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Club Championships

After an initial false start due to persistent heavy rain (How strange does that sound now?) our Club Championships got under way on December 14. This year they were again co-ordinated by our hard working Junior Committee. **Krystal Rawnson** pulled off the double again this year winning the Open Women's and the Girls 18 and Under. Three years in a row in both events is a remarkable performance that we are unlikely to see again. **Abe Schuback** was the winner of the Open Men's Singles for the second year in a row. **Jonathan Burge** was the winner of the Boys 18 & Under.

Well done to the winners of all of the Open and Age events and to everyone that competed. It is great to win but it is a triumph to be able to compete.

The results of all of the finals were as follows:

Senior Events	Winner	Runner Up
Open Men's Singles	A. Schuback	T. Young
Opens Women's Singles	K. Rawnson	J. Lauria
Open Men's Doubles	A. Schuback / M. Elliman	K. Martin/N. Board
Open Women's Doubles	K. Rawnson/K. Board	P. Wilson/M. Cook
Open Mixed Doubles	M. Elliman/M. Cook	A. Schuback/B. Kaandorp
B Grade Men's Singles	S. Shanahan	I. Best
B Grade Men's Doubles	S. Shanahan/ I. Best	M. Fitzclarence/W. Dennis
B Grade Women's Doubles	D. Jolly/D. Arnott	K. Hanratty/M. Dempster
B Grade Mixed Doubles	W. Dennis/ D. Kaandorp	D Arnot/ M.Fitzclarence
C Grade Women's Doubles	E. Burge/ K. Hanratty	D. Cooper/M.Shanahan
Boys Singles 18 & Under	J. Burge	J. Cooper
Girls Singles 18 & Under	K. Rawnson	J. Lauria

Junior Honour Board Events

16 & Under Boys Singles	T. Young	T. Wilson
16 & Under Girls Singles	S. Jolly	H. Shanahan
14 & Under Boys Singles	H. Kaandorp	B.Olsson
14 & Under Girls Singles	M. Harrison	P.Wilson
12 & Under Boys Singles	C. Schuback	B. Olsson
12 & Under Girls Singles	S. Trett	J. Cashman
10 & Under Boys Singles	N. Hogan	T. Foley
10 & Under Girls Singles	L. Jones	B. Hanratty

Junior Events

Section 1 & 2 Boys Singles	D. Luhrs	K. Waite
Section 1 & 2 Girls Singles	M. Harrison	P. Wilson
Section 1 & 2 Boys Doubles	L. Deschepper/ H. Kaandorp	B. Ollson/C.Schuback
Section 1 & 2 Mixed Doubles	L.Deschepper/ M.Harrison	S. Trett/ C.Schuback
Section 3 & 4 Boys Singles	L. Deschepper	J. Simic
Section 3 & 4 Girls Singles	J. Cashman	C. Sanders
Section 3 & 4 Boys Doubles	J. Simic/ N. Telling	J. Collins/B. Fleahy
Section 3 & 4 Mixed Doubles	J. Cashman/ A.Trett	C. Sanders/ J. Simic
Section 5&6 Boys Singles	J. Foley	J. Burge
Section 5&6 Girls Singles	H. Howes	E. Carrolan
Section 5&6 Boys Doubles	J. Foley/L.Emms	J. Burge/ T. Foley
Section 5&6 Girls Doubles	E. Carrolan/E.Mogridge	A. Mealing/M.Mogridge
Section 5&6 Mixed Doubles	J. Foley/ J. Mitchell	N. Hogan/T. Ballinger
Section 7&8 Boys Singles	N. Hogan	V. Forcadela
Section 7&8 Girls Singles	M. Mogridge	A. Mealing
Section 7&8 Boys Doubles	N.Hogan/L.Hanratty	G. Aitkin/H. Turnbull
Section 7&8 Mixed Doubles	V.Forcadela/A. Mealing	L. Jones / L. Jones

Junior News

New Plexi-Pave Courts

The relaying of the old Plexi Pave courts into their new surface was completed in January. Our old courts had done 23 years of faithful service but were long overdue for a facelift. The new look courts, in the same blue colours as Rod Laver Arena, have been attracting much attention and it is great to see our juniors on court playing as Raffa, Roger and the Williams girls. We can all pretend! Fittingly the courts had their first official workout at the TopSpin Tennis Mini Australian Open in January. The kids were fantastic despite the extreme heat and enjoyed their time on the new surface. We look forward to seeing them full of happy tennis players for years to come. We do however need one big favour. The surface marks quite easily so we must ask that all players wear **WHITE SOLED** shoes to limit the marking and extend the court life.

Almost on cue the recent bushfires managed to dump a thick layer of soot on our beautiful new blue courts. While we appreciate that we are so much better off than many it took a fair crew of volunteers to make them look anything like blue again. Our thanks go to Abe Schuback, Glenn Schuback, Colin and Felicity Price, Wayne Olsson, Robin Lowe, the TopSpin Tennis Junior Development Squad and especially Nick Board and Rhett Nelson for their effort to return the courts to a useable condition.

Tennis East Gippsland Junior Circuit

If there was ever any doubt as to the future of Sale Tennis Club you only need to look at the current standings on the Tennis East Gippsland Junior Circuit scoreboard to see that things look very bright indeed.

Sale will host the forth TEG Junior Points Tournament on March 15 with the event open to players of all standards. **Megan Harrison** was in top form and won the 16/U girls at Lakes Entrance in February.

Current Sale players in the Top 8, who will then be eligible to participate in the final on April 19, are as follows:

Boys 12 & Under: 1. Bradley Olson 2. Jack Foley 4. Cohan Schuback 7. Alex Trett

Girls 12 & Under: 1. Jamie Cashman 5. Jamie Mitchell

Boys 14 & Under: 7. Josh Cashman

Girls 14 & Under: 1. Megan Harrison 3. Haley Shanahan 5. Sarah Trett

Girls 16 & Under: 1. Megan Harrison 3. Haley Shanahan 5. Sarah Trett

Pennant

With only 1 round to go before finals Section 1 sees Downie and Pritchard vying for forth place and Schuback in Section 2 in with a great chance of being second on the ladder. McHattie in Section 2 are a good chance to grab forth place while in Section 4 Pollack is also in forth position. Bach in Section 7 is in second position and should do well in the finals. Good luck to all players who participate in the finals and to everyone else who may have missed out but have enjoyed another great season of tennis.

Annual Junior Meeting

The Club will hold its Junior Annual General Meeting at the end of the season and we are hopeful that more parents may want to volunteer their time in some capacity for next year. There are lots of small roles that can be allocated for those not wanting to devote too much time to the sport but who would like to help out. The current committee would welcome any feedback from players and parents as to how we can improve the services to our junior members.

In the off season we will be certainly looking into current formats for summer tennis as the number of fill-ins required each week would indicate that the existing system does not suit all. Once again any suggestions would be welcome.

Midweek Ladies News

Our mid week ladies are now back on court for 2009 and enjoying some very competitive tennis. We wish them all the best for the autumn season and trust that 2009 will see Sale teams once again rise to the top and bring home some pennants.

Our midweek teams are:

Section 1

Sale Wonder Women

Lauryn Roberts
Jo Ballinger
Kathleen Schuback
Di Arnot

Section 2

Sale Batgirls

Carmel Elliott
Sharon Howe
Di Jolly
Julie Riley

Sale Zena Warriors

Sandra Pritchett
Karen Deschepper
Karen Pollett
Carolyn Dyer

Sale Elastic Girls

Kim Dennis
Jill Anderson
Celeste Jackson
Kaye Bedggood

Section 3

Sale Catwomen

Debbie Krusic
Robyn Hughes
Libby Anderson
Rachael Bye

Sale Sailor Moons

Debbie Iseppi
Sharon Cuthill
Belle Carter
Tracey Rowe

Sale Power Girls

Dhelia Maher
Cheryl Cope
Debbie Jackson
Rebecca Coulthard

Sale Bionic Women

Debbie Cooper
Kaylene Glover
Sharon Lauria/Donna Marcus
Karen Brown



COACH'S CORNER

Term 1 is off to a flying start despite the weather being ridiculously hot one day, pouring rain the next. As many people may be aware Topspin Tennis has a new coach working with them now. **Brenton Simpson** has joined Nick and the team from Ballarat and is fitting in really well. We wish Brenton every success in Sale and invite all members to make themselves known to him when you see him around the courts.

Game Plans

“Why do I often lose to players that I am better than?” It is a commonly heard question that highlights the fact that the tactical elements of a player’s game are often neglected. Many times matches are won or lost before you even enter the court. It is a huge advantage to have a clear picture of how to play different styles of players. Your pre-match practice can be designed around your upcoming opponent. The effectiveness of your tactics is only limited by the strokes you can hit.

How to play against:

The One Sided Weakness: This player has a weakness on one side of their body eg backhand. Often players will continually hit to this shot and wonder why they don't win, when all their opponent can do is block the ball back – but you are then forced to hit a winner past their strength. As an alternatively hit to their forehand and expose their weaker side and then hit either a winner or an approach shot and set up an easy volley. This will force your opponent out of their comfort zone and they will have to hit their weaker shot whilst on the run which is very difficult.

This is a very popular thing to practice at coaching. I remember when a player I was coaching was a seemingly better player than her opponent but just couldn't beat her; we spent two weeks on a winning tactic. Since then the player has never been beaten by that opponent and has also won a few other titles since then!!!

Next time we will look at other types of players to beat.

Please check the website for upcoming events www.topspintennis.net.au

Christmas Break-up

With the weather gods threatening to wash out play for the whole day the Christmas Break-up looked in danger for the second year in three outings. Still, we do need the rain! However all matches got through and a hardy bunch of tennis fans stayed around to celebrate the end of the calendar year, the close of the tennis season and the arrival of the festive season.

With the Club Championships having been postponed due to rain the week before there was not the usual trophy presentations to our new Club Champions. We had to make do with a great meal from our ever reliable catering corps. Well done again to everybody who was involved in the preparation and to those who brought salads, washed dishes, cleaned and tidied up. Another thank you for Sandi Elliman who stayed up till 1.00 am Saturday morning preparing her famous vanilla slices. They are still the most popular way to end a good day at Sale Tennis Club.

With no presentations the raffle took centre stage. We had a table full of prizes thanks to the wonderful support of:

- **Howard & Schuback Mega Sports**
- **John Elliman Real Estate**
- **Sale Heating and Leisure**
- **TopSpin Tennis**

Thank you to all of the raffle donors and to everybody who attended to make for a good night amongst old and new friends.

Working Bee

Our next working bee is scheduled for Sunday March 29. With our ongoing 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 9.00 am and will finish at about 12.30 pm with a few well earned drinks.

New Sponsors Welcomed

We are delighted to welcome three new courtside sponsors to our Club. Our courtside advertising program is a vital source of funding for our Club. Through this program we are able to continue our long list of upgrades. For the record, we estimate that our facilities have approximately 35,000 separate visits each year. This includes players, spectators, juniors, parents, coaching, functions, media, tournaments, trades people, casual users, schools and the Pro Circuit participants. This represents a significant amount of exposure for a very small annual investment and a courtside advert runs all year round.

We appreciate the support of all of our sponsors and especially welcome our new ones.

Bruce Carter Fencing

As most people around our Club would know, Bruce Carter has been our Club curator since the days of wooden racquets, white tennis balls and Australians winning the Australian Open. However not everybody knows that Bruce's day job is that of being Sale's best domestic fencing contractor.

Bruce Carter Fencing has been serving the public of Gippsland for over 25 years. As the Gippsland agent for both Bluescope Lysaght Neeta-Screen Colorbond Fencing and Sferco Aluminium Tubular Fencing he can arrange free quotes to supply and erect or supply only for do-it-yourself fitting. Just call Bruce on 5144 2626.

Bruce Carter Fencing is proud to continue their tradition of supporting local sporting clubs.

Herron Todd White - Gippsland

Central Gippsland Valuations has recently re-branded to Herron Todd White (Gippsland) Pty Ltd.

Uniting with Herron Todd White (HTW) will allow them to become part of a multi-award winning property advisory group, with 54 offices and some 550 people throughout Australia. Herron Todd White began operations in 1968 and is today the largest independent property valuation and advisory firm in Australia.

As part of Herron Todd White, they have access to IT systems and valuation technology that is at the forefront of the industry providing better efficiencies and in turn increased service delivery for their valued Gippsland clients.

HTW will continue to strive to provide the highest level of service with integrity, professionalism, total independence and an unsurpassed depth of local knowledge and expertise throughout Gippsland. As part of the re-branding there will be no change to current ownership, personnel or level of service delivery. They guarantee face to face, personalised service from their Gippsland offices located in Sale, Bairnsdale and Traralgon and if you call them on 5143 1880 you can ask for our own Mark Elliman, CPV, AAPI, Registered Valuer.



Located in Dargo St Sale, Thomson River Golf is a nine hole par 3 golf course, on the banks of the Thomson River. Casual golfers welcome as well as memberships and why not use the new "Shed" for your next function, with undercover outdoor area, fridges and bbq's and plenty of room indoors with heating during the colder months. Call 51447731 to enquire.

Night Pennant Grand Final Results

Our spring 2008 night pennant season has been run and won. Night pennant has been an absolute boon for our Club over the past 25 years and has seen our senior membership numbers grow despite the gradual decline of summer pennant numbers. Now with brand new lights on courts 1 & 2 and very soon 3, 4 & 5 we are well equipped to provide for up to 15 teams per night. Wouldn't it be good to see every night with 15 teams and a waiting list besides? We can only hope.

Tuesday Night

Mike Riley is the toast of Tuesdays, the doyen of doubles and the maelstrom of management when it comes to running his night pennant competition. From the draw on down, everything runs smoothly under Mike's command. Well done again Mike!

Well done also on assisting to break the drought. On the night of the Grand Final the heavens opened and no play was possible. Eventually both teams were declared to be the winners. Top team "Party Pies" - Tim Rowe, John Howson, Simone Lay and Pam Pasmucans - were to be challenged by the "Dips" - Colin Bath, Andrew Greaves, Carolyn Dyer and Amelia Moulton - with a very tight result expected.

Wednesday Night

Phil Todd is our Wednesday night co-ordinator extraordinaire. Phil now has his crew under full control and with 9 teams for autumn, is looking forward to another great season. Having recovered from a nasty case of tennis elbow, it is good to see that Phil has given up washing the dishes, the true cause of these ailments, and returned to the tennis court refreshed and ready to go.

The Grand Final was decided by just 2 games in a hard fought, exciting and pressure packed game.

Winners

Ron Crawford
Sarah Jolly
Troy Wilson
Di Jolly

Runners Up

Phil Jolly
Bruce Martin
Prue McNaughton
Lisa Pritchett

Thursday Night

Robin Lowe was again our Thursday night co-ordinator. After being washed out mid way through the qualifying finals the teams returned to finish the qualifying final and then went straight into the Grand Final. In what might have been described by Charles Darwin as natural selection, once the feathers started flying, the Hazardous Hawks plucked the Crazy Cockatoos in a tight final.

Results for the final were:

Winners

Hazardous Hawks

Sharon Field
Kerrie Smith (Carmel Elliott)
Brian Rawnson
Anthony Goode

Runners Up

Crazy Cockatoos

Bree Kaandorp (Karen Brown)
Jess Lazzaro
Wayne Pollock (John Lorimer)
Ron Erskine

Kerrie and Anthony were playing in their first season with the Club and have gone straight to a Grand Final win. Accompanied by long time players Sharon Field and Brian Rawnson, the combination of youth and experience was irresistible. This season we farewelled Jess Lazzaro who has moved to Melbourne to manage a restaurant in Lygon Street, Carlton North. We wish Jess all the best with this new venture and hope to see her back some time.

The autumn season is now under way on all nights and we look forward to another great season of night pennant. This is especially the case given our night team numbers with 13 teams on Tuesdays, 9 teams on Wednesdays and 11 on Thursdays, an increase of 4 teams. We welcome all the new players to our Club and hope that you enjoy your time with STC both on and off the court.

How Do You Like Your Coffee, Wayne?

Some people around the Club may be aware that **Wayne Dennis** does not like his coffee strong but he likes lots of it and he likes low fat. All pretty healthy and you would not normally think that this was cause to question his manliness. You can therefore imagine his surprise when dining out recently when a seemingly charming waitress presented his coffee with the cheery accusation of “**Weak, skinny mug!**” A little harsh perhaps?

Good Sports & Responsible Serving of Alcohol

Sale Tennis Club is proud to be a Level 3, the highest possible level, in the Good Sports Program. The program aims to ensure that sporting clubs are a positive influence in our communities and provide a safe and welcoming environment for children, families and all participants. One of the important parts of the program is to ensure that when alcohol is served at our Club it is served by people who are trained to ensure that we actively adhere to our Good Sports responsibilities. Many of our current Committee and members have already completed a Responsible Serving of Alcohol course.

To encourage more people to become qualified, Good Sports clubs are offered the \$60 course for only \$25 per member. Due to the importance of this program to our Club we are prepared to offer it to all members who would like to obtain this qualification for **FREE**. Even if you never intend to work behind a bar it is a very informative course and you can never have too many skills. For our younger members who might be looking for restaurant or bar work it is a perfect opportunity to improve your resume and the chances of getting some casual work to help pay your mobile phone bills.

The next course is on Thursday March 12 at Sale City Football Club and enrolments need to be in by March 11. However if this doesn't suit and we can get a minimum of 15 people we will conduct one at the Club. If you are interested please contact Robin Lowe on 5144 7582 or at theelms@netspace.net.au

Players Auction

After a very successful and entertaining players auction it is good to see lots of different players from all sections winning for their owners and sharing around the weekly prize pool.

Winners to date have been:

	Male Player	Owner	Female Player	Owner
Week 6	Ron Crawford	Wayne D/Murray F	Sarah Jolly	Tom Wilson
Week 7	Rhett Nelson	Bruce Carter	Elise Clottin	Rhett Nelson
Week 8	Rhett Nelson	Bruce Carter	M Cook/S Luke	LED Synd/ B Carter
Week 9	Heat Out		Heat Out	
Week 10	Tony Taylor	Schuman Synd	Chelsea Rawnson	Sandi Elliman
Week 11	Ron Crawford	Wayne D/Murray F	L Crawford/K Board	G Schuback/S Shanahan
Week 12	B Carter	Bruce Carter	Leanne Wilson	Schuman Synd
	Ron Crawford	Wayne D/Murray F		
	L Vanstone	Glenn Schuback		

Fans of the Day

Sale Tennis Club junior members, **Lauren Lowe** and **Jane Anderson**, had a great day out at the Australian Open tennis in January on a day when the tennis was almost all inside due to the extreme heat. There were still matches in Rod Laver and Hisense Arena and there was always the Garnier tent. The highlight for the girls however was being selected as the “Kia Fans of the Day”. The girls were featured on screen inside the arenas and on the big screen in Garden Square as well as on national television. Well done girls! Shame we could not have sneaked a Sale Tennis Club cap on them.

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom generously joins us again in the 2008/09 season to sponsor our Player of the Year. This is their third season and we really appreciate their support. The male and female player with the best statistics at year end will be awarded the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year. The standings as at 14 February, 2009 were:

Men		Women	
1. Ron Crawford	12.20	Elise Clottin	7.18
2. Tony Taylor	11.20	Sarah Jolly	6.30
3. Len Vanstone	9.60	Brooke Stewart	6.20
4. Brian Rawnson	8.67	Lorraine Crawford	5.90
5. Glenn Schuback	8.60	Kelly Burgiel	5.50
6. Rhett Nelson	6.18	Debbie Kaandorp	5.33
7. Tom Young	5.40	Krystal Rawnson	4.80
8. Bryan Lazzaro	3.89	Kylie Board	3.90
9. Wayne Dennis	3.00	Sarah Luke	3.27
10. Chris Smalley	2.44	Annie Kinnish	3.25

Results are published on the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year Notice Board in the Clubhouse so that you can keep up with your progress or that of your favourite player.

How Can We Help?

Sale Tennis Club strives to help other local clubs wherever possible. Strong local clubs is good for our whole community and for each of us as community members. Our ladies have regularly assisted with Meals on Wheels and various other local charity works. Last year we donated our old lights from courts 1 and 2 to Longford Tennis Club and they will soon have lights on their courts that will encourage a whole new generation of young tennis players.

Recently we have helped out Sale & District Aeromodellers Club with their air strip. The Club has been having problems with the grass on their landing field. It turns out that the Santa Anna couch that we have on our grass courts is perfect for landing model aeroplanes. The Aeromodellers Club has stripped a patch to obtain some root stock and will be happily landing their planes on Sale Tennis Club turf long after our patch has grown back.

Over Australia Day weekend the Sale Swimming Club hosted the State Swimming Championships. This was a fantastic event for our area with Sale businesses enjoying a huge influx of happy swimmers from all over the State. The whole Sale Swimming Club is to be congratulated for their organisation and initiative. How did STC help we hear you ask? The event was so big that there was not enough on-site car parking. Sale Tennis Clubs' parking facilities were employed for the three days of the Championship to handle the huge number of vehicles that required somewhere safe to park. With just a short stroll through the Botanic Gardens to the pool it was a pleasant introduction to one of the most popular features of Sale.

During the redevelopment of Courts 1 & 2 we also organised additional en-tout-cas for both the Yarram Tennis Club and the Sale Baseball Club, passing on the discount for buying in bulk and saving them considerable costs in freight.

We will continue to help out other clubs throughout our region wherever opportunities arise so if you see an opportunity for us to help mention it to one of the Committee.

WHK International Players Make the Headlines

Big name players in the WHK Armitage Downie International made the sports pages of all of the national newspapers for all the wrong reasons just before Christmas after rising star, **Bernard Tomic**, defaulted to tournament runner up, **Marinko Matosovic**. While trailing 2 - 6, 1 - 3 Tomic walked off the court after his father, John alleged that Matosovic was consistently serving uncalled foot faults in a Futures event in Western Australia.

Clearly Tomic has never played Club tennis at Sale where so long as you don't cross into the service box at your own end on any serve it is considered legal. Time he had a good hard look at himself! For the record Tennis Australia served Tomic up a \$1,350 fine and we are still waiting for a ruling from the ITF. Marinko on the other hand went on to win the tournament in a close two set encounter over Adam Feeney and pocketed the \$3,500 first prize. However, Bernard had the last laugh. Marinko did not make it through the Qualifiers at the Australian Open whereas Bernard was given a wildcard.

Five main draw players in the Australian Open have previously competed in the Pro Circuit event in Sale over the last 3 years. Those that have made the trip to Sale on their way to "The World's Biggest Stage" are **Bernard Tomic, Brydan Klein, Samuel Groth, Colin Ebelthite** and **Carsten Ball**.

Queenslander, Tomic, has been very high profile, being the youngest ever winner of the Australian Open Boys Championship in 2008 at the age of 15. Tomic was successful in his first round match against Potito Starace of Italy and was rewarded with a second round feature match on Rod Laver Arena. Televised live throughout the world, Tomic won the first set before succumbing to the big serving of Gilles Muller of Luxembourg. Tomic is the youngest ever male player to make the second round of the Australian Open. This was a significant improvement on his performance locally where he was eliminated in the first round in straight sets by eventual winner, Nick Lyndahl.

West Australian Brydan Klein is also a former winner of the Australian Open Boys Championship (in 2007) and also made it to the second round before being defeated by number 15 seed, Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland in 4 sets.

Samuel Groth is based in Melbourne and went down in 4 sets to number 23 seed, Mardy Fish of the USA. Carsten Ball is the son of former tennis professional Syd Ball and is based in California. Carsten was a member of the Australian Davis Cup team that played Chile in September 2008 and in that event had a stunning win in his first up singles and then combined with Chris Guccione to win their doubles rubber. At the AO Ball played Michael Berrer of Germany but went down in straight sets. Colin Ebelthite played another German, Andreas Beck, and was also eliminated in straight sets.

Pro Circuit tennis will return to Sale in 2010 with another crop of tennis hopefuls seeking to make their way up the professional rankings.

Happy News

We are delighted to report that our Vice President, **Mark Elliman**, has recently announced his engagement to his bride to be, **Ali Whitlock**. Mark has been a regular at Sale Tennis Club since juniors, has been runner up in the Club Championships and he is a former winner of the SHTA Open Men's Championship. This is perhaps a big part of what attracted Ali, who has joined Thursday night pennant and immediately fitted in like a local. We understand that Mark has set the bar very high for aspiring romantics with hot air balloons, limousines and helicopter rides all part of a whirlwind program on the day of his proposal. Congratulations to you both.

Cleaning Up

We recently reintroduced Duty Teams to our Saturday afternoon pennants. After observing the disgraceful condition that our courts and Clubhouse were being left in each Saturday afternoon it was time to get a little bit of help from all involved. Our duty teams are asked to pick up rubbish from all courts and surrounds; attend to the bar duties during and after matches (only people over 18 can serve behind the bar); collect all cups, plates and cutlery used for afternoon tea and wash and put them away; and empty all internal bins and replace the bin liners.

However, just because you are not on duty does not mean that you do not need to help out. How hard is it to bring your rubbish back off the court, to wash and put away your cup, to help out around the Clubhouse? After all it is your Club. Respect it, do the right thing and make a contribution.

While on the topic of what is required, please remember to always water your court **before** play and ensure that you bag the court all the way to the fence line **after** play. Sounds pretty simple so we wonder why it seems to be so difficult for some people to remember. Please make an effort.

Annual General Meeting Dates

Juniors

To be advised, but not long after this season ends.

Seniors

The Senior AGM will be conducted at 7.30 pm on Sunday May 24. 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.

Gippsland Emergency Relief Charity Golf Day

Sale Golf Club and a group of local business houses have grouped together to put on a Charity Golf Day to raise funds for the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. 100% of all the money raised will go to the bushfire victims throughout Gippsland. The golf day will be conducted on March 15. Full details and an entry form are attached at the end of this newsletter.

Here's a Thought

It is better by far to want something you don't have than to have something you don't want.

Calender of Events

*	March 15	Junior Circuit 4th Lead-In Tournament – Sale
*	March 15	Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund Charity Golf Day
*	March 21	SHTA Semi Finals
*	March 22	SHTA Preliminary Finals
*	March 28	SHTA Grand Finals
*	March 29	Working Bee 9.00 am to 12.30 pm
*	April 10 – 13	83 rd Maffra Easter Tournament
*	April 19	Junior Circuit Masters Finals - Bairnsdale
*	May 24	Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse

Grandstand – Grand Opening

Our grandstand is now getting closer to completion. We have been advised that the seats are now manufactured and ready for delivery. Installation will take place some time in March and then we will be ready for a grand opening. Watch this space.

Have You Heard the News?

Do you have any news that you would like to include in the next newsletter? Just let us know at theelms@netspace.net.au or phone Robin on 5144 7582.

Email Addresses

We are extremely keen to get all of our newsletters and Club communications out by email. If you have not yet provided your email address, or have changed your email address, please advise us immediately at theelms@netspace.net.au and please tell your friends to do the same.

Look us up at:

www.saletennisclub.com

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15th March 2009

Sale Golf Club

Businesses of Gippsland are rallying together to provide a Charity Golf Day for the local community, to help raise much needed funds for those who have been affected by the Victorian Bushfires.

Show your support by getting together a 3 person team, and entering into our Ambrose Golf Tournament. Or for those not keen on golf, we are also hosting a charity auction, novelty events, raffles, and a bbq all day. So come along, have a great day out & help support the local community and those in need.

Date	15th March 2009
Time	9:30am arrival for 10:00am start
Venue	Sale Golf Club (Longford-Rosedale rd, Longford)
Format	Ambrose Event (3 person teams)
Eligibility	Players of all skill levels welcome
Entrance Fee	\$100 per team

*All money raised
will go directly
to the Gippsland
Emergency
Relief
Fund.*



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:30am	Arrival & briefing of the days events
10:00am	Shotgun start of Ambrose Golf Tournament
All Day	Barbeque Provided
All Day	Novelty Events throughout various holes
All Day	Raffle (Prize details available on the day)
Approx 4:00pm	Presentations & Finger Food provided
Approx 5:00pm	Charity Auction & Happy Hour

Entry Form

Team Name

Return this form by 12th March 2009

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Email: leahs@macalisterhomes.com.au

Mail: PO Box 645, Sale VIC 3850

Select Payment Option

- ☐ Cash/Cheque delivered on day of tournament
- ☐ Cheque enclosed

Please make cheques payable to:
'Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund'

Player 1: _____

Player 2: _____

Player 3: _____

Sponsorship (Optional)

Business Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

