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Life Members Day – September 13

Life Members day is for everyone!! You do not need to be a Life Member, or even a member. If you enjoy tennis just come along for a great day out.

Our 5th Annual Life Members Day is scheduled for Sunday September 13. Life Members Day has quickly grown to be one of the biggest and most important days on our Club calendar. The day is a celebration of the contribution to our Club of all members, especially Life Members, who have been recognised for their outstanding contribution.

Our Club has awarded only 15 Life Memberships in its nearly 60 year history. Clearly you have to earn this honour. Our Life Members are: **“Nellie” Munn, Keith Prestney, Don Schuback, Lorraine McHattie, Keith Best, Monica Best, Bob Smalley, Moyra Maher, Helen Gerrand, Shirley McFarlane, Gary Schuback, James Maher, Bruce Carter, Jan Saville and Ian Flint.**

Two of our Life Members are specifically recognised in the day’s activities with the Women playing for the Monica Best Memorial Trophy and the Men playing for the Ian Flint Memorial Trophy.

The day’s activities start from 11.30am with lunch followed by a round robin tournament for the more energetic and a relaxing drink for the more sensible. At the end of the tennis we will have afternoon tea, presentation of trophies and a monster raffle. The whole day is free. (With the exception of drinks and raffle tickets.) If you want a VB make sure you get to the bar early as the Flint boys are likely to be in town!

Last year **Carmel Elliott** smoked the opposition to claim the Monica Best Memorial Trophy. There is no holding this girl back so it would be no surprise if she went back-to-back. **Nick Board** used his home ground advantage to absolute best use to take out the Ian Flint Memorial Trophy. Can he do it again or will the impending baby that Kylie is expecting interfere with his defence? Or will yet another dark horse appear from nowhere and claim a spot on our Honour Board? If you are not there you will never know.

We will also have the presentation of the Ronchi Wheeler Player of the Year for season 2008/09 with our winners being Krystal Rawnsen and Ron Crawford. Kevin Ronchi will be on hand to make the presentations to our two stars.

Mark Sunday September 13 in your diary and we hope to see a huge crowd of happy tennis fans turn out for another wonderful Life Members Day.

Players Auction

October is a busy month at Sale Tennis Club with the start of SHTA pennant. On 3rd October we will conduct our annual player’s auction. After a period in recess the player’s auction has roared back over the last few years to once again be “as big as Ben Hur”. This has coincided with a mini revival in our Saturday pennant numbers.

Players Auction day is Saturday October 3 with a barbeque tea from 6.30 pm and auction action from about 8.00 pm.

Master Auctioneer **John Elliman** from **John Elliman Real Estate** again joins us to conduct proceedings. John has made this event his own and he has bought and sold more players than Manchester United over the past few years.

If you want to share the excitement that builds every Saturday afternoon during the pennant season as the numbers trickle in and we all see if our players have performed well and we “have got the chocolates” then you need to be there to buy a player.

Court 3 – 5 Upgrades Complete

We are delighted that the renovations of Courts 3 -5 are now complete. The upgrade of the lights on these courts brings these lights up to the same standard as the modern low lighting on all other courts and gives us a total of 14 modern lit courts. The renovations were completed in time for the start of the new night pennant season and our night players are revelling in the improved lighting. The upgraded lighting, combined with our new shade structure adjacent to Court 5, will make these courts popular and well used for years to come and it looks fantastic now that the old light poles are all gone.

The upgrade also gave us the opportunity to provide security lighting down the path between the car park and the clubhouse entrance. This will be appreciated by our coaches and night co-ordinators who have been forced to fumble their way out to their cars in the dark over the past few years since SP Ausnet took away our old car park security light.

These upgrades were substantially funded by a grant from the **Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development** and the **Wellington Shire Council**. Wellington Shire was especially helpful when the original grant application came up short of the amount required to complete the job. After a significant reshuffle of very scarce resources they were able to find the additional funds necessary to complete the whole project. Well done to our Shire who has been a major supporter of the Club over the past few years.

Well done also to our Club Curator, **Bruce Carter**, who has managed the whole upgrade process. Aside from his day job with Bruce Carter Fencing, Bruce does a great job with our courts and ably assisted by **Gary Orgill** from IG Electrical has done a similarly great job on this upgrade.

Night Pennant Grand Final Results

Night Pennant Grand Finals were played in June with a few surprises and a few not so surprising outcomes.

Monday Night

Monday nights for the past season were played as a familiarisation competition so no Grand Final was played. However our Monday nights are becoming increasingly more popular as we seek to re-establish a regular Monday night competition and with the help of TopSpin Tennis we have taken some important steps to getting this night reinvigorated. If you, or someone you know, are at social or beginner level and are interested in becoming involved then please call Nick at TopSpin Tennis on 5144 1345 and come along and enjoy some great nights of tennis.

Tuesday Night

The thing that was not a surprise on Tuesday nights was that **Mike Riley** ran another great season of tennis. Well done Mike. Everyone on Tuesdays loves your work.

The results for Tuesday night were:

Winners

Honey Bears

Ron Erskine

Bill Jones

Rebecca Wells

Sarah Kelly

Runners Up

Drop Bears

Darren Hickling

Chris Riley

Rosemary Iverson

Debbie Langford/Lyn fox

Wednesday Night

Wednesday Night Co-ordinator, Phil Todd, was called on to adjudicate a “photo finish” after his Grand Final teams returned to the Clubhouse with the scores locked at 27 games each. Sending them back out was the only option and ultimately he was able to separate them by seven games to three.

Winners

Phil Jolly
Sarah Jolly
Kate Hanratty
Emma Hanratty

Runners Up

Hayden Burgiel
Len Vanstone
Kellie Burgiel
Kym Wilson

Thursday Night

Thursday night finals went off without last season’s rain dramas. (Although the rain would have been welcome!!) At the end of a close fought final the Demons ran out winners over the Tigers. (This is extremely unlikely to happen at AFL level this season but I am sure that their fans would appreciate any win this year.)

Winners

Demons
Josh Deschepper
Ron Erskine
Di Arnot
Nicole Sutton

Runners Up

Tigers
Wayne Dennis
Gavin Ballinger
Peter Lowe
Jane Bergin

This completes a stellar season for **Josh Deschepper** who was runner up in his SHTA Section 1 Senior Grand Final in March, Runner Up in the Men’s A Grade Singles at the Maffra Easter Tournament and now claims a Thursday Night Pennant. You can see that he has been building up to this important victory.

Ron Erskine becomes one of a rare species of tennis players to win two grand finals on different nights in the same season. Ron loves his tennis and rarely misses a match on any night. Great effort Ron! We reckon that the way you are playing you have a good few finals yet to come.

Kitchen Renovations Under Way

After looking at the blank space and concrete floor for nearly four years we are delighted to confirm that our new kitchen is well on the way to completion. We are being helped by Peter from Ashwood Homes, Neil from Cabinet Connections, Peter from Lazzaro Floors & Walls, Troy from Troy Jeffries Plumbing, Ron from Balec Electrical, Brian from Lazzaro Plastering and Peter from The Paint Rig. We are looking forward to many years of use from our sensational new facilities.

Just a note for those who might like to use our soon to be very spacious clubhouse and kitchen facilities for private functions our policy is as follows:

- Clubhouse hire is for **members only**.
- Hire fee is \$200 plus the cost of cleaning.
- Club Liquor Licence is until 12 midnight only.
- Any damage to the Clubhouse or courts is at the cost of the hirer.
- Bookings can be made with Nick at TopSpin Tennis on 5144 1345.

SHTA Saturday Pennant

The Sale Heyfield Tennis Association junior and senior pennant season commences on October 3, 2009. The senior season is now a two season competition with the first to commence October 3 and finish with finals on December 12 and 13. A second season is planned to commence on January 23 with finals on March 20 and 21. The format for juniors remains unchanged.

Those wishing to play senior pennant should get their names on the list at the clubhouse within the next week or contact Club Captain, Murray Fitzclarence on 5144 5715.

Juniors should contact Nick Board on 5144 1345, but make it quick.

The annual players' auction will be held on Saturday October 3 from 6.30pm.

Meg Mogridge Selected as Ballkid for Australian Open 2010

After a series of trials we are pleased to confirm that Meg Mogridge has been selected by Tennis Australia as a ball kid for the 2010 Australian Open. While we do not exactly keep records on this sort of thing, Meg may well be the first person from Sale Tennis Club ever to become a ballkid at the Australian Open. This is a wonderful achievement.

Meg's report follows:

"MEG MOGRIDGE – BALLKID AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2010

I was watching the Australian Open earlier this year and said to my parents that I would love to be a ballkid. It looked like fun.

After getting through the local trial I had to attend another trial at Melbourne Park.

A few weeks later I received an email, which told me that I had been selected as a ballkid for the Australian Open 2010. Thousands of children from Australasia tried out for around 200 ballkid positions.

So far I have had 2 training sessions at Melbourne Park and I have another 3 training sessions in November. Attendance at the training sessions are compulsory and only a medical certificate will suffice if you can't attend.

I will be a net ballkid at the Open. Duties will include retrieving balls from all parts of the court, servicing the players at change of ends and putting new balls into play every 9 games.

On the 18th December I will attend a function at Melbourne Park where I will receive my official uniform and accreditation.

I know I am very lucky to be given this opportunity and I am looking forward to January.

Meg Mogridge"

We will follow Meg's story as she progresses through training and look forward to hearing which players she gets to meet at the Open. All the best Meg from everyone at Sale Tennis Club. We know you will do a great job and you may even be available to train our squad for the Pro Circuit event next March.

Midweek Ladies News

Last newsletter we reported that our Ladies Committee had a new President in **Carmel Elliott**. Congratulations Carmel and we are sure that you will do a great job. However our outgoing President had just one season to finish and she finished it in absolute style. **Jenny Luke** managed a SHTA Midweek Ladies clean sweep with winning Grand Finals teams in all Sections. Sale had four teams competing for three pennants and they won all three. That is going to be hard to beat!

In Section 1 **Lauryn Roberts, Jo Ballinger, Kathleen Schuback** and **Di Arnot** were victors. In Section 2 **Eileen Burge, Jill Anderson, Celeste Jackson** and **Kay Bedggood** won over their Sale club mates in **Carmel Elliott, Sharon Howe, Di Jolly** (who was ably assisted by **Carolyn Dyer** throughout the finals series owing to Di being injured) and **Tracey Mitchell**. Section 3 completed the trifecta with **Debbie Krusic, Robyn Hughes, Libby Anderson** and **Rachael Bye** being victorious.

Added to these great results **Carmel Elliott** won the Section 2 Association Aggregate, **Debbie Krusic** won the Section 3 Aggregate and **Di Arnot** was runner up in the Section 1 Aggregate.

These are fantastic results for our hard working Midweek Ladies Committee and a just reward for lots of hard work both on and off the court. Well done to all the girls who were involved in the Grand Final teams and a special thanks to **Jenny Luke** and her ladies committee for a job well done. We hope Jen enjoys a well earned rest before returning to the courts better, faster and stronger next season.

The Winter 2009 Pennant has now begun and our Sale teams are:

SECTION 1

Sale Magicians

Carmel Elliott
Sandra Pritchett
Jill Anderson
Carolyn Dyer

SECTION 2A

Sale Sorcerers

Heather Ronchi
Karen Pollett
Debbie Krusic
Debbie Iseppi

SECTION 2B

Sale Warlocks

Dehlia Maher
Libby Anderson
Kayleen Glover
Debbie Jackson

SECTION 2A

Sale Fairy Godmothers

Karen Deschepper
Celeste Jackson
Kaye Bedggood
Robyn Hughes

SECTION 2B

Sale Witches

Debbie Cooper
Rachael Bye
Cheryl Cope
Michelle Shanahan

SECTION 3

Sale Wizards

Amander Jackson
Julie Murray
Belle Carter
Karen Brown

The season runs until 9 November with finals to follow. On a slightly sad note, our entire Section 1 ladies team was so pleased with their result last season that they all promptly retired! We do wish them well in their endeavours. Due to the great results from last season, and the loss of all our Section 1 players, we've moved quite a few players out of their comfort zone. It's great to see all our players rise to the challenge with such enthusiasm. We're not necessarily going to have the same fantastic results as the summer season, but we're doing our best and will have fun trying!

We're always looking for new players, all standards welcome. Next season will start in February 2010, when we will revert to a morning start, generally about 9:30 am.

We wish all of our girls well and hope that they are able to repeat some of the success of the summer season and really celebrate Christmas.

Hit & Giggle

Thursdays at 10am.

Co-coordinator: **Dehlia Maher**, Ph 0429 978 614.

Dehlia has been running this session for at least 8 years! This is a great social hit of tennis, lots of talk and laughter with the group going to lunch at least twice a term. This is good for those wanting to keep their eye in but who aren't that keen on playing competition at this stage.

Mums in Tennis

For those that want to get out of the house and learn about tennis. Nothing like a tennis court to help you forget about meals, housework, groceries, gardening or walking the dog, "Mums in Tennis" is a great way to learn about tennis and get fit. Who knows you might even increase your social network! Contact Nick Board for details on 5144 1345.

Fund Raising

For Sale: Sox \$8.

Cookbooks, great recipes \$8

Tin of 4 balls (used twice for competition, great for the kids), only \$2

Contact Carmel, Ph 0416020569.

Meals on Wheels

Monday Ladies volunteer for a one week run of Meals on Wheels. Last year we covered the whole week without one single hiccup! This year our week is in December. Please put your name on the list on the board in the clubrooms.

On the Social Front

We will have an end of season break up on the Monday of the grand final. It's a great night out, with a unique Kris Cringle that has to be experienced to be believed! Nothing naughty, just lots of fun. Watch the board at the Club for further details.

Monday Men's Competition

Once again in season 2009 **Chris Deschepper** acted as non-playing coach in helping to round up a group of "gun" players and organise the teams and draw. Neale Fraser had less trouble organising Davis Cup ties in third world countries than Chris does in getting this group together. Well done Chris and thank you for the effort you put into this competition.

This season the draw was more honoured in the breach than the observance as rain, public holidays and general lack of "tennis literacy" by some players lead to a series of scheduling mishaps that made scoring and the ladder more complicated than the Duckworth Lewis formula. For all this we had 16 players every week and introduced a sudden death finals playoff system. Top team *Laver* **Nick Board, Robin Lowe, Murray Fitzclarence** and **Ryan Walsh** played Team 4 *Roche* **Mick Luke, Tom Wilson, Peter Chappell** and **Phil Todd**. 2nd Team, *Newcombe*, **Josh Deschepper, Hayden Burgiel, Wayne Dennis** and **Scott Templeton** played 3rd team *Rosewall* **Abe Schuback, Bruce Tatterson, Peter Reeves** and **Brian Lazzaro**.

At the end of the sudden death final *Newcombe* were declared the winners. Well done to Josh, Hayden, Wayne and Scott.

Monday round robin hits will continue for the Monday men for the next few weeks as we lead up to the start of the Saturday pennant season. If you would like to come along or need further details please contact Robin Lowe on 5144 7582.



COACH'S CORNER

Topspin Tennis would like to welcome Merryn Griffiths to their team. Merryn will be the coaching co-ordinator and will also be completing her introduction to Tennis Coaching in October this year. Merryn will be working tirelessly organising all of the groups and the coaching clinics so that the boys can offer you an even more professional on court service.

Coaching Tip

Jelly Arm for More Power

A common problem with serving for many players is that they try to 'muscle' the ball over the net. This leads to a stiff serving arm, less fluency of motion, and consequently less racquet head speed upon impact with the ball.

Instead try to loosen your grip on your racquet and let your serving arm go loose like jelly. Delay the start of your swing and then slowly increase the speed of your racquet head in a loose whip like motion up at the ball concentrating on a good high contact point.

Try practising using a skipping rope or door snake instead of a racquet. You will quickly and easily see and learn the fluency, momentum and power generated by fluent timing and rhythm in your serving arm.

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

Junior News

Saturday Pennant

Junior pre-season practice days will continue every Sunday in September from 9.00am – 11.00 am.

Players need to have their registration forms in by next Sunday the 13th

A new junior summer competition will be held this season. The competition will be for 15–20 year olds of all standards. It will be a mixed competition held on Saturday afternoons with all matches being played at the Sale courts. The season will go until Christmas.

This season Topspin Tennis will be conducting Pee Wee coaching from 8.30 – 9.00am every Saturday of the pennant season. Pee Wee tennis is for 5-7 year olds.

This will be followed by Aviva Hotshots Tennis from 9.00 until 11.00am and will involve the use of low compression balls designed to make it much easier for younger kids to control the ball. The program is to help to introduce children into competition. Both groups will run until Christmas.

Masters Tournament Results

The last Traralgon Cavalier tournament was held on the 30th of August and Sarah Trett won the U/14 girls singles while Alex Trett won the U/12 boys singles. Both have now qualified for the masters later this month. Good luck and well done to both.

Winter Pennant

The winter pennant was again very well supported with some 60 odd juniors playing in 3 grades.

The winners were: A Grade – Jackson Lamin & Steve Pritchett

B Grade – Brendon Lear & Jake Weir

C Grade – Holly Howes & Laura Jones

Topspin Tennis will be conducting a “Come & Try Day” at the Club on Tuesday 22nd September during the school holidays. Contact Merryn on 0432 261 388 for details.

Out & About

Pres Turns 50

The Sale Tennis Club facilities were put to good use last month as our President, **Robin Lowe**, celebrated his 50th birthday. A large contingent of Club members, with guests from around the State, enjoyed a good night of food, music and the odd beverage with St Kilda Football Club colours dominating the decorations. Our recent Responsible Serving of Alcohol course participants were put to a severe test but we are pleased to report that everyone survived unscathed.

Matosevic in Australian Top 5

Marinko Matosevic, runner up in the WHK International in Sale in October, 2008 has broken into the top five Australian men. Marinko is now ranked number 168 in the world and we look forward to him moving up the rankings. Davis Cup selection would not surprise at some stage in the future.

For the record the Australian rankings are as follows:

| Top 5 Men | | ATP | Top 5 Women | | WTA |
|-----------|-------------------|-----|-------------|---------------------|-----|
| 1 | Lleyton Hewitt | 32 | 1 | Sam Stosur | 17 |
| 2 | Peter Luczak | 78 | 2 | Jarmila Groth | 62 |
| 3 | Chris Guccione | 102 | 3 | Jelena Dokic | 83 |
| 4 | Carsten Ball | 154 | 4 | Anastasia Rodionova | 138 |
| 5 | Marinko Matosevic | 168 | 5 | Jessica Moore | 144 |

Kwik Tip Provide Ball Bin

A big thank you to **Bruce Savage** from Kwik Tip Bins, who has donated a lockable bin for use in storing our used tennis balls. In the past the balls have accumulated in a jumbled mess in the Committee Room and slowly spread far and wide throughout the Club and beyond. However used balls are still a valuable resource as we recycle them to schools and clubs at 50c each. With our new bin all our used balls can go straight into the ball bin and we will be able to ensure that they go on to a new home where they will benefit both our Club and the end users. Thank you Bruce and Kwik Tip for your ongoing support.

Installing a Husband

Dear Tech Support,

Recently I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as Cricket 6.0, AFL 5.1 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs at all and House Cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system.

Please note that I have tried running Nag 5.3 to fix these problems but to no avail.

What can I do?

*Signed,
Desperate.*

DEAR DESPERATE,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter command: ithoughtyoulovedme.exe and try to download Tears 6.2 and do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5

However, remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0 or Beer 6.1. Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT under any circumstances install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (It runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources.).

In addition, please do not attempt to reinstall the Boyfriend 5.0-program. These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.

In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Cooking 3.0 and Hot Lingerie 7.1

*Good Luck!
Tech Support*

Calender of Events

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| * September 6 | Junior Points Tournament Masters Final - Traralgon |
| * September 13 | Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club – 11.30am |
| * September 19-23 | Wights Motor World Traralgon Junior Open |
| * October 3 | SHTA Saturday Pennant Commences |
| * October 3 | Players Auction – Clubhouse – 6.30 pm |
| * October 18 | Junior TEG Circuit 1 st Lead in – Sale – 10/U, 12/U, 14/U & 16/U |
| * October 25 | Dahlsens Regional Junior Challenge – Bairnsdale |
| * November 1-2 | John Fitzgerald Cup 13/U Boys – Geelong |
| * November 8 | Junior TEG Circuit 2nd Lead in–Bairnsdale–10/U,12/U,14/U&16/U |
| * November 15-16 | Foundation Cup 13/U Girls – Traralgon |
| * November 29-30 | Ambassadors Cup 15/U Boys – Mornington Peninsula |
| * December 6 | Junior TEG Circuit 3rd Lead in – Maffra – 10/U, 12/U, 14/U & 16/U |
| * December 12 | SHTA Saturday Pennant Elimination Finals |
| * December 13 | SHTA Saturday Pennant Grand Finals |
| * December 12-13 | Wayne Arthurs Cup 10/U Boys – Kooyong |
| * January 18-31 | Australian Open – Melbourne Park |
| * January 23 | SHTA Second Senior Season Commences |
| * February 14 | Junior TEG Circuit 4th Lead in–Lakes Ent.–10/U,12/U,14/U&16/U |
| * February 21 | SHTA Championships – Elimination Rounds |
| * February 28 | SHTA Championships – Finals |
| * March 10 | Junior TEG Circuit Finals – Bairnsdale – 10/U, 12/U, 14/U & 16/U |
| * March 20 | SHTA Saturday Pennant Elimination Finals |
| * March 21 | SHTA Saturday Pennant Grand Finals |

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.

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.

Look us up at:

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