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Life Members Day – Sunday September 12

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 6th Annual Life Members Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 12. 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, and especially Life Members, who have been recognised for their outstanding contribution.

Our Club has awarded only 15 Life Memberships in its 60 year history so if you are on this list you have earned it. 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 now departed, but much loved, 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.

2010 marks the 60th Anniversary of the Sale Tennis Club. From humble beginnings in Marley Street to the current complex in Guthridge Parade, the Sale Tennis Club has always been at the forefront of tennis and social gathering within our community.

Life Members Day for 2010 will therefore also be a celebration of 60 years of tennis in Sale. We will even have a cake, a very big cake!

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 enjoy a VB make sure you get to the bar early as the Flint Boys are likely to be in town!

Last year **Dhelia Maher** blitzed the opposition to claim the Monica Best Memorial Trophy. There was no holding her back and she was delighted to receive her Aunty Monica's memorial trophy. Ben Hutton, with beginners luck as his only weapon, took out his Grandfather's award, the Ian Flint Memorial Trophy. Can he do it again or will yet another dark horse appear from nowhere and claim a spot on our Honour Board? If you are not there you may never know and you certainly won't win.

Mark Sunday, September 12 in your diary and we hope to see a huge crowd of happy tennis fans turn out for another wonderful Life Members Day.

Roger Rozmus Pennant – *Junior Twilight Tennis*

The Roger Rozmus Pennant was completed on June 25. We are delighted that we had nearly 30 teams playing each week. As mentioned in our last newsletter 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.

Rositah Rozmus made the trip from Singapore to present the winners prizes and Roger's mother, Lina, and brother, Patrick, were on hand to assist with the presentations. Rositah was delighted by the number of players who were able to participate in this season's junior twilight tennis and is already excited about next season's Roger Rozmus Pennant. In her address to the players Rositah spoke of good sportsmanship being the absolute hallmark of Roger's tennis and encouraged all of our juniors to follow that example. This is a theme that we support wholeheartedly.

Unfortunately heavy rain on the night meant that the grand finals could not be played and, under the rules, the teams on the top of each ladder were declared the winners.



L – R Patrick Rozmus, Corey Scott, Jake Killeen, Daniel Brown, Jake Weir, Cohan Schuback, Liam Emms, Chris Smith, Rositah Rozmus & Lina Rozmus



A Grade winner Cohan Schuback accepts his prize from Rositah Rozmus



Rositah, Lina and Patrick Rozmus



Club coach & teams organiser Nick Board & Robin Lowe with Patrick, Rositah & Lina Rozmus

The winners were:

	<i>TEAM NAME</i>	<i>PLAYER 1</i>	<i>PLAYER 2</i>
	A GRADE		
Winners	Rafter	Cohan Schuback	Paige Wilson
Runners Up	Tsonga	Jake Killeen	Jake Weir
	B GRADE		
Winners	Prince	Liam Emms	Chris Smith
	C GRADE		
Winners	V Williams	Daniel Brown	Corey Scott

The A Grade Runners Up and the winners of B and C Grade received Ground Passes for the Australian Open for Sunday 23 January, 2011.

The winners of the A Grade event received a sensational package to the Australian Open on Sunday, January 23, 2011. Their prize included a family pass to the Australian Open with Rod Laver Arena tickets and ground passes and overnight accommodation provided. We are sure that Cohan and Paige will have plenty of volunteers to use their other three tickets between now and January next year.

Well done to Nick Board and his team at TopSpin Tennis for organising all of the players and teams and running the Friday night sessions. TopSpin Tennis does a great job at giving our juniors the opportunity to play pennant tennis all year round.

The Roger Rozmus Pennant will run again in 2011 in the second school term, so for juniors wishing to participate next year, look out for the newsletter and newspaper notices and make sure that you get your name on the team sheets.

Players Auction – Saturday October 9

October is a busy month at Sale Tennis Club as our Saturday pennants commence and we enjoy our Annual Player's Auction. After a period in recess the player's auction has roared back over the last five years to once again be "as big as Ben Hur".

Players Auction day is Saturday, October 9 with a bar-b-que tea from 6.30 pm and auction action from around 8.00 pm.

Master Auctioneer **John Elliman** again joins us to conduct proceedings. John has made this event his own over the last few years and he gets better every year. The "Velvet Sledgehammer" rules the podium and when he shouts "Sold" he means it. No further correspondence will be entered into!!

Bernice Emms – Can We Help?

Gippsland Grammar student Bernice Emms recently had the opportunity to experience the world of football commentary. In May this year, Bernice wrote to the ABC TV program called "Can We Help?" not really expecting a reply but still hoping to gain any kind of exposure and knowledge of the industry.

Last month the ABC sent three crew members, one from Perth where the program is produced, and two from Melbourne, to Sale to inform her of the good news that they were prepared to help. The Sale Football Club brought their training forward to an earlier time slot to provide some background footage for the program. During this time Bernice was informed that she would be spending the following evening amongst all the action in the Channel 7 commentary box at the MCG. Obviously, Bernice was rapt with the news.

Bernice had the privilege of meeting and interviewing Dennis Cometti and finding out about all the 'behind the scenes' trade secrets. She watched on eagerly as the Channel 7 team of Dennis Cometti, Bruce McAvaney, Tom Harley and Leigh Matthews called the first quarter of the Friday night blockbuster between Essendon and Carlton.

Bernice also had the opportunity to meet with Tiffany Cherry, boundary rider for Fox Footy, which was a great chance to discuss what it was like for women in football and for Bernice to learn how Cherry embraced every opportunity that came her way in the beginning of her career.

As the night progressed, Bernice moved to the ABC Radio commentary box to learn the ropes from ABC Grandstand commentator Gerard Whateley and two of his co-commentators Peter Schwab and David Parkin. Throughout the third quarter Bernice even had the chance to sit with Parkin, headphones on, in the midst of them calling the game.

The opportunity provided by the ABC to experience life as an AFL commentator was just what Bernice needed to cement her decision to enter the world of sport journalism following her studies.



Bernice, with Dennis Cometti, receives a few tips on commentary skills



Bernice with retired Richmond superstar Matthew Richardson who is part of the Channel 7 team



Tiffany Cherry from Fox Footy & Bernice discuss sports journalism

Night Pennant Results

Night pennants are well underway on all nights with good numbers on all nights and a pleasing number of new players turning out. If you are new, "Welcome to Sale Tennis Club" and we hope you enjoy your time both on and off the court.

Monday Night

No grand final played. The Monday teams played a rotating format and had plenty of fun without too much focus on winners and losers. Well done to the team at TopSpin Tennis for organising Monday nights and keeping it fun.

Tuesday Night

The winning team for Tuesday night after a tight finish was:-

Simon Gregg, Rebecca Wells, John Howson and Lorraine Crawford. This is the second grand final win in a row for John Howson. He was so chuffed that he promptly retired so as not to spoil his perfect record! Good effort John.

The runners up were **Tim Rowe, Dy Cox, Sam Hogan and Lachlan Rowe.**

Mike Riley marshalled the Tuesday night troops yet again this season and did another sensational job. Thanks Mike.

Wednesday Night

Wednesday night results were:

Winners

Ben Dowsett

Ross Luhrs

Eileen Burge

Alex Trett (Maddie Anderson)

Runners Up

Phil Jolly

Sharon Mogridge

Sue Pickett

Debbie Cooper

Phil Todd again rallied and organised the teams and made a tough job look easy. Well done and "Thank you" Toddy.

Thursday Night

"Howard & Schuback MegaSports". There must be something in the name. Last season Thursday night moved to using our Club Sponsors names as our team names as a further way to support our valuable sponsors. It was decided that while all other sponsors names will rotate the winning sponsor each season will be named as team Number 1 the next season. Howard & Schuback MegaSports were the winner last season and they have done it again this season. A great result for a great supporter of our Club.

The final results were:

Howard & Schuback MegaSports - 28

Robin Lowe

Karen Brown

Steve Shanahan

Steve Pritchett

Thomson River Golf - 26

Wayne Dennis

Kylie Board

Mike Crisp

Sandi Elliman

The grand final was a very tense affair, befitting the season's final match. Howard & Schuback got off to a flying start and led by 6 games after the first 2 sets. Thomson River Golf however reduced this lead to 4 after 4 sets and to just 2 games at the end of play; the narrowest possible margin in this format of play.

Our thanks go to our long time Thursday night co-ordinator, **Robin Lowe**, and selectors **Barry Anderson** and **Lyn Smalley** for another great season of night tennis.



COACH'S CORNER

Term 3 is nearly over and the days are getting longer and warmer. This term we have been working with a lot of younger students (aged 4-7) and getting them ready for the summer pennant season. These players will make up the Hot Shots part of our Club pennant program.

The Hot Shots program is a fun and exciting way for children to get into tennis. Aimed at children aged 5 - 12, it uses modified courts, racquets and balls to keep things fun and easy. The program is based on a 'learning through play' philosophy where children serve, rally and play.

Hot Shots is Tennis Australia's official starter program and it is designed to let children develop technically and tactically in an environment that's always fun and exciting. The kids, coaches and parents all love it and children are ready to play almost as soon as they can pick up a racquet.

Good luck and enjoy the upcoming summer of tennis.

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

Junior News

Saturday Junior Pennant

All players and parents are reminded that for those who want to play Saturday pennant this summer that names have to in by **September 5th (That's this weekend!!!)**

The season starts on October 9 and breaks for Christmas on December 11 before resuming on February 5. The Junior committee expects the Clubs outstanding success last year to be repeated with terrific improvement shown by all players throughout last summer and the winter competitions.

Meet the teams night will be held Friday 8th October at 5.00pm

The current committee is made up of **Nick Board, Cameron Waring, Louise Trett, Deb Olsson, Sharon Mogridge, Sharon & Bruce Foley, Steve Shanahan, Mick Carrolan, and Glenn Schuback**. More helpers are still needed so any parents willing to help out please contact any of the Junior Committee.

TEG Masters

The Club will host the first Tennis East Gippsland points tournament of the summer on October 24th. This is one of 4 for the summer throughout the region and provides all players with valuable singles practice, as well as the chance to qualify for the end of year Masters Final. All entrants are also given preference for Junior Cup selections.

Important Dates

Meet the Teams night – October 8

TEG Points Tournament (Sale) – October 24

Club Championships – November 28 and December 5

G.O.A.T Squad

A large number of the G.O.AT Squad members recently travelled to Melbourne Park to play a point's tournament over the Queens Birthday long weekend. Due to a rain filled weekend it was decided to enter a number of the children into another tournament held at the Boorandara Tennis Centre that was less affected by the weather. Aaron Spencer and Paige Wilson both won their age divisions and Jack Collins was runner up in his age division at the Boorandara tournament. Lexie Joyce performed the best in the Melbourne Park tournament, making it to the Semi-Finals in the main draw of her doubles. All of the juniors performed well and really enjoyed the weekend. Although there were some problems due to the weather we managed to get all kids playing lots of tennis. Well done to all participants.

Midweek Ladies News

2010 Season 1

The finals rounds for Season 1 were successfully completed at Sale.

Finals results: The Sale Section 2 team comprised of **Karen Deschepper**, **Karen Pollett**, **Debbie Krusic** and **Rachael Bye** with **Robyn Hughes** filling in were runners up. Well done girls to make the last match of the season. Better luck next season.

On another note, **Karen Deschepper** was congratulated at the last meeting of the Ladies Association for the wonderful effort she had put into the current by-laws when she was Secretary on the Ladies Committee in 2009.

2010 Season 2

Our current season started on 19th of July and will end on 8th of November.

Hit up is at 10.45am, play begins at 11am however some teams are choosing to play earlier.

Sale has fielded five teams this season, one in Section 1, one in Section 2 and three teams in Section 3. We had two ladies pull out at the very last minute; however we have managed to keep the team going so far. All teams are progressing well.

2011 Season

We are always very keen for ladies of any tennis standard to join our competition. We usually start up the first or second Monday of the term. We run two seasons throughout the year, each season lasts between 12 to 15 weeks. Please contact our delegate **Debbie Krusic** Ph 5149 7250 if you have any queries.

Ladies Night Out

It's a lovely tradition to go out on the night of the grand finals. Last season we changed our venue to Jack Ryan's, which was a great success. This season our night out is on Monday 29th of November at Jack Ryan's. Please put your name on the board at the clubrooms.

Out & About

Vale Bill Stephenson

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the death of William John "Bill" Stephenson. Bill was a keen tennis player with Sale Tennis Club, playing pennant and competing successfully at Country Week. Bill is survived by Elma and his five children and fifteen grandchildren. The thoughts and best wishes of all at Sale Tennis Club are with them.

Jones in Top 10 Aussies

Carsten Ball, Matthew Ebden, Marinko Matosovic, Greg Jones, Bernard Tomic, Nick Lindahl, John Millman and Brydan Klein make up Australian Ranking numbers 3 to 10. All of these guys have competed in Sale over the past few years. WHK International semi finalist Greg Jones made it into the top 200 in the world after a strong showing on the Challenger Circuit but has currently slipped back to 218. Losing finalist Marinko Matosovic has moved up to 173 in the world while our winner Nick Lindahl is ranked 241. Bernard Tomic is currently at 228 in the world. It would be great to see one of these guys move into the world top 100.

Jarmila Groth backs up Good French Performance at Wimbledon

Jarmila Groth has backed up her great performance in the French Open with a 4th round appearance in Wimbledon. Jarmila eventually bowed out to 5 time champion Venus Williams but increased her ranking to 66 in the world. Jarmila is married to Sam Groth, who has competed in two of our Pro Circuit events in Sale.

Moruya Seniors

Over the weekend of August 28 NS 29 Murray Fitzclarence and Di Arnot ventured to Moruya for a Seniors Tournament. Murray and Di won the Mixed Doubles, Murray and John Organ were runners up in the Men's Doubles and Di and Robyn Castle were runners up in the women's doubles. Murray was also 3rd in the Men's Singles. Di had the distinction of being beaten in the singles by multiple former World Champion squash champion Heather MacKay. Heather has converted to Seniors Tennis and not surprisingly is really good at that too. A highlight of the trip home was whale watching along the coast at Broulee and Guerilla Bay. The whales seemed keen to come onshore to share in the fish and chips!!

Errata

In our last newsletter we reported on our Annual General Meeting outcomes and the new appointments to our General Committee. Unfortunately we missed on reporting **Di Arnot's** return to our Committee. Di had two years as Treasurer before having a well earned year off. She is now a welcome return to General Committee.

Working Bee

On Sunday, August 22 we had 14 enthusiastic members turn out for our first working bee of the season. The weather was perfect, which was lucky as there was a list of over 60 jobs that needed to be done. We are pleased to say that the majority of them were crossed off by knock-off time. When you visit the Club now you will notice that the weeds are gone, the holes are filled, the kitchen spotless, the lines repaired, the nets fixed, the back gate rehung and many other important tasks have been done. Lets all try to make sure that it stays neat and tidy. Well done and thank you to **Brian Rawnsdon, Mick Carrolan, Phillip Mein, Steven Farley, Kaz Deschepper, Scott Templeton, Ron Erskine, Peter Lowe, Paige Wilson, Leanne Wilson, Michael Crisp, Debbie Kaandorp, Colin Bath and Robin Lowe.**

Over the next month or so we hope to get a pool gate and fencing at our front entrance and security gates behind Court 1 so that children are safe from wandering away when within the Club precinct. There are a series of other improvements that we are hoping to achieve over the coming months. If there is anything that anybody thinks would really improve our Club or its environs please just let someone on the General Committee know or drop us a line via our website

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Quote

“The responsibility is mine, but so too is the opportunity” - Bertrand Russell

Calender of Events

* September 6	Monday Night Men's Competition Commences
* September 12	Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club
* October 2	Saturday Pennant Commences – Seniors
* October 9	Saturday Pennant Commences - Juniors
* October 9	Players Auction – Clubrooms from 6.30pm
* October 24	TEG Junior Points Tournament – Sale
* October 24	Sale Cup, Greenwattle Racecourse, Sale
* November 28	Club Championships – Week 1
* November 29	Midweek Ladies Grand Finals
* November 29	Midweek Ladies Night Out
* December 1	Next Newsletter Due
* December 5	Club Championships – Week 2
* December 11	Christmas Breakup – Clubhouse 6.30pm
* February 5	Wellington Tennis Pennant Recommences – Juniors & Seniors
* February 20	Wellington Gippsland Tennis Championships – Week 1
* February 27	Wellington Gippsland Tennis Championships – Week 2
* May 28	Annual General Meeting, Sale Tennis Club

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. (If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter just reply with *Unsubscribe* as the topic.)

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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