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Nick Board Wins TCAV Tennis Victoria Club Coach of the Year

Sale Tennis Club is proud to announce that our popular coach, Nick Board, has won the TCAV Club Coach of the Year. This is the first time that a coach from Sale Tennis Club has won this prestigious award. In fact, it is the first time a coach based outside of the Metropolitan area has won the award.

The Club Coach of the Year is awarded based on a written submission supporting the nomination, the recommendations of the Sub Committee charged with the assessment and finally ratified by the TCAV Board of Management.

The criterion on which the nominees were assessed were that the coach:

- Provides successful coaching programs and pathways which cater for the needs of the players within their community;
- Demonstrates great loyalty to his/her Club or facility,
- Actively seeks and fosters positive relationships with local schools and the general community,
- Actively involved with the Club / facility to assist in growing the game of tennis,
- Implements innovative programs and activities which encourage all individuals to participate in tennis and Club life,
- Executes a clear a marketing plan to assist growing the game of tennis within the community and developing the tennis facility.

Nick will have his name added to the TCAV Honour Board currently displayed at Tennis Victoria.

Nick will be presented with The George Gilmour Memorial Award at the Grace Park Tennis Centre on April 4. Club President Robin Lowe will accompany Nick at the presentation of awards to represent the host club. At the same time two coaches will be inducted into the Coaches Hall of Fame to join the 14 current inductees and one coach will be elevated to Legend status. There is still something to aspire to Nick!

Congratulations Nick from all at Sale Tennis Club. We look forward to seeing your name up in lights in the next edition of Victorian Tennis News.

Club Championships Correction

Never one to let the truth get in the way of a good story, our editor got carried away last edition. While it would have been a historic feat for the same player to win both the 18 & Under and Senior Honour Board events in both the men's and women's, this is not what actually happened in the men's competition.

The winner of the 18 & Under Boys Championship was in fact Tom Young, who played Rhett Nelson in the final. Apologies Tom for the editorial slip. Tom received his trophy and fitting acknowledgement at the presentations on December 15 for both the 18 & Under and the 16 & Under Boys, which he also won. (We have no idea if this is a record!)

Spring 2007 Night Pennant Results

Night Pennants have kicked off again for 2008 with strong entries on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Our thanks go to our night co-ordinators, who are the unsung heroes of our nearly 150 night players. Our night co-ordinators organise team selection, draws, courts, balls, supper, fill-ins, ladders, prizes and a host of other duties that it takes an entire committee and association to do for other competitions; and they do it twice each year!

The results for Spring 2007 were as follows:

Tuesday Night

Winners

Langlaufs

Ron Erskine
Rod Cook
Simone Lay
Melissa Auld

Runners Up

Langrels

Darren Elliott
Graeme Heywood
Sally Relph
Bess Dyer

The score at the end of play was 28 – 26: the narrowest possible margin under the night format.

Our thanks go to Mike Riley who is the consummate organiser with never a hitch coming out of our Tuesday pennants. Well done Mike! Your devoted disciples look forward to another sensational season of Tuesday Night tennis.

Wednesday Night

Winners

John Patten
Rob Dowsett
Prue McNaughton
Debbie Jackson

Runners Up

Phil Jolly
Gregor McNaughton
James Cooper
Lorraine Crawford

Prue McNaughton is obviously feeling comfortable at home after beating father and SHTA President, Gregor, in the final. Good job she no longer relies on Dad for pocket money. After his second season in the role, Phil Todd has settled into stride as Wednesday Night co-ordinator. With an increase in numbers for the coming pennant, this year's season promises a bit more variety and a whole lot of fun. Thank you Phil for your efforts. They are appreciated.

Thursday Night

Winners

Melancholy Monkeys

Scott Templeton
Steve Farley
Russell Stevens
Leanne Wilson

Runners Up

Whimsical Wart Hogs

Brian Rawnsdon (Wayne Pollock)
Barry Anderson
Peter Lowe
Di Arnot

Thursday night numbers for 2008 are well up with a wonderful influx of new players and the return of some of our seasoned campaigners. Autumn 2008 promises to be another season of tight competition on court and spirited social activities off court. Robin Lowe, our Thursday Night co-ordinator, has just completed his 36th season of involvement in the Thursday competition. Long service leave, or a pension, is surely just around the corner! Thank you Robin.

Christmas Break-up & Club Championship Presentations

After fires intervened in 2006 our 2007 Christmas Break-up proceeded uninterrupted on December 15.

A good night was enjoyed by all who came along to share in the presentation of all of the Senior Club Championship events and the Junior Honour Board events. (Full results in Summer 2007 Newsletter)

Grandparents, Don and Kathleen, and parents, Gary and Kathleen, were on hand to see Abe Schuback receive acknowledgement as our Open Men's Club Champion for season 2007/08. It was wonderful to see three generations of Schuback's at the Club to which they have contributed so much. Abe was gracious in victory, thanking his opponent in the final, Nick Board, the Championship organisers and the Club Committee for providing the opportunity to compete.

Krystal Rawnsen was our well deserved Ladies Open Club Champion. Krystal defeated Jessie Lauria in the final to take out her 2nd Ladies Open Club Championship along with the 18 & Under Girls Championship. Now no stranger to the microphone, Krystal thanked her opponents throughout the Championships and all of the people who helped put our Club Championships together. No pressure Krystal but next year represents your last opportunity to make it three in a row in both the Open and 18 & Under. That would be something to write about!

Trophy presentations were also made to all of the Junior Honour Board winners who were as follows:

16 & Under Boys Singles - T. Young	16 & Under Girls Singles- Jess Lauria
14 & Under Boys Singles - H. Kaandorp	14 & Under Girls Singles- S. Jolly
12 & Under Boys Singles - T. Jolly	12 & Under Girls Singles- M. Harrison
10 & Under Boys Singles - A. Trett	10 & Under Girls Singles - J. Cashman

This year the Junior Committee were the driving force behind the Championship organisation, putting together the entry forms, the draws and assisting on both days of play. A big thank you must go to Louise Trett for her assistance with the trophies and prizes for our winners and runners up. Even with her consummate organisation our President still managed to mess up the trophy presentations on the night until Louise came to the rescue. Well done Louise!

Other "Thank you's" must go to all of those who helped with the meal, brought salads, cooked the bar-b-que, served, cleaned up, served behind the bar and helped out with the raffle.

We should also acknowledge Glenn Schuback who very kindly donated a dozen raffle prizes from **Sale Heating & Leisure**. Glenn is the local representative of the worlds best bar-b-que range, Weber, as well as the Poolside range of swimming pool accessories and his prizes were very much in demand, especially the inflatable pool that every kid was willing their parents to win. Of course no raffle is complete unless Life Member Don Schuback wins a prize, and he did so again on the night. It is no coincidence that Don wins a lot of prizes but so he should, he buys a lot of tickets!!

The night finished with what is rapidly becoming an essential tradition; Sandi Elliman's famous vanilla slice. Yum!!

Sale Tennis Club Earns Good Sports Level 3 Accreditation

Efforts by Sale Tennis Club to tackle the difficult issue of alcohol management in community sport has resulted in the Club receiving Level 3 accreditation as part of the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program. This is the highest possible level of accreditation.

Good Sports has been designed to assist Clubs with the responsible management of alcohol through an accreditation process requiring clubs to implement a variety of practices and policies at each level. It is the first nationwide alcohol accreditation program of its kind.

The program helps to break the so-called link between alcohol and club profits and in the process guides clubs to a healthier and safer future. It also makes the club a more attractive place to be for a wider range of people in the local community.

Sale Tennis Club spokesperson, Robin Lowe said that "We offer friendly and safe club facilities which comply with Liquor Licensing's legal requirements. An important part of the program was that we put our volunteer bar servers through a training course in the responsible serving of alcohol."

"We want people to know the Sale Tennis Club's focus is sport, not drinking. We serve alcohol in a safe, responsible manner and drinking is certainly not our reason for being here. All members of our community can be assured that this is a welcoming and safe place to play and watch sport."

The Club will be regularly monitored to ensure compliance with the accreditation criteria.

The Good Sports program was developed following research conducted by the Australian Drug Foundation which showed high risk consumption of alcohol in community sports clubs. Through the introduction of responsible alcohol management practices clubs have been able to improve their image and decrease their risk of liability.

With over 160 junior players and over 400 members in total, we all have a responsibility to ensure that we maintain a safe and welcoming environment. We ask all of our members to familiarise themselves with the Good Sports principles and to respect and encourage these at every opportunity.

2007/08 Players Auction Results

The players' auction was enormously well supported this year. The winners to the end of the season have been:

Week	Male Player	Owner	Female Player	Owner
Dec 1	M Elliman(fi)	LED Synd.	K Rawnsen	C Mara
Dec 8	R Erskine	I Best	J Foat	S Shanahan
Dec 15	C Smalley	LED Synd.	C Elliott	LED Synd.
Jan 12	B Rawnsen	K Rawnsen	C Elliott	LED Synd.
Feb 2	J Clottin/T Wilson	M Fitzclarence	M Shanahan	S Shanahan
Feb 9	Sean Jackson	Dory Synd.	C Elliott	LED Synd.
Feb 16	M Fitzclarence	LED Synd.	K Rawnsen/T Woods	C Mara/LED Sy.

Thank you to Di Arnot who has been responsible for all of our player statistics including the player's auction and the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year. We look forward to another exciting auction next season.

Krystal Rawnsdon Back in the Winners Circle

Krystal Rawnsdon added to her already crowded trophy cabinet in January by winning the Victorian Country Inter-Regional Under 18 Singles Championship.

Krystal played players from Bairnsdale, Ballarat and Warrnambool on her way to the Championship. In a dominant performance she won 36 of the 49 games played over the three rounds, taking out the final 6 -3, 6 - 0.

Krystal is almost a tennis veteran at 17 having been involved in representative tennis for East Gippsland in the Foundation and Federation Cup Tournaments and having won local and metropolitan Club, Association and Regional Championships over the past few years. Krystal has developed a strong skills base and true understanding of her craft through her two year involvement with the Gippsland Sports Academy and from local coach Nick Board at TopSpin Tennis.

As if winning was not enough Krystal then took up the entire back page of the Gippsland Times January 18 edition. What a boost for our local tennis profile. Very well done Krystal and congratulations from all at Sale Tennis Club.

ATCG International Players Perform Well at Australian Open

Players who have competed in the Australian Technical College Gippsland International tournament featured well in the recently completed Australian Open, "The Grand Slam of Asia Pacific". Five players who have featured in Sale in the past two years made the main draw of the Men's Singles. A further seven competed in the two qualifier events but did not make it to the main draw.

2006 ATCGI winner **Konstantinos Economidis** (Gre) drew number 7 seed Fernando Gonzalez (Chi), last years runner up in the tournament, but went down in straight sets after pushing Gonzalez in the first two sets. **Joseph Sirianni** (Aus) drew Janko Tipsarevic(Srb) and forced him to four sets. Tipsarevic subsequently pushed Roger Federer to five sets in the fourth round, finally losing 8 – 10 in the fifth set of a classic match. **Robert Smeets** (Aus) drew number 10 seed David Nalbandian (Arg) and went down in straight sets. **Nick Lindahl** (Aus) was first up against number 8 seed Richard Gasquet (Fra) and extended him into a fourth set. Gasquet eventually went down to finalist Jo-Wilfred Tsonga. **Brydan Klein** (Aus), 2007 Boy's Singles Winner was granted a wildcard and drew Paul Capdeville (Chi) and, while competitive, conceded a single service break in each of three sets to be eliminated in straight sets.

A further 10 players made the draw of the Men's Doubles. **Karson Ball** and **Adam Feeney** (Aus) made it through to the Quarter Finals before being eliminated by Gicquel and Santoro of France. Three other pairs drew seeds and were eliminated in the first round.

The presence of these players in a Grand Slam event demonstrates the quality of the players that we have attracted to compete in Gippsland over the past two years. With the ATCG International to be conducted in October this year we are looking forward to another top quality field performing in front of the enthusiastic Gippsland crowds.

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year

With the end of the Summer Pennant season comes the final results of the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year. Congratulations go to the Carmel Elliott and Scott Templeton, our 2007/08 winners.

The second year of the Rescom Player of the Year has seen some very keen competition and very close scores. It has been fascinating watching the season unfold and players have taken a keen interest on the Rescom board displayed all season in the Clubhouse.

The final standings were:

Women	Rating	Men	Rating
Carmel Elliott	11.92	Scott Templeton	9.75
Michelle Shanahan	10.45	Murray Fitzclarence	9.63
Jess Foat	7.00	Troy Wilson	8.73
Karen Deschepper	7.00	Jim Clottin	8.09
Di Arnot	6.75	Ron Erskine	7.67
Mary Clottin	6.64	Chris Smalley	7.58
Krystal Rawnson	5.25	Brian Rawnson	6.75
Tania Woods	4.25	Fergus Horan	5.18
Leanne Evans	4.00	Tom Young	4.92
Melissa Rawnson	2.92	Abe Schuback	4.42

Trophy presentations to Carmel and Scott were made by Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Director, Mr David Wheeler, after the SHTA Grand Finals on March 1st. David said that Rescom were delighted to support this award that has created so much interest throughout the pennant season. He noted that it is pleasing that players at all levels have a chance of winning this award, not just those at the top levels. All you need do is to play well against your peers. David also announced that the sponsorship of the award will continue for the 2008/09 season. All at Sale Tennis Club would like to thank David and Ronchi Wheeler Rescom for their generous support.

Clubhouse Keys

Four years ago we spent a small fortune getting our Clubhouse rekeyed to a master key security system to overcome our concerns on the widespread distribution of our keys. We got 30 numbered keys and created a key register of who had each of our keys. Unfortunately as committees have changed and people have passed along their keys to the next person our register is starting to look about as reliable as Japanese claims about whaling research. In order to redress this situation we request that every person who has a Clubhouse key email that key number to Robin Lowe at theelms@netspace.net.au or advise by phone on 5144 7582. The number is on the key tag and is also etched on each key. If you have a key please let us know, even if you have already advised your number or it has not changed in four years. **If you have a key you no longer need please hand it back to a committee member immediately as we are desperately short of them.**

Night Tennis for Beginners

With Monday night tennis having gone into temporary recess we have a new initiative. Monday night will now see free coaching for beginners. Nick and Rhett from TopSpin Tennis will provide free coaching for all adult beginners for a period of six weeks followed by a mini pennant season. This is due to begin in Term 2.

If you, or any of your friends, would like to participate in the beginners only free coaching and subsequent mini pennant please contact Nick at the TopSpin Tennis Proshop on 5144 1345.

Redevelopment of Courts 9 & 10

The redevelopment of courts 9 and 10 has now commenced with the construction of our new storage shed and the removal of the old ones. This exciting new work will involve:

- * The removal of two fences to allow the expansion of the playing area.
- * Relaying the entire playing surface area on both courts to give them proper "run off" areas and space between side and rear fences. The new courts will comply with international tennis event requirements.
- * The construction of a retaining wall to the rear of the courts.
- * The removal of the existing inadequate lighting system and the replacement of this system with modern lighting to allow the inclusion of night finals to the Pro Circuit tournament schedule. The new lights will produce 500 lux across the entire playing surface. (The current lights on these courts provide not much more than 100 lux.)
- * Removal, relocation and replacement of 4 net posts and relaying all lines on both courts.
- * The construction of a 150 seat grandstand with permanent shade and modern seating.

Funding for the upgrades has come from a \$60,000 State Government grant announced by Minister James Merlino last May, a Tennis Australia Court Development Grant and by the very generous support of local philanthropist, Mr John Leslie.

Working Bee

With the start of our court redevelopment program there is much to be done around the Clubhouse and on the courts. Please make an effort to be there to ensure that we get though as much as possible. What we don't do ourselves we must pay to get someone else to do. There are plenty of jobs for juniors, seniors and those in between. The work starts at 9.30 am and will finish at about 12.30 pm with a free bar-b-que and a few drinks.

Country Week 2008

Sale Tennis Club had two sides at Country Week 2008 at Swan Hill in February. The two teams consisted of Murray Fitzclarence, Mick Luke, Bruce Tatterson, Brett Figas and Paul Swarski and Di Arnot, Annie Shears, Jenny Luke, Tania Woods and Gaye and Ash Harper who made the 8 hour road trip to Swan Hill. What with the distance and the extreme heat numerous refreshment stops along the way were called for which provided ample opportunities for sniper attacks with a supper sopper from the smiling assassin Bruce (Almighty) Tatterson.

Sunday evening the teams caught the courtesy bus to the outstanding Swan Hill Lawn Tennis Club for a few quiet drinks and to catch up with old friends from past encounters.

Mens Team

Monday morning the teams rose bright and early to a typical hot Swan Hill day for a 9:00am start against Bacchus Marsh Topguns with Sale coming home the victors by 5 games. The team consisted of Mick Luke, Paul Swarski, Brett Figas and Murray Fitzclarence.

In the Monday arvo game Sale played Allambee OF winning by 3 games. Players were Mick Luke, Brett Figas, Bruce Tatterson and Paul Swarski.

The day was rounded out by a relaxing 9 holes of golf at the Murray Downs Golf course and a lovely meal at a local Thai restaurant.

Tuesday morning Sale played the Wodonga Penguins in very hot conditions. The first sets were finished very quickly with Bruce (Almighty) Tatterson and Brett Figas combining well to win 8 games to love. In the other set Paul Swarski and Murray Fitzclarence won 8 games to 3. The reversed sets were a bit harder with Sale winning 8/5 and 8/6.

The next game Sale played the Bermy Marlins winning in a very close match by 2 games. Players were Mick Luke, Bruce Tatterson, Brett Figas and Murray Fitzclarence.

After a couple of essential refreshments to re-hydrate it was off to the races. The Tennis Club combined with the Turf Club to host a twilight meeting that turned out to be a fantastic evening with bands and lots of dancing and Brett Figas showing his talent around the fillies by backing a couple of winners.

Wednesday the team had a bye in the morning which was good as it allowed some of the younger team members to sleep in. The day was not the typical hot still conditions but very windy and a lot cooler. In the afternoon game Paul Swarski made the ultimate sacrifice for the team dragging himself out of bed and pulling on the boots to play last years grand finalist Swan Hill. In very difficult and windy conditions Swan Hill came out on top by 2 games. Players were Mick Luke, Paul Swarski, Bruce Tatterson and Murray Fitzclarence.

Thursday was still windy. The last game before the finals Sale played ladder leaders Macedon Red Devils. Mick Luke and Bruce Tatterson and Brett Figas and Murray Fitzclarence combined to win by 3 games.

On to the semi finals. Sale played Bermy Marlins and Macedon played Allambee with the winners to play off in the final. In very trying conditions Bruce Tatterson and Brett Figas combined to win 8 games to 3. In the other set Mick Luke and Paul Swarski went down 8 games to 4. Going into the reverse sets Sale held onto a 1 game lead. Brett and Bruce lost 8/3 which left Mick and Paul needing to win 8/3. With the spectators hanging on ever shot the boys came home with the goods with the final margin only 1 game.

In the other semi Allambee beat Macedon by one game also to set up an evenly matched final.

The final on Friday morning was played in near perfect conditions with the wind finally disappearing back to Nambrook where all winds seem to come from. Bruce and Brett played the first set winning 8/5. Next set Mick and Paul played and also won 8/5. The reverse set had Mick and Paul staying on the court and they brought home the Section B2 flag with an 8/6 win. Well done boys, you have done our Club proud.

Womens Team

Our ladies team was very consistent for the whole week. They had two games every day with some very strong opposition. On the opening Monday our girls scores were commendable only losing by 3 & 5 for the day. The Tuesday was quite warm but they kept their record intact by managing to pick up a point in each of the games that day. The motivation might have been the special night at the races where most of our contingent lost money and danced the night away. A great night had by all.

Wednesday was windy so we excelled with our Seaspray contingent and had the first outright win for the week. Unfortunately that doesn't get you into the finals so we only had one game on Thursday and then all enjoyed watching the men win their semi and take home the trophy on Friday.

All players had a fantastic week and enjoyed the privilege of participating in the biggest Lawn Tennis competition in the world with around 1000 players. Swan Hill was a brilliant venue having 54 permanent courts and another 47 on the soccer ground that any caretaker would be proud of.

Next year will be held at Wodonga and all who went this year hope to do it all over again.

Annual General Meeting Dates

Juniors

The Junior AGM will be conducted at the Clubhouse on Wednesday April 16 at 7.30 pm. With nearly 150 junior children we expect to see at least 150 parents turn up to volunteer to share the load with our hard working Junior Committee. All parents are encouraged to attend even if not interested in being on committee as as much input, and as many new ideas as possible, are always needed. We have recently conducted our first ever survey of all juniors and the results will be discussed at the meeting.

Seniors

The Senior AGM will be conducted at 7.30 pm on Sunday May 25. Last year we had a very poor turnout which was disappointing for our hardworking General Committee. Please make an effort to come along, show some support, volunteer for a Committee position or even a few small jobs (we are all busy!!) and generally help to make ours a better Club.

Caution Around Lake Guthridge

Sale Police have reported some inappropriate behaviour around Lake Guthridge. Parents are asked to exercise caution when their children walk to and from the courts. This is especially important with the upcoming Term 2 Junior Pennant being conducted in the evenings after Daylight Savings has ended so children may be going home after dark.

Get Well Soon Barry & Phil

Two STC stalwarts have recently received more attention from their doctors than they might like. Former Club Champion and Club Coach, Barry Cook, is on the mend after surgery and we hope that he is back to his former self very soon. We wish him well.

Phil Mein, 2006 Life Members Day winner, and long time Club member has had a knee operation. We hope that all is going well for him. Phil, if you are not using it at the moment, some of us would really like to borrow your volley!!

Junior News

Winter Pennant

The Junior Committee intend to conduct a Winter Pennant during Term 2. The Pennant will be played on Friday evenings with play commencing at 5.30 pm. Juniors of all standards are encouraged to put their name down and make the most of this fantastic opportunity to hone their skills over the cooler months and go into summer pennant absolutely raring to go. Please direct all enquiries to TopSpin Tennis on 5144 1345.

Junior Circuit Masters Finals

The Tennis East Gippsland Junior Circuit Masters Series finishes on April 13. Sale has a total of 15 players who have gained automatic qualifying and a further player who is first emergency. Our automatic qualifiers are: Boys 10 & Under, **Alex Trett**, Girls 10 & Under, **Jamie Cashman**, Boys 12 & Under, **Cohan Schuback** and **Bradley Olsson**, Girls 12 & Under, **Megan Harrison**, **Sarah Trett** and **Lexie Joyce**, Boys 14 & Under, **Kenny Waite** and **Darcy Van Lier**, Girls 14 & Under, **Paige Wilson** and **Haley Shanahan**, Boys 16 & Under, **Tom Wilson** and **James Cooper** and Girls 16 & Under, **Chelsea Rawnson** and **Bree Kaandorp**. **Harrison Kaandorp** is first emergency for the Boys 14 & Under.

We wish the best of luck to this hard working group of juniors who have committed themselves to the Masters Series and have reaped the rewards of their dedication. Thank you also to the parents who have been coach, mentor, catering staff and taxi drivers as our juniors have tracked around all over East Gippsland.

Junior Stats Awards

The winners of the Junior Stats Awards for the 2007/08 Pennant Season were:

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
Section 1 -	Sarah Luke	Tom Wilson
Section 2 -	Maddie Rhodes	Daniel Dowd
Section 3 -	Paige Wilson	Josh Cashman
Section 4 -	Ashleigh Robbins	John McIntyre
Section 5 -	Emily Olsson	Jake Budija
Section 6 -	Caitlyn Sanders	Nathan Telling
Section 7 -	Emily Carolan	Jackson Burge
Section 8 -	Meg Mogridge	Thomas Foley

Rumour File

- It is rumoured that Tom Wilson and his sidekick Cohan Schuback may be prepared to offer their long locks to be shaved for fund raising just in case Senior President Robin comes up short in his grant applications for court renovations. Good on you boys!!!
- Watch out everybody for the sopranos style white car getting around the Club lately. Could it be that our coach has gone gangster?
- Steve Shanahan has been seen around town looking for a shop to start his own catering business after his record breaking takings at the SHTA Championships.
- Deb Olsson is believed to have completely forgotten where her home was after spending so much time in the kitchen with Steve and the other helpers over the SHTA Championships weekend. Deb's husband, Wayne, is wondering if this is good or bad fortune. Well done to all who helped.



Topspin Tennis Holiday Clinic

Topspin Tennis is running a holiday clinic for all players interested in playing in the upcoming winter competition.

When: 31st March – 2nd April

Time: 9:30am – 12:00 midday

Where: Sale Tennis Club

Standard: All ages and levels

Cost: \$40.00

Clinic will cover stroke correction and technique, match play, singles tactics and also lots of fun activities.

All enquiries and bookings to be made prior to Friday 28th March to Topspin Tennis 51441345 or e-mail nick@topspintennis.net.au

Sale Teams Excel in SHTA Finals

Seniors

Sale managed to get 5 of its 9 senior teams into the SHTA finals. Those appearing on Week 1 were Sale Barracouta, who finished the season on top of the Section 1 ladder, Sale Stingrays in Section 2, Sale Nemo in Section 3, Sale Dory in Section 4 and Sale Bream in Section 5. Unfortunately all 5 teams lost in the first week but 4 progressed through to the Preliminary. In the Preliminary Final Sale Barracouta was eliminated by just 2 games but Stingray, Nemo and Bream progressed to the Grand Final.

In a stunning display all three teams won through on Grand Final day making for a party atmosphere at the end of the day as all players were able to enjoy their celebrations. Winners are grinners!

The winners were:

Section 5 Sale Bream def. Rockley

Jim Clottin, Fergus Horan, Troy Wilson, Mary Clottin, Jess Foat and Michelle Shanahan. What a wonderful story our Section 5 team have been for season 2008. This was a brand new team for 2008 and it did not take long for them to start to play well together. With a wonderful mix of youth and experience, after an initial disappointment in the 2nd Semi Final, they did not look back and went on strongly to win our first Section 5 pennant in a generation.

Section 3 Sale Nemo def. Maffra

Somewhat more experience than youth was the winning formula for Nemo's with the team consisting of Murray Fitzclarence, Scott Templeton, Ron Erskine, Di Arnot, Tania Woods and Kim Dennis. (Filling in for Merryn Griffiths.) After losing to Maffra in the 2nd Semi Final Nemo bounced back strongly to beat Rockley in the Preliminary before toppling Maffra in the Grand Final. Some of these tennis tragics have played together for many years and spend a lot of time on the court and it is great to see their hard work pay off.

Section 2 Sale Stingrays Def. Stratford

Ivan Best, Chris Smalley, Wayne Dennis (for Brian Rawnson), Debbie Kaandorp, Leanne Wilson and Linda Rawnson. The Stingrays had a similar path through the finals as both Bream and Nemo. After losing to Stratford in week one they beat Maffra in the Preliminary before comfortably accounting for Stratford in the Grand Final. Stingrays had a fantastic season with great team spirit throughout the whole pennant. With such team spirit it is easy to see how they brought home the flag in the Big One.

Juniors

Section 1 Sale Minties d Sale Jellybeans

Section 1 was dominated by Sale teams this year and was won by the Minties who saved their best form for finals. Nick Roberts, Sarah Luke, Harry Kaandorp and Lucy Dowd won against the Jellybeans who were made up of Kenny Waite, Lisa Pritchett, Elise Clottin and Adam Clottin.

Section 3 Maffra Rusty d Sale Kool Mints

Kool Mints were Josh Cashman, Paige Wilson, Tom Jolly and Sarah Trett

Section 6 Maffra Jet pilot d Sale Wizz Fizz

Wizz Fizz was made up of Maddeline Telling, Max McKenzie, Caitlin Sanders, Nathan Telling, Teisha Warry and Alex Trett.

The season was a huge success overall and with so many players participating in winter tennis and coaching it looks as though our players are enjoying being part of the greatest Club in country Victoria.

Sale Midweek Ladies Mothers Day Raffle

Sale Midweek Ladies are running a Mothers Day Raffle with the 1st Prize a "Pamper Package" from *Carolyn's Professional Beauty Touch*. The winner will receive a Prescription Facial, ½ hour body massage and a gift pack containing lipstick, nail polish, emery board, loofah glove, exfoliating soap and skin quenchers. The raffle is drawn on May 9, just in time for Mothers Day. Thank you to Carolyn from Carolyn's Professional Beauty Touch for her wonderful support of the Club.

Calender of Events

*	March 1	SHTA Grand Finals
*	March 15	SHTA Championships
*	March 16	SHTA Championships
*	March 21 -24	Maffra Easter Tournament
*	April 6	Working Bee at Sale Tennis Club 9:30 am start
*	April 7	Scheduled Start Date for Court 9 & 10 Upgrades
*	April 13	Junior Circuit Masters Finals
*	April 16	Junior Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm
*	May 9	Sale Midweek Ladies Mothers Day Raffle Drawn
*	May 25	STC Annual General Meeting 7.30 pm
*	September 7	Working Bee at Sale Tennis Club 9:30 am start
*	September 14	Life Members Day incorporating Ian Flint Memorial and Monica Best Memorial Trophies
*	October	ATCG Pro Circuit International Tournament