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WHK Victorian Clay Court Championships

International tennis returns to Sale for its fourth year.

We are delighted to confirm that Sale Tennis Club will host the WHK Victorian Clay Court Championships from 28 to 31 March, 2010. The WHK Victorian Clay Court Championships will be played as a Gold AMT with players competing for a prize pool of \$7,500 and invaluable world ranking points. The event will have a field of 64 men and 64 women, a men's and women's doubles field of 24 and a consolation event for first and second round singles losers.

The AMT series is an integral part of Tennis Australia's player development program. Players from around Australia and around the world compete in a series of tournaments across Australia for valuable prize money and vital world ranking points.

This is the first time that the Victorian Clay Court Championships have been played outside of Melbourne and Tennis Victoria have advised that we can expect Australian and international players with world rankings in the order of 1,000 to 2,000 in the world.

Past title winners at this level have included Lleyton Hewitt, Pat Rafter, Sam Stosser and Alicia Molik. In fact most of Australia's current group of top players competed on this circuit in the early stages of their tennis careers.

The four day event will once again attract local and national media interest as well as hundreds of local spectators.

Sale Tennis Club is delighted to announce **WHK** as our Official Partner for the upcoming 2010 Victorian Clay Court Championships. It is hoped that event will become a hallmark tourism event for our community and bring a direct spend into the Gippsland economy of over \$500,000 during the four days of the tournament. It is also a vitally important fund raiser for our Club.

WHK is the largest accounting firm in country Victoria. It services most areas east of Melbourne with offices in Sale, Bairnsdale, Traralgon, Warragul, Pakenham, Dandenong, Braeside and Lilydale. WHK has established a reputation for combining the understanding and personal service of a country business with the skills and resources of a city firm. The firm offers innovative, up-to-date services and business management advice in addition to providing a complete financial planning service, an independent finance brokerage and the traditional range of taxation services expected of a large accounting firm.

We look forward to working with the team from WHK to bring a truly professional event to Gippsland.

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Volunteers Needed

At our last Pro Circuit event in 2008 Sale was voted the fourth best out of the 32 host venues. It would be fantastic to get an even better ranking in 2010.

With less than four weeks until we host our forth major event planning is in the advanced stages. We now need volunteers to help out in various roles. What do we need? Helpers in the kitchen to assist our kitchen wizards Karen and Karen (Deschepper and Pollett), set up helpers on Saturday March 27 to get all in readiness, court monitors, bar staff, raffle sellers and a dozen other tasks. Chris Deschepper (Ph: 5143 1319) is again co-ordinating this mammoth task. If you have a free hour or a free afternoon please get your name on the list or call Chris and help to ensure that Sale retains its reputation as an outstanding host club for major events.

Wednesday Night Grand Finale

With the complete upgrade of our show courts it will be possible to run the finals of the Championships under lights. The plan is to have a Wednesday Night Spectacular. We will have the Men's Final and the Women's Final under lights on Wednesday night. The intention is to open up the event to people who have had their enjoyment of great tennis ruined by their unfortunate need for ongoing employment. So on Wednesday March 31 come on down to the Club, a drink, a snack and a great night of tennis and socialising and you will not hear a single "Quiet Please".

The last two years have provided some spectacular tennis and there is no reason to think that this year will be any different. Perhaps we will see a rising star who will go on to win a Grand Slam. Perhaps we will see a more seasoned campaigner who is looking for ranking points to rejoin the professional circuit after injury. It could even be a Sale Tennis Club member!! Read on.

Sale Tennis Club will reimburse the singles entry fee for any Club member who wishes to enter the WHK VCCC. All you need to do is apply to our tournament director, Glenn Schuback on 0408 517 703 and when approved we will reimburse your entry fee. The entry will get you into the main men's or women's field and if you don't win that event, don't worry, you can always enter the consolation event, which is included in the fee. So how do you enter? Go to www.tennistournaments.com.au but do it quickly as entries close on Sunday March 7.

Don't delay!

WHK Victorian Clay Court Championships Raffle

All members have been mailed a raffle book containing 25 \$1 tickets. A successful raffle will really assist our fund raising effort in relation to our tournament costs.

Winners of our WHK VCCC Raffle will be drawn after the finals on the evening of March 31. We wish to thank our raffle sponsors for their generous support.

1st Prize

Samsung 42" HD Digital Plasma TV with matching Samsung DVD Player.

Provided by **RetraVision**, Sale where you get "More than just the best price". RetraVision are outstanding supporters of local sports clubs. If you are looking for a great deal on electrical and whitegoods call Rob Walker and his friendly team on 5144 5422 or email sale@retravision.com.au

2nd Prize

Two nights accommodation in a 1 Bedroom Apartment at **Punt Hill Grand**, South Yarra. Located just off cosmopolitan Chapel Street, Punt Hill Grand offers luxury accommodation on the doorstep of restaurants, fashion outlets, factory outlets, The Jam Factory and Prahran Market.

3rd Prize

Two Nights Accommodation in a deluxe 2 bedroom unit at **The Moorings at Metung**. Holiday in unique waterfront accommodation in the heart of the village of Metung overlooking Bancroft Bay. Established as a home of leisure and lifestyle, The Moorings offer the ultimate in comfort and living on the shores of the Gippsland Lakes. Contact them on 5156 2750 or by email on info@themoorings.com.au or look them up at www.themoorings.com.au

4th Prize

Wilson Australia and Howard & Schuback Mega Sports present a tennis kit fit for a professional. Featuring a Wilson *Roger Federer* tennis racquet, a Wilson "Roger Federer" tennis carry bag and Wilson tennis balls. This should be enough to improve the game of every tennis fanatic. Many thanks to Wilson Australia and the fantastic and friendly team at Howard & Schuback Mega Sports. Phone 5144 4545.

5th Prize

1 Dozen Tom's Cap Premium Gippsland Wines. Established in 1992, Toms Cap has earned an enviable reputation for quality wines produced from their Willung South vineyard. All their wine is made from estate grown fruit, bottled, cellared and marketed by Toms Cap by winemaker Owen Schmidt. In addition to the winery Toms Cap has a restaurant, a bar, a café, a health spa and several luxury retreat cottages. Contact Ann or Graham on 5194 2215, by email at info@tomscap.com.au or look them up on the net at www.tomscap.com.au

6th Prize

Breville "Happy Feet" Foot Spa donated by the Elliman family.

7 – 10th Prizes

\$50 Gift Vouchers from Gippsland Centre, Sale

All members with a raffle book are asked to return them to the Club no later than **March 26** so that we can make sure that we round them all up and no one misses out on one of our great prizes. We ask that you make a big effort in relation to this as accounting for upwards of 250 raffle books is a huge task and we only have a small band of devoted members looking after this important project.

Mark the dates in your diary, tell your friends, and come along and “watch *your* hometown produce a hero”. Spectator entry is free!

Roger Rozmus Pennant - *Twilight Winter Tennis*

We are delighted to announce an exciting new initiative, the Roger Rozmus Pennant. This is an exciting new concept in junior twilight winter tennis that will give up to 84 Sale and District children an opportunity to fulfil their tennis ambitions.

The Roger Rozmus Pennant will be offered to children between the ages of 8 and 16 and will be scheduled between April 12 and 11 June, 2010. Offering 3 grades the pennant will offer competition for junior players of all standards.

The Roger Rozmus Pennant is made possible through the generous support of Rositah Rozmus and is being conducted to honour the memory of her late husband, Roger Rozmus. Roger was a very keen junior at Sale Tennis Club before work commitments took him around the world.

The offering of a winter competition allows children to play all year round or for players who have other commitments during summer to still participate in competitive tennis. The more opportunities for competition that are offered the better we can expect our juniors to become. Improvements over the past few years have been significant and an expanded competition will accelerate this progress.

The pennant will be organised in teams of 2 players divided into 3 grades. Matches will be conducted on Friday evenings with the fully lit courts providing the opportunity to play later into the evening. The winners of each grade will have their names permanently displayed in the Clubhouse on the Roger Rozmus Pennant Honour Board and will also receive individual trophies. It is anticipated that places on the permanent honour board will be keenly contested by all juniors.

As a major added bonus the winners of the A Grade event will receive a sensational package to the Australian Open. The winning players' prize will include a family pass to the Australian Open with Rod Laver Arena tickets and ground passes and overnight accommodation provided. This is the best prize ever offered for a junior club event in the history of tennis – ever, anywhere.

For further information please contact Nick Board on 5144 1345 or nick@topspintennis.com

Club Championships – *Errata*

In what has been described as the most significant omission since Noah left unicorns off the Ark, ***the*** premier event of the 59th Sale Tennis Club Championships was not reported in our last newsletter. The C Grade Women's Doubles was a titanic struggle befitting an Australian Open final. After an impossible battle **Karen Pollett** and **Karen Deschepper** triumphed over **Barb McCubbin** and **Kate Hanratty**. We always knew that their talents were not just confined to the kitchen. Well done K & K.

Unfortunately for them they were then required to cater for their own celebrations as it coincided with the opening of the John Leslie Grandstand. They do a grand job both on and off the court. Well done girls.

Working Bee – Friday March 19 at 5.00pm

With the WHK Victorian Clay Court Championships coming soon there is much to be done around the Clubhouse and on the courts. In a first for the Club we will be having a working bee starting at 5.00pm on a Friday. Hopefully this will allow people to come down after work and give a hand to get us all spruced up ready to welcome the next generation of Aussie tennis stars. 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 5.00 pm and will finish before 8.00pm.

Players Auction Results

Round 10 of Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant was played on 5 December, 2009.

The auction winners for the final round were:

Men's

Matt Conn (Bruce Martin) - Bowls Synd.

Ladies

Linda Rawnsen – Brian Rawnsen

Misty Cook - Godfather Synd.

Thank you to everyone who bought a player, for the players who competed so well and finally to our Treasurer, Karen Pollett, who made sure that all of our winners were paid.

Night Pennant Grand Finals

Our Spring 2009 night pennant season has been run and won. Now with brand new lights on courts 3, 4 and 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 as well? We can only hope.

Tuesday Night

Top team, Chips, who negotiated the season without being beaten (they did have one draw) continued on their winning way to overcome the Hot Dogs and take out the Tuesday night final. The match was fortunate to be able to be played after heavy rain during the day rendered 12 of our 14 courts unplayable. Lucky we have so many to choose from as courts 13 and 14 were our savoir on this occasion. The winning team was **Ron Crawford, John Howson, Michelle Eustice (Lexie Joyce)** and **David Turnbull** who overcame a strong challenge from **Tony Taylor, Pauline McAlpine, Cath Greaves** and **Peter Pasmucans**. The match thoroughly entertained the three spectators present! Well done again to **Mike Riley** who co-ordinates our Tuesday night campaign. He does a great job with his Tuesday night charges.

Wednesday Night

In a match worthy of being called a Grand Final, the result was determined by the last tie-break game. The tension was obvious in both players and spectators as each rally and each point could have changed the result.

Congratulations to the winning team; **Kate Hanratty, Kim Wilson, Bruce Martin** and **Phil Todd** who were consistent performers throughout the season. Well done to the runners up; **Sharon Silvester, Emma Hanratty, Tom Jolly** and **Gregor McNaughton** who had hardly won a game in the first half of the season but rallied and stormed home to nearly take out the winners trophy. A thank you goes to **Phil Todd** who co-ordinates our Wednesday nights. Phil has some openings on Tuesday nights and would welcome some new faces, and bring a friend.

Thursday Night

Josh Deschepper made it back to back Thursday Night Pennants when he led his team to a hard fought win on a rain delayed Thursday Night Grand Final. (The final was actually played on a Tuesday night after two successive delays in order to trick the weather gods. It worked as the match was completed successfully and the following Thursday it rained again!!)

The winning team was **Howard & Schuback Megasports** made up of **Josh Deschepper, Bree Kaandorp, Carmel Elliott** and **George Waks**. This was a great effort by George who is now moving smoothly through his 70's and showing no sign of slowing up. George is proof that you can play and enjoy tennis at any age and we hope that he is still going for many years to come. In the meantime he may well be Sale's oldest ever pennant winner.

The runners up were **Tanjil Heating & Cooling** consisting of **John Lorimer, Mike Crisp, Peter Lowe** and **Jan Munckton**. They were competitive all season and were the only team to trouble our eventual winners. Importantly the whole team had a wonderful year together with the camaraderie obvious all the way up to the last point.

Thanks again go to our Thursday Night co-ordinator, **Robin Lowe**, who continues his role after many seasons.

Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Grand Finals

Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant concluded with finals on the weekend of December 12 and 13, 2009. Sale had a total of six teams make the finals across Sections 1, 2 and 3.

Section 1

Elimination Finals

Sale Gold 69

Nick Board Jess Lauria
Kane Martin Sarah Jolly
Aaron Kennedy Paige Wilson

defeated Sale Diamond 61

Josh Deschepper Krystal Rawnsen (Alecia Dignan)
Jonathan Burge Carmel Elliott
James Cooper Chelsea Rawnsen (Lexie Joyce)

Sale Silver 84

Abe Schuback Misty Cook
Rhett Nelson Hayley Shanahan
Tom Wilson Bree Kaandorp

defeated Stratford 41

Grand Final

Sale Silver 70

defeated Sale Gold 65

The Grand Final was a thriller with scores even going into the mixed. Silver were able to take two of the three mixed sets to come out on top in a match befitting the Grand Final.

Section 2

Elimination Finals

Nambrok 73

defeated

Sale Sapphire 47

Peter Chappell Di Arnot
Wayne Dennis Maddie Anderson
Murray Fitzclarence Kim Dennis

Sale Emerald 58

Brian Rawnsen (Robin Lowe) Debbie Kaandorp
Bryan Lazzaro Leanne Wilson
Scott Templeton Linda Rawnsen (Kerri Brown)

defeated

Maffra Green 49

Grand Final

Nambrok 62

defeated

Sale Emerald 45

Nambrok were far too good in the Grand Final restricting Sale Emerald to only three set wins for the day. A triumph of youth over experience!

Section 3

Semi Final
Seaspray 73

defeated

Sale Opal 35

Ron Crawford

Tony Taylor

Len Vanstone

Brooke Stewart

Kelly Burgiel

Lorraine Crawford

This was a great effort by Sale Opal. This time last year this team was playing off in Section 4. Having moved up to Section 3 the Opal's were competitive all year and continued to enjoy some very competitive tennis.

Sale Platinum 63

defeated

Maffra 61

Lee Schuback

Aaron Patten

Paul Egan

Karen Deschepper

Karen Pollett

Emily Jolly

Grand Final

Seaspray 61

defeated

Sale Platinum 47



Sale Platinum - Paul Egan, Karen Pollett, Aaron Patten, Karen Deschepper, Lee Schuback & Emily Jolly

Sale Platinum had a sensational season. Captain Kaz kept the team on their toes all season with inspirational leadership, rigorous match preparation and a very imaginative motivational text routine to ensure that all performed at their best. Unfortunately Platinum came up against a red hot Seaspray team that they pushed early but who just edged them out on Grand Final day.

We have been fortunate to have four season long supporters of our three set winners and Saturday afternoon spinning wheel.

The **Star Hotel** continues their support from 2008/09 with venue vouchers for our three set winners. **David's Menswear** is a new supporter for 2009 and has kindly donated a voucher for each week of pennant. **Lakeside Bowls** is another new supporter for 2009 that have also provided venue vouchers for each week. There can be no doubt of the popularity of these prizes when you see the anticipation from our three set winners as numbers are drawn out and winners announced to smiles and cheers from the eager crowd that gathers at 6.00 pm on match days.

In a unique initiative we now have a sponsor of our spinning wheel. **Hibiscus Warehouse Furniture Importing** provides a voucher for the winner of the first spin of the wheel each Saturday night. Even if you only spin up \$1, at least you also get a voucher to buy some beautiful furniture and household décor items from Hibiscus Warehouse.

Thank you to our Saturday sponsors and all of the businesses around the town who support us in our endeavours to make ours a better Club.

Code of Conduct

It is timely to remind all members of Sale Tennis Club that as a member Club of Tennis Victoria we subscribe to the "Tennis Australia Code of Conduct". We are committed to protecting the integrity of tennis and ensuring we provide a healthy and positive environment for players to compete in. Improving the behaviour of players and spectators at competitions and tournaments is a major element of this.

If you are in any doubt of the importance of on court behaviour you only need to look at Number 1 Seed, Serena Williams, being defaulted out of the 2009 US Open Semi Final on a code violation.

The past year has seen some instances of behaviour at our Club that clearly does not abide by the Code. Specifically we refer to the sections covering Unsportsmanlike Conduct, Audible Obscenities and Abuse of Racquets or Equipment. Screaming regularly and loudly, whether in relation to winning or losing a point is likely to cause interference to play on nearby courts and is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Deliberate celebration directed at an opponent is considered intimidation and therefore unsportsmanlike conduct. **Audible obscenities have no place in tennis and certainly not at our Club!**

Senior players should always remember that for the whole time they are on court they are setting the standard for the entire Club. Juniors and young members will naturally follow the example of their senior peers. Make it a positive example!

If you are in any doubt the full Tennis Australia Code of Conduct can be found at:

<http://www.tennis.com.au/Pages/image.aspx?assetId=RDM39378.4666102431>

The full code will also be posted on the our website at www.saletennisclub.com

It is vital that all players, at all levels, clearly understand what is required of them and conduct themselves accordingly. Let's ensure that our Club is known for an enduring culture of fair play and sportsmanship, not the ugly alternative.

Country Week Tennis – Swan Hill 2010

Two teams travelled to Swan Hill for the 2010 Country Week tournament. About 200 teams consisting of 1200 competitors take part in this event every year, considered the biggest grass court event in the world. Swan Hill has 54 courts, but for this event, prepares the soccer ground with another 44 grass courts which are a pleasure to play on.

Men's team consisted of Bruce (legend) Carter, Mick Luke, Brett Figas, Bruce Tatterson, and Murray Fitzclarence and Chris Deschepper with the ladies Misty Cook, Jaclyn Figas, Karen Brown, Jenny Luke and Di Arnot.

The journey to Swan Hill began with a major delay in the Domain Tunnel with a single vehicle collision holding up our journey. Nine hours later we arrived at our destination with anticipation of the week ahead. Sunday night begins with a meet and greet that inevitably leads into the early hours of the morning (for most) and expensive taxi rides to nowhere for those that can't remember where they are staying.

Day 1 Monday was 38 degrees and extreme humidity, which is unusual for Swan Hill. (It is usually dry heat!!). Both teams won all matches for the day, a great effort given the extreme conditions. Not to be outdone by the heat, the boys had a round of golf at Murray Downs Golf course, with dinner to follow.

Day 2 Another extreme heat day the men had a win and a draw and the ladies had their first loss. Swan Hill put on a race meeting with music and dancing to follow. We were all still sweating at 9pm.

Day 3 Sets were shortened due to the heat. All Sale teams were winners again this day and finals looking imminent. A fairly quiet night (for some) in anticipation of a big day Thursday.

Day 4 The ladies had yet another day with three games, one of which a set was forfeited due to the collapse of a player due to heat. All games were won by Sale and so on to the final on Friday. The men won the semi final by 4 games against Beaconsfield and the ladies won by 6 games against Inverloch. In readiness for the final no-one made it home before 1.30am, dancing at the Commercial.

Day 5 Last Day: Finals began at 9am with Sale Rats Vs. Swan Hill and a convincing win 29-24 in B2 section. Sale Sportz were too strong for Leongatha winning 30-22 in B1.

All that was left, after the presentation, was the long, tiring bus trip home. Meeting peak hour traffic in Melbourne meant another 9 hour bus drive home.

A great week was had by all, catching up with people from previous country weeks and local friends such as Julian Arnold and Aiden Fitzgerald from Bairnsdale who won the A Grade men's final with Troy Smith from Bega. The Gippy girls, including Suzy Grumley and Vicky Stuckey, won the B1 Special. Next year Country Week returns to Yarrawonga for the first time in about 15 years.

Meg Mogridge Ballkid at the Australian Open

There are 4,500 volunteers who work behind the scenes to make the Australian Open run like clockwork. Of these there were 316 ballkids and Sale Tennis Club's Meg **Mogridge** was one of them. Meg has been reporting for us her progress since Tennis Australia confirmed her acceptance. Here is her final report from the Open.

My Australian Open Experience by Meg Mogridge

"Tuesday 12.1.2010

My time at the Australian Open started on the Tuesday before the Open started. The first day was an orientation day where we met our supervisors and got to know our way around the venue. All the ballkids had a group photo with James Blake.

Wednesday 13.1.2010 – Saturday 16.1.2010

Qualifying rounds. I get to try out what I have learnt in the training sessions. I am mainly drawn for afternoon sessions and have to cover 3 or 4 matches. I have a rest day on the Saturday so get to go home for the weekend.

Monday 18.1.2010

The first day of the Open. I get to be part of the opening ceremony with some other ballkids and we have our photo taken on the steps of Rod Laver Arena with John Newcombe and Evonne Cawley. My court allocation for the day is court 10. Dad and I have tickets to the Rafael Nadal vs Peter Luczak match that night, but I am too tired and we leave after 5 games.

Day 2

Court 11. A long day because of the rain delay on Monday. My shift starts at 9.30am and I finish at 8.00pm. My shifts consist of 45 minutes on court, then 45 minutes off.

I see Kim Clijsters warming up.

Day 3

Court 7. I am ballkid for the Daniella Hantuchova vs Viktoryia Kutuzova and Lisa Raymond/Renae Stubbs vs Darya Kustova/Mariya Koryttseva matches. I miss out on being ballkids for Alicia Molic and Jelena Dokic who play on my court later in the day after my group have finished. I see Justine Henin warming up.

Day 4

Court 10. I am ballkid for Carla Suarez Navarro. Ballkids get special passes to sit courtside on Rod Laver Arena, so today I went there and saw Sam Stosur win her match, the view is great.

Day 5

Court 6. It was hot today, 36°, but my shift starts at 3.30pm and finishes at 7.30pm.

In the morning I have an interview with Gerard Callinan on ABC radio. I am asked how I got to be a ballkid and what the experience has been like so far.

Day 6

I get a rest day.

Day 7

Showcourt 2. I am ballkid for Pat Cash and Wayne Arthurs in a Legends match. This is a fun game and they are being really silly and joking around. I see Jo-Wilfred Tsonga.

Day 8/Day 9/Day 10

This is the second week of the open. All the senior matches are now played on the show courts. The junior matches start and I am ballkid at those matches.

I finish at the open after day 10 as there are a lot less matches being played and the more experienced ballkids are used for the final days. We have a ballkid party on the final Saturday of the Open where we play some fun games and get to say goodbye to our new friends. I have had a great time and hope to be a ballkid again next year. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who may be thinking about being a ballkid."

New Sponsors Welcomed

We are delighted to welcome two new courtside sponsors to our Club.

Our courtside advertising program is a vital source of funding for our Club. 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 tournament players. This represents a significant amount of exposure for a very small annual investment and a courtside advert runs all year round. If you, or someone you know, would like to join our program please contact Mark Elliman on 0438 371 380.



Jumping Castle Hire

Jumpin' Around

Jumpin' Around specialise in children's jumping castle hire throughout Gippsland. They are a friendly, family owned and run business with small children so they understand just what you need. Jumpin' Around can provide jumping castles for all occasions such as birthdays, fetes, corporate events, fundraising events, end of term parties and more. Anything is possible.

The team at Jumpin' Around have four different castle sizes to choose from. They come to you, do all of the set up and once the fun is over they pack it all up and take it away. If only everything was this easy.

Jumpin' Around pride themselves on providing a fun, safe and professional service, no matter what your celebration may be. Their aim is to make your event fun but most importantly safe. All Jumpin' Around equipment complies with the Australian Standard for inflatable amusements.

Would a jumping castle add some bounce to your next function? Call the friendly team on 0458 431 431 or email contact@jumpinaround.com.au or look them up on the net at www.jumpinaround.com.au Jumpin' Around build their business by providing you with exceptional service at an affordable price.



David's Men's & Ladies Wear

David's Men's and Ladies Wear and Outback Street N Surf are a family run and owned business. The Wilson family can provide all your casual, formal, work wear, embroidery, school wear and surf wear. You can even see Ben on court on Monday nights as he hones his tennis skills.

They are suppliers of:

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Call Ben and the team on 5143 2229 or 0402 749 548 or email ben@davidsmensandladieswearsale.com.au or drop in at 213 Raymond Street, Sale

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

Midweek Ladies News

2009 Summer Pennant Results

Grand finals that were scheduled for November 30 were washed out and therefore were rescheduled to 7 December at Maffra.

There are two Sale teams in the Grand Finals.

Section 2A Sale Sorcerers

Heather Ronchi
Karen Pollett
Debbie Krusic
Debbie Issepie

Section 2B Sale Witches

Debbie Cooper
Rachael Bye
Cheryl Cope
Michelle Shanahan/Sharon Cuthill/Kayleen Glover

We are delighted to report that the Sale Sorcerers were successful in bringing home the Section 2A pennant while the girls in Section 2B, Sale Witches, were runners up.

The following ladies won the aggregate award for their section:

Section 1 - **Carmel Elliott**

Section 2A - **Debbie Krusic**

Section 2B - **Rachael Bye**

Section 3 - **Julie Murray.**

This was a great effort by all of our finalists and our aggregate winners and we look forward to the results from the new season that has just started. Good luck to all our teams.

We have six ladies teams in this season's competition. So far we have played once and had two washouts, not bad odds considering it's meant to be summer, but we are definitely not complaining about the rain. This season's final round is on the 17th of May. All Sale teams will be playing at home on that day so come along and support us. The Grand Finals this year will be held at Sale on 7th June.

Round Robin Fun Day

We will be running a round robin fun day on Thursday 15th April at 10 am. Cost is \$5. Please bring a plate of salad or a desert. All standards welcome, bring along a friend. It's a great social day.

Hit and Giggle

One of our club stalwarts, Dhelia Maher is still running the longest running social event at Sale Tennis Club, the Hit and Giggle. This runs on Thursday mornings starting at 10 am. It is a wonderful environment for a bit of a run around and a chat. Everyone is welcome. Contact Dhelia on 0429 978 614 for further details.

Recruiting

We are always looking for new players, either as regulars or fill ins. Our next season will start about mid July 2010. It is an afternoon competition with hit up starting at 11:45 and play starting at 12. Please contact Debbie Krusic on 5149 7250 if you are interested in playing next season.

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year

The final round of the Wellington Tennis home and away games saw our Ronchi Wheeler Rescom standings really tighten up.

The Top 10 at the end of the season were:

Female Player			Male Player		
1.	Misty Cook	8.90	Aaron Kennedy	11.70	
2.	Krystal Rawnsen	8.10	Lee Schuback	11.67	
3.	Linda Rawnsen	7.63	Abe Schuback	8.70	
4.	Leanne Wilson	6.75	Wayne Dennis	6.38	
5.	Karen Deschepper	6.40	Scott Templeton	6.25	
6.	Bree Kaandorp	5.80	Kane Martin	6.22	
7.	Brooke Stewart	5.30	Rhett Nelson	6.10	
8.	Hailey Shanahan	5.10	Peter Chappell	6.00	
9.	Sarah Jolly	4.10	Aaron Patten	5.40	
10.	Kelly Burgiel	3.90	Murray Fitzclarence	4.00	

Congratulations to our winners Misty Cook and Aaron Kennedy.

Misty opened up an early lead and made it really tough for those trying to catch her by continuing to win most weeks and increasing her aggregate. The Rawnsen girls tried to peg her back but to no avail. Misty had a great season in 2009. As well as winning the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year she was also runner up in our Club Championships.

Aaron Kennedy and Lee Schuback had a fantastic shoot out for the Male Player award. At the end of the season Aaron was a mere .03 ahead of a surging Lee, so we only narrowly avoided a count back. Aaron has had a great comeback to Saturday pennant after a long layoff and it is good to have him back at the Club. I doubt that Lee will give him such a head start next season.

We again thank Kevin Ronchi and David Wheeler of Ronchi Wheeler Rescom for their ongoing support in sponsoring this event. Over the 5 years of this event the same person has never won twice and the top 10 players have come from every section of the competition.

No Dogs Allowed

With the warm summer weather we have seen an increase of people bringing their dogs to the tennis on a Saturday afternoon. After a couple of near misses between large dogs and small children our committee has decided that we will now ask that members and friends not bring their dogs to the Club. There is an obvious potential liability problem for the Club should anyone, especially a small child, be badly injured and our insurers have advised that such liability would not be covered by our policy. However more important than this is our Club surrounds should be a safe haven for all members, and especially children, to enjoy their tennis with family and friends without having to worry about potential hazards such as dog bites. This is not possible with the increasing number of dogs sharing the same space.

Therefore we must ask that you not bring your dog to the tennis. If for some reason you do find yourself briefly at the Club with your dog please keep it on a lead at all times. While we all know that *your* dog would never bite anyone, other peoples dogs do and every dog that ever bit anyone did it for the first time sometime. Please leave your dog at home.



COACH'S CORNER

Term 1 has started well, with perfect weather for tennis. It is great to see so many enthusiastic juniors enjoying coaching and competition.

This edition has us looking at the 2nd serve. Most club players put great importance on their 1st serve and then rush through their 2nd serve. In actual fact the 2nd serve is more important than the first as it will lose you more points.

During practice divide the service box into two halves and concentrate on aiming the 2nd serve to the weaker side of your opponents body, take your time and get your ball toss just right.

REMEMBER to follow through the ball - do not just tap it. Hitting a good 2nd serve is one of the greatest feelings on a tennis court



Topspin Tennis is holding a challenge match between Sale Juniors and Melbourne Juniors. This will take place from the 29th of March through until the 31st of March. It will be located at the Rockley Tennis Club, as the Sale courts will be used for the Victorian Clay Court Championships.

All interested players aged between 9 and 17 please call Merryn on (03) 5144 1345.

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

Junior News

Regional Junior Masters Tennis Tournament

The final round of the Regional Junior Masters Tennis Tournament was played at Lakes Entrance on February 14. Sale players had some real highlights. Thomas Foley won the 10 & Under Boys, Jack Foley the 12 & Under Boys and Megan Harrison was runner up in the 14 & Under Girls.

The finals will be played in Bairnsdale on March 14. The following Sale players have qualified:

10 & Under Boys - Nicholas Hogan, Thomas Foley & Ben Shanahan

12 & Under Boys – Jack Foley & Alex Trett

12 & Under Girls – Kelsey Weir

14 & Under Boys – Samuel Hogan, Clark Hillsley

14 & Under Girls – Jaimie Mitchell, Megan Harrison, Sarah Trett

16 & Under Boys – Jake Simic, Aaron Spencer

It is a fantastic effort to make it into the top eight in your group and we wish all Sale players the very best of luck in Bairnsdale in a fortnights time.

Saturday Pennant

A Grade Pennant

The final ladder for the A Grade Pennant was as follows:

1. Elliman
2. Downie
3. Board
4. Carter
5. Cashman
6. Brown

The grand final will be between Elliman and Downie. The third place playoff will be between Board and Carter and the fourth place playoff between Cashman and Brown.

The A Grade Pennant has seen some very keen competition with the singles matches a feature of the revised format. The finals for the A Grade Pennant will be played on the evening of Friday March 12. All teams will play off for their various positions so all players are required to attend on the night. The Grand Finals will coincide with the junior break up so there will be a good crowd on hand to see the A Grade players perform.

Wellington Tennis Pennant

The juniors have had an outstanding pennant season with many teams playing off in the finals.

Section 4 Sale Hart finished first on the ladder

Section 5 Sale McHattie finished first and Sale French finished fourth

Section 6 Sale Cook finished first

Section 8 Sale Brock finished second

Section 9 Sale Gerrand finished first with Sale Rawnsdon finishing second

Junior Breakup

The Junior Breakup will be held at the Clubrooms on Friday March 12. This will coincide with the A Grade Pennant Grand Finals and will incorporate the Junior Awards night. This should be a good fun night and all juniors from all teams are encouraged to attend. Information will also be available on the Roger Rozmus Pennant and enrolments will be taken for this on the night.

Skins Tennis

Skins tennis started off with 26 participants on the 13th of February. There were 26 participants of all standards and ages. Week one consisted of a handicap doubles event which involved pairing up players to make every doubles combination as even as possible. The overall winners were Sam Krusic and Daniel Luhrs who defeated Wayne Dennis and Di Arnot in the final. For those who weren't fortunate enough to progress to the final there was a consolation draw where Lee Schuback and Karen Cashman took out the honours. Both Sam and Daniel were pleased to win the event as they shared the \$150 in prize money for an afternoon of tennis.

The second skins event was held on the 20th of February. This event was a handicapped singles event. Although the weather was hot and numbers were down on the previous week, players displayed a high standard of tennis. Some players were fortunate enough to get a "40 Love" head start over the top grade players. Overall feedback proved this was an enjoyable hit as all standards of players had the chance of playing top grade players with the incentive of winning due to the handicapped system. Eventual winner was Abe Schuback defeating John Burge in the final. John however had the last laugh as his runner up prize of a Tatts Scratchies paid out.

The third skins event had reduced numbers due to the threatening weather. However a committed group were eventually treated to fine afternoon of tiebreak tennis. Tie break skins with a handicap allows the lower ranked player to use the whole court while only having to defend the singles court at their end and the added bonus that the higher ranked player only gets one serve. After two rounds of tiebreak Kane Martin faced off against Abe Schuback in a first to 15 tie break. In a great display of pressure tennis Kane edged Abe out to take the cash.

For those who are interested in these social entertaining events feedback and expressions of interest would be great as there is scope to run a Friday night event in the near future.

Inter-regional Tennis - Benalla

Benalla Inter-regionals 8th - 10th Jan

The team consisted of 10 sale tennis club members being:

Abe Schuback (Open Men's)

Krystal Rawnson (Open Ladies)

Glenn Schuback (Veterans)

John Burge (18 & Under Boys)

Tom Wilson (18 & Under Boys)

Chelsea Rawnson (16 & Under Girls)

Paige Wilson (16 & Under Girls)

Cohan Schuback (14 & Under Boys)

Tom Jolly (14 & Under Boys)

Lexi Joyce (14 & Under Girls)

The team headed off on the bus on Thursday afternoon and after a long journey which included the odd emergency comfort stop and a historical tour through Seymour to see former club champion, **Tom Downie's** original club (which resulted in the driver getting lost and taking the wrong highway) the team arrived safely in Benalla in the late afternoon and headed to the practice courts. After checking the draws for all players' matches, the team was bewildered to find the only player seeded among the group was the old veteran. We headed to the Motel pool for a team bonding session and to behold the talents of **Jonathon Burge** as he showed us his diving exploits only to hit the bottom of the pool and open a considerable gash to his forehead. The girls soon fussed over him (goodness knows why after his performance on the bus) and had him patched up so he looked like the meanest tennis player ever seen in Benalla. Friday morning saw terrific performances by **Tom Jolly** and **Jono Burge** in winning their first round matches while all others had good matches but couldn't convert to wins on the slick grass courts.

Temperatures soared into the mid forties on each day and all players were forced to dig deep in every match (No heat policy in Benalla). The two sisters had an interesting discussion mid afternoon as exhaustion settled in, while **Tom Jolly** succumbed mid afternoon and a visit to the doctor and the emergency ward at the hospital finally confirmed that an appendix operation was not necessary. Tom and Glenn got to hear some wonderful sounds in that emergency room and were relieved to get back to the pool and find the team relaxing and well behaved.

Tom Wilson and **Jono Burge** made the final of the boy's doubles after some marathon matches on Saturday in a brilliant display of doubles tennis. Jono also made the semis of the singles after defeating two of the top seeds; a great performance. **Abe** and **Krystal** both lost close matches in the open singles

That left just Tom and Jono in the tournament for the 18/U doubles on the final day. The last night featured Glenn's historical tour of the Sir Weary Dunlop War Memorial and a fun evening enjoying the balmy night. Sunday morning saw the two very confident boys a bit slow out of the blocks and unfortunately they were unable to win their final. However they provided a highlight for the team and the region and proudly accepted their trophies at the presentation. A tired group made the long journey home with many great memories and vast experience won from the trip.

All were appreciative of the chance to play against the rest of Victoria and to represent their region. Everyone performed well considering temperatures were 40+ degrees every day with players having to constantly battle through the heat.

A great time was had by all players and a big thank you to **Glenn Schuback** for putting in the time and effort for coordinating the trip and making it possible for everyone. (Could this be the last time we see Glenn play tournament tennis? The 43 degree heat may just have overcome him in his singles match? We hope not.)

Out & About

The Terrors of Age

In our Spring newsletter we reported on our Club President turning 50. A big occasion by all reports! However the passing of time did not call for panic until a letter arrived inviting him to participate in the breast cancer screening program conducted by BreastScreen Victoria. The program, it said, is open to *women* aged 50 – 69 and is free. Such changes were just a bit more radical than he had planned in his old age!

Di Arnot Achieves Australian Ranking

The big news in the world of tennis rankings is that **Di Arnot** has moved up the Australian Rankings and is now ranked 12th in Australia in the Over 45 women's rankings. The surprise is not that she is ranked 12th in Australia, as she works hard and plays tennis in places as far away as Norfolk Island. No - the surprise is that she is over 45! Well done Di. A great achievement.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets in our Christmas Raffle were a great hit. The prizes were fantastic and we thank our donors for their support. Our fundraising is an essential part of the Clubs budget and without the support of our donors and sponsors we would not be able to provide or maintain our facilities.

And the winners are:

1st Prize – Joan Lowe

Two Nights Accommodation at The Esplanade Resort and Spa in Lakes Entrance.

If you were not lucky enough to win the raffle just give them a call on 5155 3533 and a wonderful stay can still be all yours.

2nd Prize – Scott Templeton

Two Centre Court Tickets to the 2010 Australian Open and Two Ground Passes.

3rd Prize – Ron Crawford

Birds Nest Mirror and Set of Pots from Hibiscus Warehouse. Michael and Debbie Fox are great supporters of our Club. Check out their full range in the Dyers Industrial Estate.

4th Prize – Sandi Elliman

Two Full Sides of Lamb from Gordyn's Abattoir. Liven up your family bar-b-que with spring lamb from Gippsland's best abattoir.

5th Prize – Sandi Elliman

\$100 Venue Voucher from the Star Hotel. Voted one of Victoria's Best Small Hotels, The Star Hotel offers dining and gaming in a friendly, relaxed environment.

6th Prize – Kerri Brown

Dinner Voucher from Redd Catt. Treat yourself at one of Gippsland's iconic restaurants. With a funky décor and a menu to match Redd Catt promises a special night out.

Bonus Prize 1 – Tiffany Gillies

Perfume and Cosmetics Hamper donated by Misty Cook

Bonus Prize 2 – Peter Chappell

Hamper donated by John Elliman Real Estate

Thank you to our prize donors whose support is essential for the success of Club fundraising.
Thank you also to everyone who bought a ticket and all of those who helped to sell them.

Quote

“The great vice is that for a generation we have been busy getting ourselves on to the list of beneficiaries and removing ourselves from the list of contributors, as if somewhere there was somebody else’s wealth and somebody else’s effort on which we could thrive.”

Calender of Events

*	March 6 – 9	Labour Day Tournament – Bairnsdale TC
*	March 10	Regional Junior Masters Tennis Tournament – Bairnsdale
*	March 12	Junior Break-up – Sale Tennis Club
*	March 12	Junior A Grade Pennant Grand Finals – Sale Tennis Club
*	March 19	Working Bee – 5 pm – Sale Tennis Club
*	March 20	Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Elimination Finals
*	March 21	Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Grand Finals
*	March 28 – 31	Victorian Clay Court Championships – Sale Tennis Club
*	March 29 – 31	TopSpin Tennis Junior Challenge – Rockley TC
*	April 2 -5	Maffra Easter Tournament – Maffra TC
*	April 15	Ladies Round Robin Fun Day - Sale Tennis Club
*	April 16	Roger Rozmus Pennant – <i>Junior Twilight Tennis</i> commences
*	May 23	Sale Tennis Club Annual General Meeting – 7.30 pm - STC
*	June 1	Next Newsletter Due (Just thought you would like to know)
*	June 7	Midweek Ladies Grand Finals
*	June 7	Night Pennant Finals Commence – Sale Tennis Club
*	June 18	Roger Rozmus Pennant Grand Finals – Sale Tennis Club

Email Addresses

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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.

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