets, 57 games to Centre Court's 0 rubbers, 0 sets, 20 games. This was RSY's first Men's Grade 1 pennant flag since 2011.

The team consisted of: Aaron Leeder-Chard, Oliver Casey, Campbell Salmon, Yuri Mijic (Capt.), Matthew Woerndle and Wesley Neylon.

The Women's Grade 5, Section 1 team also defeated Centre Court Indoor in the grand final.

Both teams were tied at two rubbers apiece following the singles, however, RSY ran away with victory in the doubles with the final scores being RSY 4 rubbers, 8 sets, 70 games to Centre Court's 2 rubbers, 4 sets and 47 games.

The team consisted of: Laura O'Farrell, Claudia Albert, Virginia Wallace, Vicky Lynagh, Fiona Ralph (Capt.), Stephanie Kortum, Alex Ritter and Susie Salmon.

2018 TENNIS VICTORIA

Pennant Teams

MEN

Grade 1 – Section 1

Aaron Leeder-Chard
Campbell Salmon
Oliver Casey
Yuri Mijic (Capt)
Matthew Woerndle
Wesley Neylon

Grade 1 – Section 2

Eros Lampioni
Andrew McLean (Capt)
Alessandro Paderno
Marko Simjanovski
Ryan McLean

Grade 2 – Section 1

Alex Kevill
Enzo Aguiard (Capt)
Matteo Savio
Liam Albrecht
Tom Neylon
Paul Leffler
Anthony Karlovic

Grade 2 – Section 2

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

Grade 4 – Section 1

Matt Camenzuli (Capt)
Simon Goldberg
Matthew Jaskiewicz
Ronan McGrann
Dario Palotto

Grade 4 – Section 2

Edward Bickford
Lloyd Havlik
Jonas Holk-Darmos
Huw Gatford (Capt)
James Moore
Andrew Spargo

Grade 4 – Section 3

Scott Anson
Andre Del Papa
Tom Trumble
Alec White
James Bull
Andrew Buchanan
Stuart McRae (Capt)

Grade 4 – Section 4

James Gilson
Callum Champion de Crespigny
Hamish Salmon
Ben Andrew
Alex Molnar (Capt)
David Tarascio

Grade 6 – Section 1

Lachy Cameron
Dean Park
Lachlan Beer
Richard Ralph
Andy Meagher (Capt)

Grade 7 – Section 4

Marsel Stanisic
Ed Walford
Mackenzie Fenton
Alasdair Fairbairn (Capt)
Morgan Druce
Nickie Gubbins

Grade 8 – Section 1

Andrew Adams (Capt)
David Hepworth
Ed Wilmoth
Richard Ollerenshaw
Sean Wilson
James Ollerenshaw
Lachlan Adams

Grade 9 – Section 2

Matt Ritter
Richard Ralph (Capt)
Wes Albert
Will Beaton
Bailey McLean
Tom Ritter
Toby Ralph
Lachlan Francis
Max Griffiths
Darcy Albert
Sam McLean

Master's 35+ - Grade 1

Ken Dick
Matt Ritter
James Brearley
Hamish Sutton
Chris O'Farrell (Capt)
Steve McGlaughlin
Nick Strauss
Richard Joubert (Vice Capt)
Saul Cannon

Master's 35+ - Grade 3

David Hepworth
Richard Ollerenshaw
Peter Lie
David Dunstan (Capt)
Jeremy Nestel
Jock Holland
Jonathan Roberts
Alex Drutchinin

WOMEN

Grade 1 – Section 1

Rani Goodland
Pearl Jansz
Erica Layton
Gabriella Loannou
Marie Monterosso (Vice Capt)
Danijela Mijic (Capt)
Gemma Goodland

Grade 1- Section 2

Monika Wejnert (Capt)
Taylah Mielczarek
Natasa Ilic
Audrey Teo
Samyuktha Rajagopalan
Natasha Van Bommel
Jovana Stanisic

Grade 2 – Section 1

Samantha Ritchie
Gemma O'Farrell
Caroline Szafranski (Capt)
Rebecca Stafford
Piper Priestley
Stacey Flaounas

Grade 2 – Section 2

Annabel Jaskiewicz
Emily Collin
Nikita Chumbley
Georgia Rogers (Capt)
Michaela Majdan
Ellie Rogers

Grade 3 – Section 1

Zara Parker
Olivia Flower
Vanessa Calvert
Vivienne Johnston
Rebecca Murray (Capt)
Laura Dean
Sue Albert

Grade 4 – Section 1

Kate MacNeil
Sue Gatford
Anna O'Gorman
Jennifer Langford (Capt)
Virginia Anderson
Skye Douglass
Alice Warnock

Grade 5 – Section 1

Laura O'Farrell
Claudia Albert
Vicky Lynagh
Fiona Ralph (Capt)
Alex Ritter
Stephanie Kortum
Susie Salmon
Virginia Wallace

Grade 5 – Section 2

Kitty Park
Emma Heeps-Erikson
Sarah Kemp (Capt)
Stephanie Morgan-Schlicht
Francesca Jones
Skye Park

Pennant Profiles

NAME: Erica Layton

AGE: 17

PLAY: Right-Handed

PENNANT GRADE & POSITION: Grade 1, Position 2

MEMBER STATUS: Junior Scholarship

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Runner-up, 2018 RSY Ladies Open Singles Club Championships
- Winner, 2018 RSY Girls Singles Club Championships
- Semi-finalist in the 2018 Tennis Victoria Grade 1, pennant team

Q. What attracted you to the sport of tennis?

A. My parents told me that ever since I was little, my favourite activity was hitting tennis balls with a plastic racquet that you get from the \$2 shop. When I was five my parents took me to a local tennis club where I had my first tennis lesson on a real court and I remember complaining to the coach about how the lesson was way too short.

Q. How often do you practice to develop your game?

A. Due to my Yr12 studies I have reduced my training to four times a week, however I am eager to increase my load next year when I go to university.

Q. How do you prepare in the morning before matches?

A. I always have the same breakfast; two eggs and some toast with a fruit smoothie. I try to arrive 30-40 minutes prior to my scheduled match time so that I can complete my warm up routine consisting of a quick run, rubber band exercises, shadow swings and stretching.

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

A. It has always been my dream to win Wimbledon which is why I thoroughly enjoy being a member at Royal South Yarra because in my opinion it is the home of the best grass courts in the southern hemisphere. When I was a younger player I refused to wear anything but white when I was playing because I enjoyed pretending that I was at Wimbledon. However, now it is very difficult for me to find anything in my closet that isn't white.

Q. Who is your ideal tennis role model?

A. I absolutely love Maria Sharapova because she went to Bollettieri and I was fortunate enough to have a once in a life time opportunity to train there for 3 weeks when I was 12. I would love to go back to this academy, and maybe I could train with Maria Sharapova. That would be a dream come true!

Q. What has been your best moment on the tennis court?

A. I have been lucky enough to have numerous amazing moments on court throughout the years.

However, nothing comes close to playing pennant this season with such an amazing group of girls.

I couldn't have asked for a better team!

Q. What is your long-term tennis goal?

A. After all my Yr12 exams are over, I am excited to get back into an intensive training schedule prior to the beginning of university. My ultimate goal is to compete at an elite level.



NAME: Enzo Aguiard

AGE: 16

PLAY: Right-Handed

PENNANT GRADE & POSITION: Grade 2, Position 1

MEMBER STATUS: Junior Scholarship

TENNIS ACHIEVEMENTS:

I am currently ranked 231 in Australia. I participate in twenty or so tournaments each year. My 2018 achievements include two Under 18s Silver tournament titles, reaching semi-finals of a Bronze and a Silver AMT and winning doubles of a Bronze AMT. I am also proud of winning a first-round main draw match at a Mornington Grade 4 Junior ITF tournaments this year which earned me my first ITF ranking points. This was very important to me as I want to continue to compete on the Junior ITF circuit as much as possible.

Q. What attracted you to the sport of tennis?

A. It was fun from the first day when I was 5 years old taking my first tennis lesson. Also, I share the passion for tennis with my dad who does not compete, but he is a huge fan.

Q. How often do you practice to develop your game?

A. Six times per week

Q. How do you prepare in the morning before matches?

A. Preparation starts the night before, I try to make sure I eat well and have a good sleep. Big breakfast, hitting and a good warm up are essential in the morning before matches.

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

A. The Australian Open

Q. Who is your ideal tennis role model?

A. Alex de Minaur is a great role model. I watched him play for the first time in 2013 in the finals of the 14s State Championships in Sydney and I enjoyed his style of play, it stood out. As a junior, he was already impressive when he won the 16s Nationals at the December Showdown in Melbourne in 2014. I continue to admire him and follow his tennis journey. It is great to see him play in Grand Slams.

Q. What has been your best moment on the tennis court?

A. On the court, it was the moment I won the match that put me on the Junior ITF ranking list. It was against an opponent I have lost to just a week before.

Off the court, I loved playing basketball with Hewitt, Kokkinakis and Kyrgios at the Davis Cup camp in Darwin in 2015.

Q. What is your long-term tennis goal?

A. To reach top 100 in the world.



Junior Report

Bayside Regional Tennis Association (BRTA)

Royal South Yarra finished strongly in the autumn BRTA competition. The Section 2 team won the premiership flag by one game. Congratulations to the Section 2 players, consisting of Oscar Lynagh, Vivienne Johnston, Bailey McLean, Sam McLean (Capt.) and Tom Ritter, and a special acknowledgment to Will Beaton who filled in for the finals. Other strong performances came from Section 3 and Section 16 who both finished runners-up, and the Section 12 team who reached the semi-finals.

One of the club's goals within the junior program has been to have a Section 1 team in the BRTA Sunday competition. This was achieved this spring season. Congratulations to Bailey McLean (Capt.), Harry Cooper, Sam McLean, Sinclair Mosley, Tom Ritter and Harvey Clements who are part of the Section 1 team. There was ten other teams in the spring competition with many of them being serious contenders for the finals.



Tom Ritter, Will Beaton & Oscar Lynagh

Junior Round Robin Tournament

Sixty-one juniors participated in the Junior Round Robin Tournament on Sunday 26 August.

The children enjoyed some friendly rivalry amongst players of similar age and standard. There was a Hot Shots Clinic for the younger children run by the SMARTennis coaches. Court winners and sportsmanship awards were presented at a post tennis barbecue. The court winners were Will Maughan, Xander McLean, Sascha Tausan, Anika Liddle, Niko Tausan, Max McDonald, James Ollerenshaw, Phoebe Ollerenshaw, Haydon Fa and Emma Watkins.

The sportsmanship awards were presented to Marlo Hearnden, Albert Mantello, Tom Hunt, Sam McLean, Oscar King, Thomas Park, Athena Kephala, Olivia Anderson and Leah Tehan.

A special mention must go to one of our juniors, Eagan Lai, who won his first Tennis Australia U12 Bronze Junior Points tournament in both singles and doubles at the Frankston Tennis Club in October. Eagan showed grit and determination to win against three opponents that he had never previously defeated.



Haydon Fa

Tom Hunt

Teen Tennis Tournament

The Teen Tennis Tournament was held on a warm, windy afternoon at Royal South Yarra on Sunday 14 October. Some of the finest junior tennis talent from both Kooyong LTC and Royal South Yarra competed for the *Cedric Mason Trophy*.

After much hard-fought tennis, played with good team spirit, the players retired to a well-earned barbecue. At the conclusion of the meal, Cedric Mason offered encouragement and support to competitors of both sides and presented the perpetual trophy to the winning team. Royal South Yarra defeated Kooyong, 115 games to 93 games. Awards were also presented to a player from each club with the highest number of individual games. The winners were Kingsley Stuart (RSY) and Joel Saunders (KLTC). Congratulations to all players on a most successful tennis challenge.



Vivienne Johnston & Cedric Mason

RSY Children's Halloween Disco

Another year, another successful children's Halloween!

With eighty-seven attendees dressed as fairies to scary vampires, mummies and all other creatures of the dark. They all looked amazing! It was fantastic to see so much effort put in for the evening and it all adds to an atmosphere of good fun. Having said that, the winner was the "Joker" who had a great costume and kept to her character for the duration of the event, keeping her mask on for most of the night.

The children were greeted with soft drinks and jelly snakes as well as lots and lots of lollies and chocolates. Our talented chefs carved pumpkins and prepared delicious treats for our members and friends to enjoy.

While everyone was celebrating the *Halloween Disco*, some parents took advantage of the free time and remained at the Club for a meal while the children enjoyed their evening.



SMARTennis

Single-Handed Topspin Backhand



With many of the top players in the world still using the single handed backhand, it is encouraging to note that twenty years ago it looked like it was a dying art.

Here are some fundamental tips to help any aspiring or already committed exponents of this elegant and if used correctly; devastating stroke!

You should have your playing hand as close to the butt of the racquet as possible with no grip exposed (the shape of the handle with the wider bottom can be then be used to full advantage).

The knuckles of the playing hand should be turned towards you (as if turning the throttle of a motor cycle). Your playing hand needs to be behind the grip - for the oncoming contact, this creates lag with the racquet-head compared to the hand which provides effortless power and promotes the ability to produce topspin.

Take your playing arm back (close to your body) and attempt to have the elbow of your playing arm pass your belly button. From there a natural arm swing from the shoulder will produce a repeatable low to high swing, imparting topspin on the ball.

It should feel like your elbow and racquet handle are leading the swing to impact. Avoid swinging across your body, but swing away from your body leaving the body in a distinct side-on position.

Finish the swing with your playing-hand higher than your corresponding shoulder (without it buckling or collapsing after impact).

At contact the racquet and your playing-arm should not be in a straight line. They should jointly form an angle (as this is the racquet lagging the hand) which produces effortless power. I was originally taught that upon impact, *it was virtually a straight line with racquet and arm in that position* which in turn became very hard to control, especially when the ball is travelling at high speed or above waist height.

Good luck over the summer and hit the courts with purpose.

Andrew McLean

SPORTS DINNER

On Saturday 25 August, Royal South Yarra celebrated members' sporting achievements at the annual Sports Dinner. This event gives recognition to and is a celebration of all competitive sport at the Club.

With 182 members and guests enjoying what would be a memorable night, the evening began with drinks and canapés in the Members Dining Room.

Following dinner in the Como Room, we were duly entertained by our multi-talented Head Curator, Anthony Lewis and his band. The sports awards were then presented by the Master of Ceremonies and Club Captain, Richard Ralph.

Following the presentations, members and guests danced the night away and many caught a complimentary bus afterwards to Electric Ladyland Bar to continue the festivities.

Winners of the 2018 Perpetual Trophies were:

Warren Kennedy Memorial Cup

Joint winners: Oliver Casey & Ruben Digby-Diercks – awarded to the best performed male pennant player(s) in the Tennis Victoria pennant competition.

Ethel Le Neveu Memorial Challenge Cup

Fiona Ralph – awarded to the best performed female pennant player in the Tennis Victoria pennant competition.



Michaella Majdan, Zara Parker & Nikita Chumbley



Adrienne Bishop, Judy Dalton & Kate Longbottom



Darko Tausan, Aaron Leeder-Chard & Richard Ralph



Huw Flatau Harrison & Georgia Pugh



Jasmine McLeod, Carl Wood, Alexandros Yiappos & Olympia Nelson



Laura O'Farrell

Judy Dalton Perpetual Trophy

Adrienne Bishop & Kate Longbottom – awarded to two ladies who achieve the best match results over two consecutive seasons of the Mid-week Ladies competition.

Night Tennis Trophy

Arabella Georges – awarded to the best player over two consecutive seasons in the Night Tennis Competition.

Junior U16 Trophy

Laura O'Farrell – awarded to the best performed junior players (16 and under) representing the Club in competition tennis.

FFC (Dick) Doyle Memorial Squash Trophy

Mark Zaloumis – awarded to the best performed pennant squash player over two pennant seasons.



Mark Zaloumis



Natasha Van Bommel, Danijela Mijic, Erica Layton, Pearl Jansz & Gemma Goodland



Sam Harris, Jarrad Wright & Tayla Stenta



Charlotte Gorman, Liam Albrecht & Jack Webb

Table Tennis Club Championships

*When the tennis season is over
"There's always next year"
The real racquet warriors emerge
For something more than beer*

*Under lights in the Como Room
The six tables are set
A flurry of groundstrokes
Some to never forget*

*Spurred on by friends and family
65 players jostle to stay in contention
There's a fan club for Bickie & Spargo
But too many raw talents to mention*

*Competitors beading with sweat
Some a lot more than most
Enter 'Pencil-Grip' to centre stage
Hitting opponents from pillar to post*

*With record member participation
And a truly electric atmosphere
Huge thanks to RSY, Jarrad & Meagan
For making it work year on year*

*So who will be back in 2019?
Immortality again on the line
Just ask 'Pencil-Grip'
When you make it to cloud nine*

Congratulations to all competitors for their entertaining performances on Friday 12 October, and to all spectators, family members, cheerleaders and table tennis enthusiasts for their good cheer and participation.

Results:

Men's Singles

Huw Gatford d Adam Freeman

Women's Singles

Louise Field d Sylvie Hutchins

Men's Doubles

Edward Bickford & Andrew Spargo d Adam Freeman & James Freeman

Women's Doubles

Louise Field & Lucy Campbell d Sylvie Hutchins & Susan Cole

Mixed Doubles

Oscar & Vicky Lynagh d Oliver McLean & Louise Field

James Freeman
Convenor



Oscar & Vicky Lynagh



Lucy Campbell & Louise Field



Oliver McLean & Louise Field



Sylvie Hutchins & Susan Cole



Adam & James Freeman

Young Members

Trivia Night

Disco Stu and Funky Freo entertained the masses with their unusual twist on the traditional trivia night on Friday 15 June. The evening was full of interactive and thought-provoking questions covering a wide range of topics including sport, geography and pop culture.

Members and their guests were treated to an array of tapas, while they racked their brains for every bit of general knowledge they had.

The trivia night is assured to become bigger and better in 2019! Stay tuned!



Stuart McRae & James Freeman

Wine & Cheese Night

On Friday 20 July, the 'Young Members' held their second Wine and Cheese Night. Guests were welcomed with Prosecco and a delicious array of cheese, followed by a selection of white and red varietals and ending with a delectable Rutherglen Muscat.

The night was run by Matthew Lugg, an experienced winemaker who has completed eight vintages in regions including the Mornington Peninsula, the Hunter Valley, Geelong and two in the Rhone Valley of France. Matthew's light-hearted, engaging and fascinating tour through all wines showcased was well received by all guests.

We received a massive amount of positive feedback from all attendees and look forward to making the Wine and Cheese night a regular feature on our calendar.



Charles Palmer & Sophie LePlastrier



Sally Louise & James Sanson



Nick Harrison, Mark Babbage, Emily Martyn & Tom Ryan

Yarrayong Ball - A Touch of Halloween

A spooktacluar night was had by all who attended the 2018 Yarrayong Ball held at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday 13 October. RSY and Kooyong members and their guests were welcomed into the RSY Haunted House by some incredible Jack-O-Lanterns provided by Executive Chef, Jake Ward.

As the guests waded through the thick fog they were greeted with wickedly awesome cocktails and tasty canapes.

Guests partied in the Como Room until late where they were surrounded by an array of fiendishly good decorations including Count Dracula himself.

A devilish good night was had by all!

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 1 February

Tennis & Tonic

Saturday 16 March

Long Lunch

Friday 12 April

Barefoot Bowls

Friday 21 June

Trivia Night



Prue Steer & Lachlan Beer



Duncan Thomas & Rebecca Murray



Stuart McRae & Genevieve Trewin

Squash

The autumn club circuit season ended with all squash teams competing at a high-level throughout the season. This feat is most impressive, given the fact that the A1 and A2 teams are still in their infancy. Whilst the finals were just out of reach, it's a pleasure to have RSY represented by two teams at the highest level.

Club Championships

The squash Club Championships brought together some fantastic and interesting match-ups. In the Women's final, the ever-enthusiastic Caroline Szafranski was up against Audrey Teo. Being more comfortable with a tennis racquet, Caroline found the going tough against Audrey, who played a great volley game and was too strong winning in straight sets.

Next on, the two Davids – Court and McRae played in the handicap final event. Having a significant lead, David Court worked to increase the pressure, forcing David McRae to make some errors. It was line-ball each game. After a tough match, David McRae eventually won, with both players feeling exhausted after a quality match.

Last, but certainly not least, the Men's final. This was clearly the best level of squash seen at the club for some time. With Jack Molloy playing Tom Nash (both players ranked very highly in the Victorian Squash Matrix), the scene was set, and the boys did not disappoint the spectators. The pace and running were set at extreme levels. The spectators savoured the contest. Just viewing the match was intense. Ultimately, Jack triumphed as the new squash Club Champion.



Jack Molloy & Tom Nash

Capping off a great season, Mark Zaloumis showed his consistency throughout the season and won the Dick Doyle Trophy as the best Club Circuit Player of the Year.

Congratulations to all participants, a great effort!

Dave McRae
Convenor

Croquet Tournament

This year's Croquet Tournament was once again supported by the RSYLTC Foundation. Around fifty competitors of all ages battled it out on a beautiful, albeit windy spring day.



Louise Lampard & Dee Gowan

Fierce rounds and strategical genius were on display with much camaraderie and laughter.

The style of the tournament is Golf Croquet which is the main form of competitive croquet played in Australia, where teams of two play each other, with the objective 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 came out of England in 1856 with organised competition starting in Victoria only a few years later in 1866.

The illustrious Croquet Tournament dates back to 1992 and this year's winners will join the great sportsmen and women of the past. Congratulations to this year's winners; Dee Gowan and Louise Lampard.

The day was extremely popular with all members including the excellent food and beverage offerings (especially Pimms) provided by the Club.

Billiards

VBSA City Clubs Circuit

Congratulations to the RSY premiership team, who won the 2018 VBSA City Clubs Billiards & Snooker Competition.

In a hard fought grand final, RSY came from 2-4 down against Kooyong LTC to tie the match at 4 all, forcing a playoff snooker frame. In the playoff game, RSY won on a black ball pot (the last ball on the table!) to come from behind, winning 40 to 37.

Alastair Alexander was narrowly defeated in his billiards matches with Stephen Crawford winning his second match against Kooyong's highest ranked player, by 1 point (122 to 121) to have us 2-4 down at the halfway mark. In the snooker component, after winning our first snooker match, Nick Armstrong needed to win the last match to force a playoff, which he did comfortably to leave us at 4 all. Shane Burke was then selected to play the playoff frame after Kooyong won the toss and elected to play snooker. This was the first outright win in the competition for RSY after a drawn final in 2002.



Top Row: Edward Burke, Stephen Crawford & Peter Zwar
Bottom Row: Nick Armstrong, Jonathan Harris & Shane Burke

It was a very tough competition all season and team members are to be congratulated for a very fine effort over the course of the year.

The team consisted of Jonathan Harris (co-captain), Shane Burke (co-captain), Edward Burke, Nick Armstrong, Stephen Crawford, Alastair Alexander, Peter Zwar (Emg.) and Jonathan Walpole (Emg.)

Barossa Valley & Adelaide Hills Winery Tour

In June, Alexandra Morosan & Fiona Lucas (our Hospitality Managers) ventured to Adelaide on a two-day educational winery tour in the Barossa Valley and Adelaide Hills.

Exploring the Barossa Valley on day one included visiting Hentley Farm Cellar Door, Rockford, Penfolds Magill Estate and one of Australia's oldest wineries, Seppeltsfield Winery, which is the only winery in the world to release a 100-year-old, singles vintage wine each year. It is famous for its Centennial Collection – an unbroken lineage of Tawny Port of every vintage from 1878 to the current year. They toured the Centennial Cellar, enjoyed a tasting of their birth year Tawny Port directly from the barrel, as well as enjoying the local produce from the Fin Restaurant.

On day two, they took a private tour to Sidewood Estate in the Adelaide Hills, a winery, cidery and cellar door. Chief Winemaker, Darryl Catlin, explained the process from vine to bottle. Steve Dundon, the National Sales Manager, shared his extensive wine knowledge throughout the day and taught them the art of sabrage (technique of opening a champagne bottle with a sabre). They also visited Hahndorf Hill Winery and the famous 'Cube' at d'Arenberg Estate in McLaren Vale.

It was an extremely beneficial trip as the viticulturists, vineyard experts and sommeliers shared their extensive knowledge and gave Alexandra and Fiona the opportunity to broaden their understanding of Australian Wines.



Fiona Lucas & Alexandra Morosan

50 Year Members

During the AGM the Club acknowledged twenty-nine members who had reached fifty years continuous membership of the Club.

The President, Tony Joubert and Vice President, Jonathan Roberts acknowledged each 50 Year Member and presented a gift to those in attendance on the night to acknowledge this achievement.

We congratulate these members of 50 years standing of Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club and trust they will continue to enjoy their membership.



L-R: Jonathan Roberts (Vice President), John Osborne, Ian Nankivell, Barbara Mayes, Richard Topham, Susan McNeur, Beth Ray, Penny Daish, Tony Joubert (President), Margaret Bell, Carnie White, Moya Turner & James Daish.

Tuesday Bridge

After ten years of organising Tuesday bridge at Royal South Yarra, Mary Church has stepped down as the Convenor.

Since she took over, the number of players has more than doubled. Mary made the very popular decision to conduct weekly duplicate bridge under the direction of Sue Kelso.

She was also responsible for making Royal South Yarra an affiliated club with the Australian Bridge Federation (ABF), giving our members the opportunity to be part of competitive bridge throughout Australia and earn Master Points.

As one of the top players in the Club, Mary has won and been runner-up many times and is a recipient of the Janette Machin Trophy. She initiated and organised annual bridge matches against other sporting and city clubs, and advanced lessons from Ben Kingham. The dinner and bridge evenings she ran attracted many members and guests.

We thank Mary for her inspired leadership and tireless efforts.

The Champion of the Month Competition:

June – Mary Church
July – Sue Head
August – Sam Ballantyne
September – Beverley Dunn
October – Sue Michelmores
November – Susie Bunting & Jane Brougham

50 Year Member Inductees

Michael Thomas, Peter Low, Penny Daish, Richard Caro, Edwina Winter, James Daish, Catherine Trinca, Susan Wilmoth, Ann Talbot, Cheryl Roscoe, Virginia Jelbart, Ian Nankivell, John Perry, Susan McNeur, Carnie White, Clarke Dudley, James Kimpton, Margaret Bell, Robert Walker, Suzanne Shipton, Donald Hay, Margaret Morris, Beth Ray, Moya Turner, Valorey Fraser, Richard Topham, John Osborne, Jennifer Brash and Barbara Mayes.

The 2018 Duplicate Trophy winners to date are:

June

N/S – Joan Gray & Mary Church
E/W – Anthea Hone & Elaine Dickson

July

N/S – Janice Johnston & Heather Lawford
E/W – Felicity Batchelor & Sarah Lawford

August

N/S – Elaine Dickson & Shirley Philpott
E/W – Susan Bunting & Jane Brougham

September

Section 1

N/S – Sarah Lawford & Felicity Batchelor
E/W – Jane Brougham & Susan Bunting

Section 2

N/S – Alex Richardson & Linda Faye Hughes
E/W – Sandra Fildes & Jenny Swan

October

N/S – Leslie Decker & Julie Gunnensen
E/W – Alex Richardson & Kate Spargo

November

N/S – Beverley Dunn & Helen Baldwin
E/W – Shadda Abercrombie & Jane Williams

**Sue Head
Convenor**

Gin Masterclass

What an interesting and informative night our Gin Masterclass turned out to be for members! Head distiller and co-founder of Four Pillars Gin, Cameron MacKenzie gave us a fascinating insight into the process of gin distilling and an amusing look at its very colourful history. From its notorious beginnings in the 18th century Gin Houses of London to its metamorphosis into the sophisticated product we enjoy today, it certainly was a reversal of fortunes!

On display were several botanical ingredients that are used to infuse current day gins. A variety of these included lavender, cardamom, star anise and juniper berries which were passed around for members to detect the aromas and subsequently identify which botanicals were used to distil differing gins. To start the evening, we were served a Gin & Tonic and concluded with a Negroni cocktail and delicious food prepared by our chefs to complement the gins.

**Di Hepworth
Convenor**



Cameron MacKenzie

Winemakers Lunch

Hoddles Creek Estate

There are days when everything clicks, this was one of them! The entire team at the Club were first class, the presentation of the room, a true spring theme was stunning.

The food married with the wines in harmony, the service by the staff was impeccable and the presentation by the winemaker, Franco D'Anna from his family owned Vineyard was engaging and memorable. Seventy members were most fortunate to enjoy this wonderful winemakers lunch on Friday 26 October.

The Blanc de Blanc methode champenoise was made from Pinot Blanc grapes, it was refreshing and an excellent partner to the parmesan gourgeres appetiser.

The Pinot Blanc 2014 as a still wine showed lovely flinty and mineral tones, delicious; paired with the Estate's 1er Chardonnay 2017 this is a serious wine with balance and length, a classic! The entrée was a mint & lemon gnocchi with spring vegetables; we were in Italy! The dish was outstanding, soft and fluffy, simply brilliant.

Main course saw two of the Estate's Pinot Noirs to compare, the 1er 2017 flagship was very stylish, layers of fruit and a bright finish, the Wickhams Road, second label 2018 was very drinkable, softer and great value.

The food consisting of Duck Leg, Pork Belly and Bourdin Blanc sausage was delectable and in keeping with the quality presented from the kitchen.

The final pair; the Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, showed some restraint but in balance to consume now but will enjoy cellaring and the Wickhams Road Heathcote Sangiovese 2017 (from a contract grower) was a fine example of winemaking skill, a lovely wine of great finesse.



Adrian Bell, Franco D'Anna & Stuart Martyn

A fine selection of cheeses and tracklements was a fitting end to a wonderful day.

**Adrian Bell & Di Hepworth
Convenors**

The Verdant Group

The Verdant Group's focus is to provide this group with excursions and activities so that they can enjoy fellowship with other members.

Recent events include visits to the NGV to view the MoMA exhibition and the Peter MacCallum Cancer Care Centre where we viewed the latest technological advances in radiation. Afternoon tea at the Club in September, during which we viewed unique 1890 to 1930 early films of Melbourne was compared by Chris Long, (a retired media historian). Member Derek Skues was a guest speaker focusing on the challenges of building a new town in the Saudi Desert.

In November, we visited the Archibald Exhibition at the Geelong Art Gallery followed by lunch at 360Q Queenscliff.

Many thanks to the Verdant Group Committee, Diana Dougall, Ro McDonald, Ann Mulcahy and Sarah Hunter for their work in making our functions so successful.

Liz Jeffrey
Convener



Deborah Skues, Julie Sloan, Simon de Wolf & Louise Robinson



Wendy and Simon Seward & Liz Rayward

Interclub Gala Dinner

On Tuesday 23 October, Executive Chefs, Jake Ward (Royal South Yarra), Jason Camillo (RACV Club), Chris Goulding (Kooyong LTC) and Steve Baar (University Club) combined to share their passion at an Interclub Gala Dinner held at the RACV Club.



Greg Ward & Jake Ward

One hundred and two guests were served canapes, followed by a four-course dinner with matching wines. Our Bar Manager, Greg Ward joined his counterparts from the other Clubs selecting the dinner wines.

The evening was deemed a success with each Executive Chef and Wine Manager presenting a food course with two matching wines. The feedback received was full of praise and it is hoped this will become an annual event.

Members who missed this creative and memorable evening should watch this space for next year's dinner to experience different Clubs working together.

Jake Ward
Executive Chef

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club Foundation

Foundation Trustees

Derek Skues (Chairman)
Tony Joubert (Club President)
Janie Bell
Phillip Gray
Ian Jarman
Cathy Moore

Objective

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

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

Activities

In 2017/18 the Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club Foundation received further donations from a number of members, (as listed) and pleasingly received another (anonymous) major donation.

The General Committee have released the key outcomes of the planned Grounds Enhancement Program (initially through Centrecourt Magazine) and the Foundation has endorsed the plans and is keen to assist help raise funds to improve our facilities for all Members' enjoyment.

Foundation Reserves

As at 30 June 2018 the following funds were held by the Foundation, including the donations made through the Australian Sport Foundation:

	2018	2017
RSY Foundation	\$378,787	\$375,360
Australian Sport Foundation		
• Sport Development	\$2,400	\$2,400
• Capital Projects	\$92,736	\$66,135
Total	\$473,923	\$443,895

The Committee and Members of the Club acknowledge the generous donations from Major Donors, Benefactors and Donors

Major Bequests

- Harvey R Holdenson
- Bruce S Dyson
- R Valerie Edwards

Major Donors (\$10,000 or more)

- Gordon L Newton OAM
- E Mardi Sloan
- Anonymous 2

Contributors to the Foundation from 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

Foundation Benefactors (between \$1,000 and \$9,999)

- Trevor Giacometti
- Ian Jarman
- Jonathan & Jane Roberts
- RSY Bridge Group
- Richard Clifton-Jones
- Robert Craig
- Edrina Dunstan
- Graham Duncan
- Ross Paton
- RSY Calcutta

I thank those who continue to support the Foundation in our endeavour to achieve the Club's vision of providing its members with the highest quality and most rewarding tennis and associated sporting and social experience of any private club in Australia.

**Derek Skues
Chairman**

RSY Foundation Award for Distinguished Service

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 15 November Diana Atkinson received the RSY Foundation Award for her dedicated service to the Club.

Di joined the Club in 1965 and has made a significant contribution to the Club life. She served on the General Committee and the Bar & Catering, House & Grounds Sub-committees. She has represented the Club in pennant tennis, mid-week ladies competition and has played in the Club Championships. She was also a member of the Maureen Connolly Brinker Cup Organising Committee (an international girls' tennis tournament which the Club hosted during 1980-1990). Her achievements include winning two premierships in the Southern Districts Tennis Association (mid-week ladies), Di captained the RSY A4 premiership team in 1996 and was a member of the A3 premiership team in 1997.

Derek Skues the Chairman of the RSYLTC Foundation congratulated Di, a very worthy recipient and presented her with a certificate and silver salver.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club was held on Thursday 15 November 2018.

The Honorary Officers and Committee were elected for the coming year.

President – Tony Joubert
Vice President – Jonathan Roberts
Captain – Richard Ralph
Honorary Secretary – James Bull
Honorary Treasurer – George Colman

Committee

Sally Charles
Louise Field
Ross Kemp
Hamish Salmon
Loretta Sheales
Amanda Schwiik

Introducing new Committee Member:

Louise Field

Louise joined the Club in 2004 and is currently an Osteopath. Louise obtained her Masters of Health Science – Osteopathy at Victoria University, she was a Professional Tennis Player on the WTA Tour and is a Level 2 TCAV Tennis Coach.



Committee Retirement

Dianne Hepworth retired after serving on the General Committee for nine years. She joined the Club in 1987 and during her time on the General Committee her portfolios have been the Hospitality Committee, the Activities and Communications Committee, the 125 Celebrations Committee and Editor of Centrecourt magazine. Di also served on the Activities Sub-committee for ten years, prior to becoming a member of the General Committee.

Members will be familiar with Di's tennis playing, as she has been very active on the tennis court during her thirty-one years of membership; competing in many tournaments, Club Championships, Mid-week ladies' competitions, the Tuesday Tennis Group and her regular Wednesday tennis group.

The Club has valued her outstanding contribution and wish her well.

Nick Reid Service Award



The Nick Reid Service Award was presented to Rebecca Murray at the AGM on Thursday 15 November.

This award is made by the General Committee in recognition of an outstanding contribution by a member in a number of aspects, including involvement over a number of years in tennis and/or squash together with ongoing support of social activities at the Club.

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

Rebecca has served on the Captains Committee since 2015. She joined the Club in 2002 and has represented the Club in both junior and senior pennant tennis and played in the senior and junior Club Championships for many years. In the junior club championships, she won the Girls 16/U Singles in 2006, 2007 & 2008, the Girls 14/U Doubles in 2005, the Girls 16/U Doubles in 2007, the Mixed Doubles 14/U in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 16/U in 2007 & 2008. Her achievements include being awarded the Stan Churchus Trophy (16/U) in 2008. She captained the 2012 Tennis Victoria Grade 3 Womens Premiership team and the Bayside Regional Tennis Association 2017 Section 1 premiership team.

Rebecca was congratulated and presented with a certificate in her honour.

Cedric Mason wins the Ian Occleshaw Award

At the Tennis Coaches Australia Victoria (TCAV) awards night on 22 July, Club Member, Cedric Mason became the third winner of the prestigious Ian Occleshaw Award, for lifetime holistic services to tennis.

The TCAV Awards night was held at Royal South Yarra where we witnessed our esteemed Honorary Life Member, Cedric Mason receive the Ian Occleshaw Award. Cedric was a Club Champion in 1954 and 1956 and a member of the 1960 RSY Men's A Grade winning pennant team.

Frank Sedgman a former Ian Occleshaw Award recipient paid tribute to Cedric, who responded by paying tribute to the late Ian Occleshaw, sharing many wonderful anecdotes and wise words.

This was a fitting tribute to Cedric's lifetime dedication and contribution to the game of tennis.



SAVE THE DATE

Australian Open Tennis

Thursday 17 January 2019

RSY Goes to the Australian Open Tennis

Champagne & Chicken Sandwiches will be served at the Club before heading off by bus to the Rod Laver Arena.

\$146-00 per person.

**Tickets are strictly limited to 20
- BOOK NOW**

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

Tennis Club Championships

7, 8, 9, 10 & 14, 15, 16 & 17 February 2019

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

*Enquiries - Jarrad Wright
jarradwright@rsyltc.org.au*

Beginners Bridge Lessons

Tuesday 19 & 26 February, 5, 12, 19 & 26 March and 2 & 9 April 2019

\$200-00 (member), \$240-00 (non-member)

Enquiries: Administration 9829 1556

ANZAC Remembrance Parade & Commemorative Luncheon

Wednesday 24 April 2019

Guest Speaker:

Mr Michael Bennett, great grandson of General Sir John Monash GCMG, KCB, VD

Format: Parade 11:30am, followed by lunch in the Como Room

OBITUARIES

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

Mr Edward F Billson
House Member - 2007

Mr James W Davies
Playing Member - 1992

Mrs Mildred I Graham
Non Playing Member - 2000

Mrs Valnere Hayes
Playing Member - 1938

Mrs C Jean I Hayman
Non Playing Member - 1991

Mrs Susan A Mott
Non Playing Member - 1995

Mr Robert M C Prowes
Playing Member - 2003

Mr Graeme C Sampieri
Restricted Playing Member - 2004

Mr John D S Uglow
Absentee Member - 1997

2018 Tennis Victoria Premiers



Men's Grade 1 - Campbell Salmon, Oliver Casey, Matthew Woerndle, Aaron Leeder-Chard, Wes Neylon and Yuri Mijic (Captain)



Women's Grade 5 - Top: Stephanie Kortum, Vicky Lynagh, Fiona Ralph (Captain) Claudia Albert, Laura O'Farrell. Bottom: Virginia Wallace, Susie Salmon & Alex Ritter

