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Sale Tennis Club is Good Sports Program 2010 State Winner

Sale Tennis Club is the joint winner of the 2010 Victorian Good Sports Club of the Year award. As previously reported, we were also awarded the Regional Club of the Year. The Club won the awards for our responsible management of alcohol and for providing a safe and healthy environment for our members and the community.

Carmel Elliott and **Robin Lowe** were presented with the award and a cheque for \$1000 on December 14 at the Australian Drug Foundation's annual Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Oration at the State Library of Victoria.



Carmel Elliott, Ladies President, STC, Mary Wooldridge, Minister for Mental Health, Women's Affairs & Community Services, Robin Lowe, President, STC, Rod Glenn-Smith, State Manager, Goods Sports Program

Good Sports is a nationwide program of the Australian Drug Foundation which encourages sporting clubs to become safer, healthier and more family friendly through the responsible management of alcohol. There are almost 4,000 accredited clubs Australia wide. The majority of accredited Good Sports clubs have a liquor licence.

Barry Switzer, GippSport's Executive Officer, said that Sale Tennis Club can be justly proud of the changes they have made within the club. "We have 135 accredited Good Sports Clubs in the Gippsland Region alone and for them to be joint winners of the state wide award is a great achievement," said Mr. Switzer. "All clubs who are serious about providing a safe family friendly environment should be an accredited Good Sports club." he concluded.

The Good Sports program aims to:

- Highlight clubs' important role in the community.
- Help clubs serve and sell alcohol within the law.
- Reduce alcohol related problems (e.g. binge and underage drinking, violence, etc.)
- Increase club viability.
- Enable clubs to meet their duty of care obligations.
- Eliminate drink driving incidents.
- Provide free ongoing education and support.

The Good Sports organisation has worked closely with our Club to change the culture and attitude of our membership toward a more responsible outlook to alcohol use. This is a significant honor for our Club and recognises the work that we have done over the past decade to change our culture. This is not to say that our Club was out of control or badly plagued by drinking problems ten years ago. It is simply recognition of the positive change that has been achieved over that period. This change in outlook and behaviors is especially important because of our large junior membership and the need to establish positive role models and provide a safe and welcoming environment for juniors and family groups.

The State Good Sports Club of the Year means our Club has won an award for an achievement outside tennis for the first time in our 60 year history. We are justifiably proud of this achievement and look forward to being part of this fantastic program for the next 60 years.



Court Care

Our en-tout-cas tennis courts require specific care in order to maintain a uniform and consistent playing surface. There is much that all players can do to maintain our unique court surface. The care of en-tout-cas courts is both simple and essential. Without proper attention even a short set can significantly damage the court surface requiring expensive repairs.

So what should we all do?

1. Before each set thoroughly water the whole court, all the way to the back fence and well wide of the "tram lines". Be generous, we use recycled water, and ensure that you get a good even cover.
2. After each set bag the court, all the way to the fence. Too often we see the baggers turn just as they get to the baseline. The bag needs to go all the way to the fence. Most of your running is done behind the baseline so take care of this area too.

Not only are these simple steps vital for the preservation of our courts you will get a much better match as well.

60th Club Championships Decided



BACK: Lexie Joyce, Paige Wilson, Krystal Rawnsen, Abe Schuback, Tom Wilson, Cohan Schuback
FRONT: Bradley Olsson, Lauren Jones, Baily Hill, Meg Gordyn, Taylor Stephenson, Sarah Trett

Our 60th Club Championships were decided over the first weekend of December. As has become somewhat of a recent tradition our matches were again made very difficult by rain. Matches were played well into the night under lights and the last match was not completed until late on the final Sunday. At the end of the Championships there was a slight sense of déjà vu with our Ladies Champion being **Krystal Rawnsen** and our Men's Champion being **Abe Schuback**.



This is Krystal's 5th consecutive Club Championship. The last woman at our Club to achieve 5 in a row was Club legend **Helen Gerrand** from 1988 to 1993. That's a pretty good set of Dunlop Volleys to follow in the footsteps of. Helen won 18 in all, including 12 in a row, so Krystal still has plenty to aim for.

Krystal was also runner up in the Open Women's Doubles with her mum, Linda and in the Open Mixed Doubles with Nick Board.

Not to be substantially outdone Abe has now made it 4 in a row. **Brett Carter** was the last men's player to win 4 in a row from 2002 to 2006. Brett holds our Club record for the most number of 18 & Under Boys Singles, having won 6 of these titles between 1995 and 2001.

Abe had a very successful Championship, also winning the Open Men's Doubles with **Tom Wilson** and the Open Mixed Doubles with **Sarah Jolly**.



The runner up in the Women's Championship was **Megan Harrison**. This is Megan's first appearance in the women's final but we suspect that this might not be her last.

Josh Deschepper was the runner up in the Men's Championship. Josh has been building up to a really great result over the past few seasons and is playing fantastic tennis at the moment.

In the 18 & Under Boys **Tom Wilson** was successful over **Aaron Spencer**. This is Tom's second 18 & Under Boys title and he may well lift the Open title one day if his tennis continues to develop. Aaron was new to our Club last season and had an immediate impact with his consistent play and calm demeanor. We trust that both boys will continue to develop.

In the 18 & Under Girls **Lexie Joyce** was victorious over **Sarah Trett**. Lexie continues to develop her game and will be a force to be reckoned with in the future. Sarah also had a great Championships, for in addition to being runner up in the 18 & Under Girls, she was also runner up in the 16 & Under Girls and won the 14 & Under Girls.

Other standout performers were **Paige Wilson, Cohan Schuback, Baily Hill, Meg Gordyn** and in the 10 & Under, **Taylor Stephenson**, who won all three of his events.

Full results were as follows:

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Open Ladies Singles	Krystal Rawnsnson	Megan Harrison
Open Men's Doubles	Abe Schuback Tom Wilson	Nick Board Aaron Kennedy
Open Women's Singles	Kylie Board Paige Wilson	Linda Rawnsnson Krystal Rawnsnson
Open Mixed Doubles	Abe Schuback Sarah Jolly	Nick Board Krystal Rawnsnson
18 & Under Boys Singles	Tom Wilson	Aaron Spencer
18 & Under Girls Singles	Lexie Joyce	Sarah Trett
16 & Under Boys Singles	Bradley Olsson	Aaron Spencer
16 & Under Girls Singles	Paige Wilson	Sarah Trett
16 & Under Boys D'bles	Bradley Olsson Cohan Schuback	Jack Foley Clark Hillsley
14 & Under Boys Singles	Cohan Schuback	Bradley Olsson
14 & Under Girls Singles	Sarah Trett	Heidi Bedggood
14 & Under Mixed D'bles	Baily Hill Heidi Bedggood	Jack Foley Lauren Byrne

12 & Under Boys Singles	Baily Hill	Tom Foley
12 & Under Girls Singles	Laura Jones	Lauren Byrne
12 & Under Boys Doubles	Tom Foley	Daniel Brown
	Baily Hill	Ben Shanahan
12 & Under Mixed D'bles	Tom Foley	Liam Hanratty
	Laura Jones	Lauren Byrne
10 & Under Boys Singles	Taylor Stephenson	Ben Shanahan
10 & Under Girls Singles	Meg Gordyn	Bridgett Hanratty
10 & Under Boys D'bles	Taylor Stephenson	Daniel Brown
	Charlie Harrison	Ben Shanahan
10 & Under Mixed D'bles	Taylor Stephenson	Daniel Brown
	Meg Gordyn	Bridgett Hanratty

Our Club Championships were again organised by our Junior Committee and a major "Thank You" goes to **Glenn Schuback** and his Committee for getting through all of the events despite the intervention of weather.



COACH'S CORNER

One of the most frequently asked questions of a tennis coach is.....

"HOW EARLY SHOULD I GET MY CHILDREN INTO TENNIS LESSONS?"

The answer varies from child to child, and there is really no set age. The most important thing for each particular case is the level of enthusiasm the child has for tennis and also their concentration levels.

With the huge success of our PeeWee tennis program we have been able to deliver a suitable coaching program for children aged from 5 years old. In the past we have also included some 4 year olds and this has been based on their concentration level and they have relished the opportunity and are now involved in after school coaching lessons and also the Hot Shots program.

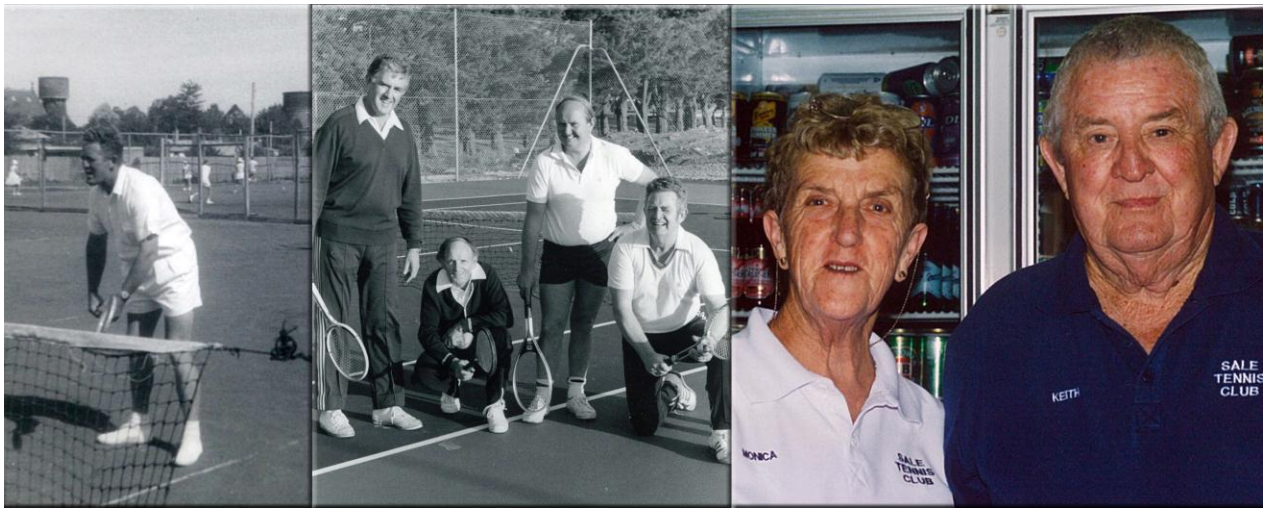
Recently we have enrolled a 3.5 year old and that child is able to hit the ball over the modified net from both sides of their body, this child has been at the tennis watching the PeeWee program for a while and the parents thought it might be worth having a go.

So the simple answer to the question is.....

IT IS NEVER TOO YOUNG but each child is different and just because your child is shy and doesn't want to participate one week doesn't mean they won't participate next week.

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

Vale Keith Best



Keith playing at the original courts in Marley Street.

Bruce Waugh, Don Schuback, Rob Prestney & Keith unveiling the first stage of the plexipave courts in the early 80's.

Monica & Keith behind the bar where they spent many years volunteering for the club.

February 5 saw the passing of one of our Life Members, Keith Best, age 79.

Keith joined our Club in the early 1960's when a search for a family friendly activity lead him, his wife Monica, and their children to tennis. Keith and Monica both became pivotal members of the Club, with Keith assuming many roles, including President, over 4 decades of involvement. Their years behind the bar and catering in the kitchen are of particular note, with many thousands of dollars raised and just as many laughs over the time.

The longevity of Keith's involvement was in stark contrast to his childhood years, where staying in the one place for more than a few years was rare. Keith's father was involved in exploration for oil, coal, water etc. around Australia. He managed crews that piloted wells and therefore, once a well was proven, he would be on to the next prospect.

His parents separated when Keith was nearing the end of his primary school years, and to please his father, his eighth school was to be at St Patrick's College as a boarder. Keith had a passion for woodwork, so at the age of 16 he attended Sale Technical College. After a yearlong course, he stayed on as a teacher's aide in the woodworking area.

Only a couple of years later he was loaned to a young builder in the area for a single project. The young builder was Jimmy Jones, soon to become a prominent builder in the Sale area and the single project turned in to a 30+ year career for Keith. Working with Jimmy, Keith honed his craft and trained many apprentices during the building boom in Sale over the 60's, 70's and 80's. Keith finished his working life in his own business, tackling renovations and cabinet making until his retirement.

Keith married Monica Fischer in 1953 and so began a 50 year partnership that ended with Monica's death in 2004. Their five children, Susan, Ivan, Annmaree, Lee and Kurt have all been members of the Sale Tennis Club over the years. Very few families in our membership can boast consecutive generations of involvement at all levels including President, Secretary and Treasurer such as the Bests. A testament to the tremendous volunteer spirit Keith possessed.

Our Club owes much to Keith and while we miss his familiar presence in the clubhouse, his contribution will never be forgotten. There is scarcely a corner of our clubhouse that Keith has not worked on at some stage. Add to this the work that Monica did with generations of juniors and the Best influence and contribution has been profound.

Roger Rozmus Pennant - *Junior Twilight Tennis*

Planning for the 2011 **Roger Rozmus Pennant, *Junior Twilight Tennis***, is well under way.

The Roger Rozmus Pennant will be open to children between the ages of 8 and 16 and will be scheduled between April 1 and June 24. Offering 3 grades, the pennant will provide competition for junior players of all standards.



This exciting format in junior twilight winter tennis will give nearly 70 Sale and district children an opportunity to fulfill their tennis ambitions. It is not compulsory to be a Sale Tennis Club member and players from other clubs are most welcome to participate.

The Roger Rozmus Pennant is made possible through the generous support of Rositah Rozmus and is being conducted to honor 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. The winners of each grade will have their names permanently displayed in the Clubhouse on the Roger Rozmus Pennant Honor Board and will also receive individual prizes. The 2010 winners received tickets to the 2011 Australian Open. It is anticipated that places on the permanent honor board will again be keenly contested by all juniors. With 2012 Australian Open tickets again on offer we are hoping for a big turnout and great competition.

For further information or an entry form please contact Nick Board on 0407 863 463 or nick@topspintennis.net.au

Working Bee – Friday March 4

The second of this financial year's working bees has been set for Friday March 4 from 5.00pm. There is much to do to the courts and surrounds so please make an effort to get up to the Club and do your bit. What we cannot do ourselves we must pay someone else to do so it makes sense to do as much as possible at our working bees. As an added bonus if you attend you will get your annual maintenance levy credited to your account.

Tennis Australia Regional Partnership



Sale Tennis Club is delighted to announce that it has been invited to become a Tennis Australia Regional Partner. This partnership initiative is designed to assist us to develop and grow tennis in our region. Tennis Australia has developed a blueprint for tennis facilities and management throughout regional areas in Australia that is crucial to the overall development of our sport.

The reason for the creation of a TA Regional Centre in Sale is to create growth in:

- *Community Development.* Making STC a tennis venue about which the local and surrounding regional community is proud.
- *Economic Development.* Greater tennis operational performance ensuring greater local economy performance.
- *Destination Development.* Patrons will recognize STC as a great tennis facility to visit, play at and enjoy the services offered.
- *Social and Cultural Development.* By giving us status as one of the premier tennis facilities in Australia and encouraging access for all to the game.

Tennis Australia will assist Sale Tennis Club with access to operational performance benchmarks, facility development funds, coach development, branding, events and quality monitoring.

In return STC will work toward best practice standards of management, will strive to employ a manager responsible for growing all aspects of tennis throughout the region, will seek to ensure minimum court and facility standards and ensure that we provide a comprehensive range of venue services.

The aim is to have 70 regional centres throughout Australia each providing a comprehensive range of services and developing tennis in their regional area. There are currently nearly 20 centres throughout Australia with Sale Tennis Club joining Traralgon as only the second centre in Gippsland.

We look forward to a long and rewarding partnership.

Night Pennant Results

Our night pennants completed finals in December. With the stakes so high the finals were hotly contested. Final results were:

Tuesday

2010 was a huge year for the Sale Tennis Club because in 2010 our long serving Tuesday night coordinator won his first pennant. For seventeen years **Mike Riley** has been playing Tuesday nights without winning a pennant until, almost unexpectedly, 2010 turned into his breakthrough year. Mike's team the "Crocs" (as in "crocodile" not broken down old "crocks"!) were up and down all season and were playing the all-conquering "Jabiru's". However, after a stellar season, the Jabiru's had their wings clipped by the unpredictable Crocs in a close fought Grand Final. The Jabiru's, **Paul Egan, Lindsay Mackay, Chris Hulls and Tracey Rowe** went down by just 6 games to the wily old Crocs, **Mike Riley, Russell Heathcote, Andie Christie and Suzanne Ross**.

Mike is back on the job with his Tuesday night crew and hoping it does not take another seventeen years before he “salutes the judge” again. Thank you Mike for all that you do for our Tuesday crew.

Wednesday

Our Wednesday Night winners were:

Phil Todd, Eddy Anderson, Maddie Anderson and Sharon Silvestor who overcame **John MacLachlan, Russell Stevens, Barb McCubbin and Clark Hillsley** in a very entertaining affair.

A large crowd was in attendance with a bbq after the game to celebrate a successful season.

Our thanks go to **Phil Todd** who has been our Wednesday night coordinator for some years. Phil is stepping down this season due to work commitments. We thank Phil for his contribution over the past few years to help our Wednesday night pennant teams. We hope to see him back playing full time soon.

Thursday

Pantac Security dominated the preliminary rounds and finished well on top of the ladder. However Star Hotel was not going to go down lightly in their semi-final and only just came up short. In the other semi-final Brown/Wigg took on Ronchi Wheeler but had to come from 6 games down with two sets to play to storm home by two games and book a berth in the Grand Final.

In the Grand Final Pantac Security took an early lead over Brown/Wigg, who then threatened to make a miraculous comeback but they could not quite bridge the gap. The final margin was only 4 games

The teams were:

Pantac Security: **Josh Deschepper, Barry Anderson, Kylie Board, Lyn Smalley**

Brown/Wigg **James Cooper (Brian Lazzaro), Darren Elliott, Karen Brown, Linda Rawnsen (Rebecca Wells)**

A grand final win was a great way for **Barry Anderson** to finish off his Thursday night career. Barry has been a part of Thursday nights for as long as anyone can remember and has been a selector for a good many of these seasons. Barry, who has recently retired, is going to devote more time to his new sport, bowls, and just enjoy life in the slower lane. We thank you Barry for your contribution to our Thursday nights, you will be missed.

Thank you goes to our long time Thursday night coordinator, **Robin Lowe**, who again took care of teams, draws and fill-ins for the season.

Quote

“If you are always guided by other people’s thoughts, what’s the point of having your own?”

Meg Returns to Australian Open

Meg Mogridge returned to the 2011 Australian Open as an expert ball kid after having a first up experience in 2010. Her report follows:

"I had a great time as a ball kid at the Australian Open 2011. The experience was fantastic and as a second year ball kid I got to ball kid for more well-known players. Out of the 19 days of the Open I had 2 rest days. The further into the tournament the sorer and more tired I got.

I had shifts on Rod Laver Arena, Hisense Arena and Show Court 2 as well as other outside courts. Some players I was ballkid for were, Andy Roddick, Venus Williams, Justine Henin, Gael Monfils, Victoria Azarenka and Arnaud Clement.



This year I was lucky enough to be chosen to be a flag bearer for the finals. This meant I was on court for the presentations after the Women's and Men's Singles finals. This was a great experience and I got to be out in the atmosphere of centre court.

All up I enjoyed my time at the AO 2011 and can't wait for 2012!"
Meg Mogridge

Hailey Shanahan "Kills the Professor" in France

"During the summer holidays I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to go and live in the south of France for two months. I lived in a small town called Saint-Privat-des-Vieux, 1 hour from Montpellier and 2 hours from Marseille. It was very beautiful and close to a national park. My host family knew that I liked to play tennis so during the first week of my stay I went to my local courts to join in on my host brother, Ben's, tennis lesson. We arrived and there were two concrete courts and I assume the coach was a veteran looking to teach some tennis basics to the kids. There was about 8 kids in the group and we all took turns hitting one on one with the coach. To cut a long story short my host brother came home saying in English "Hailey killed the Professor". So after that we needed to find a different club with a slightly better coach. About 10 minutes away was a town called "Salindres" which was the main tennis centre around the area and also where Sale Tennis Clubs 2008 ITF finalist, Marinko Matosovic, will be headlining a tournament in July 2011.





There I met Mikael Sebah, the club coach, had a hit with some of the girls and then every Saturday morning I had a 2 hour lesson with the coach and the girls. I met a girl called Sandy and we would hit twice a week after the marathon days at school. To play tournaments in France you have to get a "licence" which then gives you a ranking and determines where in the draw you begin in a tournament. After a

month I received my licence and was able to play tournaments. My ranking was 15/1 and I still don't know exactly what that means but for my first tournament I began in the semi-finals so it must have been okay. The tournament was held in a town called "Moussac" and at night I played my first international match. I played okay but lost in the end. After I finish school I want to go back overseas and play tennis and by spending these two months over there I've made a lot of contacts and friends. It's also made me realise that there is a whole world of tennis players out there competing to be the best." Hailey Shanahan

Junior News

Sale Queen's Birthday Junior Tournament - 11 - 13 June, 2011

Sale Tennis Club will host a Tennis Victoria Junior Tournament on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. This tournament is a "White" under the Tennis Australia ranking system and will offer an opportunity for Sale Tennis Club members to play for Australian ranking points at the entry level. The tournament will offer Boys and Girls Singles and Doubles for the following age groups: **12 & Under, 14 & Under and 16 & Under.**

This is a great chance for our leading players to gain ranking points at a national level without the need for expensive travel. The tournament will host some of the leading juniors from around the State and entries will be taken on a first in basis so be early with your entries. For some great tennis in a fabulous atmosphere get in early. Catering will be available.

So as to be better able to communicate information about such events it is critical that all players keep us up to date with their current mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Anyone wanting to be on the list should send these to Glenn Schuback at

schuback@tpg.com.au

Entries close 21/05/2011 and more information will be available on

www.saletennisclub.com or contact via email is saletennisclub@gmail.com

Saturday Pennant

With just one round to go the following teams have definitely qualified for finals:

Sect 1 - Gerrand

Sect 4 - Pritchard & Cashman

Sect 5 - Brown

Sect 6 - Hart

Sect 8 - Board

Sect 3 Rawnsdon and Sect 7 Schuback are close to making finals depending on results in the last round. Teams are reminded that any fill-ins needed for finals have to be approved by the Junior Committee.

The Junior Committee congratulates all teams on a terrific season for the Club and wishes all teams in finals every success.

Inter Regional Championships

Lexie Joyce was the Clubs only representative at this year's tournament played at Geelong in January. Lexie had some great results in the 16 & Under Girls division playing in the singles and doubles with Steph Barnett from Bairnsdale.

Travelling Tennis Players

In December a group of the G.O.A.T squad travelled to Moe to participate in the Victorian Country Schoolboys/Schoolgirls Championships

The group had a great time, which saw them participate in numerous events, and therefore they all had plenty of tennis for the week.

The results that the Sale players had, which were very impressive, as are as follows:

Bradley Olsson Winner 14/U Boys singles
 R/Up 14/U Boys doubles

Cohan Schuback Winner 14/U Boys consolation singles
 R/Up 14/U Boys doubles

Bayley Hill Winner 11/U Boys singles
 Winner 12/U Boys singles
 Winner 12/U Boys doubles

Lexie Joyce Winner 18/U Girls doubles

The week away was a great experience for all players and they also had plenty of time for other activities such as movies and go karting and based on Bayley's skill behind the wheel of a go kart it is lucky that he is a very good tennis player

Tennis East Gippsland Masters Final

The finals of the TEG Masters Series will be held a Bairnsdale on Sunday, March 26. The series has been interrupted this year but we have 10 Sale players qualified for the final. These players are: *Boys 12 & Under: Thomas Foley, Bayley Hill, Ben Shanahan: Girls 12 & Under: Laura Jones: Boys 14 & Under: Jack Foley, Brandon Henness, Corey Scott, Bayley Hill: Girls 14 & Under: Jamie Mitchell.* Congratulations to all of these players.

We wish all players well in the final and hope to have some good news to report in the next newsletter.

General Junior Information

The end of season break-up and player awards night will be on Friday 18th of March. This is the night before finals start and will see the announcements of the leading Boy and Girl for each Section. The night is a free night of team tennis games and pizza for everyone and will commence at 4.30pm for on-court action.

Important Dates

Junior Breakup – Friday 18 March

TEG Masters Final – March 26

Roger rozmus Pennant commences - April 1

Entries for Junior Points tournament close - 21 May

Roger Rozmus Pennant Breakup – June 24

Midweek Ladies News



Stratford Tennis Club, December 2010.
One of the local echidnas thoroughly enjoyed the ladies semifinals but its support just wasn't enough to bring victory to our Sale girls on the day.

2010 News

Season Two Results:

Section 1: **Carmel Elliott, Kerri Brown, Jo Ballinger and Sandra Pritchett** won a tough final against Heyfield. Thanks to the efforts of her strong team mates Carmel Elliott somehow managed to win the aggregate score for the Association's Section 1 Ladies.

Section 2: **Jill Anderson, Carolyn Dyer, Celeste Jackson and Kaye Bedggood** lost their semi-final to a very strong Nambrok team.

Grand Finals winners were:

Section 1: Sale

Section 2: Briagalong

Section 3: Maffra Assics

Section 4: Nambrok

Dates for the Diary:

4th April: 1:30 pm - Committee Meeting, all welcome.

2nd May: Lists up for next season, tickets available for Bubbles, Balls and Laughter.

23rd May: Last match for summer season, girl's night out (date and venue to be advised)

The 2010/2011 Ladies Committee

President: Carmel Elliott, Ph. 0416020569

Delegate: Debbie Krusic, Ph. 5149 7250

Secretary: Debbie Jackson

Treasurer: Robin Hughes

Recording Officer: Kaye Bedggood

2011/2012 Selection Committee;

Carmel Elliott, Debbie Krusic, Kaye Bedggood, Rachael Bye and Karen Brown.

Next Meeting: 1:30pm, 4th of April 2011 at the Sale Tennis Club, all welcome

Our Competition

Our pennant competition is played on Mondays at various clubs in the region. We have two seasons: - the first season starts at the start of the school term in February and continues for about 12 weeks with breaks in the competition for school holidays. Play resumes at the start of each school term. The second season starts in July and finishes at the end of November. This season generally starts later in the day but finishes well before school pickups.

In our current season we start play at 10am and we generally finish between 12 and 1pm. Our Club currently has one team in Section 1, one in Section 2 and three teams in Section 3. This season Preliminary and Grand Finals will be played at Sale.

Our Monday Ladies are a mixed group of women from a wide variety of backgrounds and tennis abilities. We all enjoy our tennis and admittedly some of us are more competitive than others. But truth be known, when all is said and done, it's really the cup of tea, the piece of cake and the chat at the end of days' play that most of us look forward to. We have a hit, a chat and a laugh! What could be better than that?

New players are welcome to contact Debbie Krusic at any stage of the season. We can put your name on the fill in list or put your name down for next season.

Our Social Events:

End of Season Break up: At the last meeting it was decided that we will make a change from tradition and hold our girl's night out at the end of the season, rather than the end of the finals. Keep an eye on the notice board for further details.

Bubbles, Balls and Laughter. The Sale Tennis Club will be hosting a social charity event on the 18th of July 2011. The aim of the event is to raise funds for the Gippsland Women's Health Service. There will be tennis lessons, exercise classes, lunch, a raffle and a few other surprises still in the planning stages.

Our local businesses have been very generous with their donations. We hope we can attract women to the club and raise funds for a very worthwhile non-profit organisation.

Bubbles, Balls and Laughter

A social charity event will be held at the Sale Tennis Club on the 18th of July, 10am – 1pm. Cost \$10 incl. lunch.

All money raised will be donated to the Gippsland Women's Health Service.

Tickets available from Howard and Schubacks at start of May. Contact Carmel Elliott on 0416020569 for further details.



Out & About

Trivia Night – March 5

Sale Tennis Club will hold a Trivia Night on Saturday March 5 from 7.30pm. The highly entertaining and well informed **Peter Morrison** will be the host and quiz master and a good night is assured for all. Tables to a maximum of 8 will cost \$75 and everybody is most welcome. To arrange a table please contact Nick on 0407 863 463 or Abe on 0423 585 402.

Ho! Ho! Ho! - Christmas Thanks

Our end of year function was a relatively quiet affair. It is a busy time of year and there always seems to be a lot of competing functions. Fortunately the crowd that was there were in good form and a good time was had by all. Aside from the presentation to Club Curator Bruce Carter (see article in previous newsletter) we also had a bar-b-que tea and a raffle.

Thanks to **Di Arnot, Ali Elliman, Carmel Elliott** and **Robin Lowe** for their gourmet salad making skills. Thank you also to our raffle prize donors: **Star Hotel, Howard & Schuback Megasports, Toms Cap Winery, Deschepper Family**, and the **Lowe Family**.

Identity Fraud

Long time club member **Kerri Brown** played her first pennant in age's last midweek ladies season. In fact she starred in the team that won the grand final. It was ironic therefore that in our last newsletter she was listed as "Karen Brown". The funny thing is, on the stats sheets, she was listed as "Kerri Carmody". This has led to Kerri asking "What will my alias be next time?" Suggestions welcome but please keep it nice!

Cold Beer

Now that we have your attention, does your business have promotional “stubby cubbies” that are locked away in a store room not promoting anything? We are rapidly running out of stubby cubbies for our bar and we would really appreciate the donation of some to help keep our beers cold. If you can help please bring them up to the Clubhouse next time you are there or just drop them in to 445 Raymond Street, Sale. We will be most grateful and your stubby cubbies will begin doing the promotion that they were designed for.

Meet The Stars

Daniel Brown, C Grade winner of the 2010 Roger Rozmus Pennant, used his winner's prize of tickets to the Australian Open on Sun 23rd. On the train he met up with his playing partner, **Scott Corey**. (Both Mum's got to go too!) The boys spent the day together and had a fantastic day of tennis. Daniel and Corey saw Federer, Nadal, and several others hitting on the practice courts. They waited for a very long time at the gate that Nadal was to leave by hoping for a signature but unfortunately all they got was a close look. (Daniel's mum, Kerri, got to touch him and by all reports still hasn't washed her hand), While they were waiting they got autographs from the US girl who wears long black socks. (Can anybody please tell us her name?) They also met John Newcombe, who was impressed that someone wanted his autograph!!! After that they saw the Aussie boys' doubles and a really good mixed doubles. The boys had a great day and are keen to head back next year. Of course they will have to win the 2011 Roger Rozmus Pennant if they want to get freebies to the 2012 tournament.



Corey Scott, John Newcombe & Daniel Brown at the Australian Open

Flying High

Cohen Schuback was one of the fortunate winners of the Roger Rozmus Pennant packages to the Australian Open 2011.

Cohen was lucky enough to get to watch Roger Federer as he played Tommy Robredo.

However he got more than just to watch. As Roger Federer celebrated his win by throwing his sweat bands into the crowd, Cohen soared above the pack and brought down a “screamer” and so pocketed a great souvenir from his day at the tennis.



Australian Open 2011

The 2011 Australian Open saw many of the players who competed in the 2008 **WHK International** in action in singles and doubles. **Marinko Matosovic**, now ranked 144 in the world and Australia's second highest ranked man, was in action in the singles but went down to Richard Berankis of Lithuania in straight sets. Marinko paired with **John Millman** in the doubles but was again out in the first round. Rameez Junaid also fell in the first round of his doubles match. **Greg Jones** and **Sam Groth** fared a little better, making it to the second round of their doubles. The star of the show turned out to be **Bernard Tomic** who made it through to the third round of the men's singles before running into world number one, Rafael Nadal.

One interesting side note is that local winner **Nick Lindahl** played unsuccessfully in the qualifiers as a Swede after falling out with Tennis Australia following a series of misdemeanors.

Vale George Waks

George Waks, our oldest active pennant player, passed away suddenly on February 18. He was 76. George played his last game of tennis on a Thursday night and was gone on Friday morning.

Sale Tennis Club members will remember George as gentleman both on and off the court. George came late to tennis but what he lacked in natural ability he made up with endeavour and persistence. George was always up for a hit of tennis and played at every opportunity. He could often be seen hitting happily on the wall out on Court 18, fine tuning his game. He will be sorely missed by all at the Club.



Annual General Meetings

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 28**. 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.

Calender of Events

*	March 4	Working Bee – From 5.00pm
*	March 5	Trivia Night – Clubrooms from 7.00pm
*	March 6	Wellington Tennis Championships - Finals
*	March 18	Junior Break Up - Clubrooms
*	March 19	Wellington Tennis Semi Finals
*	March 20	Wellington Tennis Preliminary Finals
*	March 26	Wellington Tennis Grand Finals
*	March 26	TEG Junior Points Tournament Final – Bairnsdale
*	April 1	Roger Rozmus Pennant commences
*	April 9 -10	Alicia Molik Cup – 12 & Under Boys & Girls - Kooyong
*	May 2	Midweek Ladies Lists for Season 2, 2011
*	May 21	Entries Close for Sale Junior Tournament
*	May 28	Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm Sale Tennis Club
*	June 11 - 13	Sale Junior Tournament – Sale Tennis Club
*	June 24	Roger Rozmus Pennant Grand Finals
*	July 18	Bubbles, Balls & Laughter, 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 and remember a picture tells a thousand words so be sure to send in a photo.

Look us up at: www.saletennisclub.com

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