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Life Members Day – Sunday September 11

Our **7th Annual Life Members Day** will be on Sunday, September 11. Life Members Day has grown to be one of the biggest and best days on our annual 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 61 year history. These 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.** What a fantastic contribution this group has made to the Sale Tennis Club.

The men on Life Members Day will play for the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy**.

The ladies on Life Members Day traditionally play for the **Monica Best Memorial Trophy**. This year we will seek to reorganise the prizes so that we include a presentation to the leading junior of the day in Monica’s honour and have the ladies play for the **Keith Best Memorial Trophy**.

The day’s activities commence at 12.00 midday with lunch followed by a hit of tennis 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 because, with the Flint’s in town, free drinks would definitely require some sort of Government grant.)

Last year at the end of a memorable days combat we had a winner, by a very close margin, of the **Monica Best Memorial Trophy** in **Amy Flint** and the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy** in **Craig Pitt**. It was an exciting day for the Flint family as both winners are Ian Flint’s grandchildren. Can they back this up again in 2011 or will yet another dark horse appear from nowhere and salute the judge? If you are not there you will never know.

Mark **Sunday September 11** in your diary and we hope to see a huge crowd of happy tennis fans turn out for another wonderful Life Members Day.

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Annual General Meeting Outcomes

Our 61st Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, June 5.

Senior Committee Office bearers for the 2011/12 season are:

President:
Robin Lowe

Vice President:
Abe Schuback

Secretary:
Mark Elliman

Treasurer:
Karen Deschepper

Club Captain:
Nick Board

Ladies Committee Representative:
Carmel Elliott

General Committee:
Murray Fitzclarence
Stephen Shanahan
Di Arnot
Mark DiPietro
Rebecca Wells

Junior Committee Representative:
Glenn Schuback

Retiring from General Committee this year is **Misty Cook** and we thank her for her contribution. **Mark DiPietro** and **Rebecca Wells** join the General Committee and we thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment to assist as we seek to make ours the best club we can be.

Membership fees for 2011/12 were set as follows:

Membership Category	Fee	Maintenance Levy	Tennis Victoria	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Senior	100	45	28	173
Junior/Student	60	30	28	118
Family	200	100	98	398
Pensioner	60	30	28	118
Social	50	0	0	50

There is ***no increase*** in Club Membership fees or the Maintenance Levy for 2011/12 with the only increase being the Tennis Victoria component of our fees which is beyond our control. The Maintenance levy for Juniors and Pensioners has been reduced by \$5 and you can all get the Maintenance Levy credited by turning up to one of our two annual working bees. (*The next working bee is in March 2012.*)

It is critical that everyone understand that it is the objective of our Club to make tennis available to as many people as possible. Therefore if our fees are causing financial hardship to any member we would be happy to provide an instalment program or to discuss any other means of making their membership more affordable. Club President, Robin Lowe, can be contacted for a strictly confidential chat on 5144 7582 if fees are an issue for any member.

A full copy of the Presidents Report for 2011 is attached below.

Junior Committee

The 2012 Junior Committee is Glenn Schuback, Nick Board, Steve Shanahan, Bruce Foley and Sharon Foley with more to be added as we near the start of the season.

Open Junior Points Tournament in Sale

Sale Tennis Club hosted an Open Junior Points Tournament over the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Players from all over eastern Australia battled it out for some elusive Australian Ranking Points. Normally local players travel with their coaches to these tournaments but through some hard work from Sale Tennis Club Junior Committee they have been rewarded by hosting one of their own, giving junior's tennis players from across Gippsland the opportunity to participate.

In the 12/U Boys event **Kane Francis** (Beaumaris) continued an unbeaten run this year by winning the event over **Corey Horvath** (Pakenham). Local players **Bayley Hill**, **Joshua Kennedy**, **Taylor Stephenson** and **Thomas Foley** all won their first round match in what was their first ever national points tournament. In the 12/U Girls event **Jenae Bangweni** (ACT) came back from one set down to overpower her opponent in the final. **Laura Jones** from Sale played well and made it through to the semi-final.

In the 14/U Boys, **Bradley Olsson** (Sale) overcame the 2nd seed in the semi-final before downing the top seed **Damien Lentini** (Melbourne) in the final 6/2 6/2. Bradley also won the doubles event with local player **Jack Foley** to complete a great weekend of tennis.

The 16/U Boys final was an all Gippsland affair with **Mitchell Allman** of Maffra defeating **Jamie Kemp**. **Cohan Schuback** from Sale played well throughout the tournament eventually losing in the semi-finals.

In the 16/U Girls it was an all Sale affair with **Hailey Shanahan** defeating **Lexie Joyce** in the final. Both girls had great matches throughout the tournament with Hailey having a tough 3 set match against another local, **Paige Wilson**, in the semi-finals. Paige and Lexie also teamed up to win the girls doubles.



16/U winner Hailey Shanahan
with Glenn Schuback



16/U Doubles Winners Lexie Joyce
and Paige Wilson

Tennis Victoria and the local organisers have declared the tournament an outstanding success and the Sale Tennis Club looks forward to hosting an even bigger event on the Queen's Birthday weekend next year.

A big "Thank you" goes to tournament sponsors, **Subway** and **Thomson River Golf** and to **Nick Board** of TopSpin Tennis, **Sharon** and **Bruce Foley** who took care of the catering and **Glenn Schuback** and the Junior Committee for all of their hard work in making the tournament such an outstanding success.



COACH'S CORNER

During Term 3 we are working on getting all coaching students to have a go at our "hitting test". This test involves hitting seven types of shots into different parts of the court. The results are confidential and kept in our files. The students will participate in these tests again before the season starts in order to gauge improvement.

Players of all ages are also invited to have a go at the test and see where you need to improve and also where you have the game mastered. This test has been run in the USA for years to gauge tennis players' skill levels and also to identify where their game needs work.

From the start of the summer pennant season Topspin Tennis will be delivering **MLC Tennis Hot Shots**, Tennis Australia's official kids' starter program for children aged 10 and under. MLC Tennis Hot Shots is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

The program is based on a 'learning through play' philosophy where children serve, rally and play. 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. To enrol you need to contact Nick Board on 0407 863 463.

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

WGTA Saturday Pennant

The Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association junior and senior pennant seasons commence on October 8, 2011. The senior season pennants will offer GTA and WGTA Sections 1 to 4. The format for juniors remains unchanged.

Those wishing to play senior pennant should get their names on the list at the Clubhouse or contact Club Captain, **Nick Board** on 0407 863 463 or **Abe Schuback** on 0423 585 402. The only registration day is Sunday, September 11.

Juniors should also contact **Nick Board** on 0407 863 463, but make it quick. Hit up and registration days are in the Junior Report.

Players Auction – 8th October

October is a busy month at Sale Tennis Club with the start of WGTA pennant. On 8th October we will conduct our annual Player's Auction. Auction Day kicks off with a bar-b-que 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.

Roger Rozmus Pennant - Junior Twilight Tennis

The **Roger Rozmus Pennant** finished on June 24. The Roger Rozmus Pennant is made possible through the generous support of Rositah Rozmus and the Rozmus family and is being conducted to honor the memory of Roger Rozmus. Roger was a very keen junior at Sale Tennis Club before work commitments took him around the world.

This year Rositah Rozmus was unable to make the trip from Singapore, so on hand to present the winners prizes were Roger's mother, Lina, and brother, Patrick. The Rozmus family was delighted by the number of players who were able to participate in this season's junior twilight tennis and is already making plans for next season's Roger Rozmus Pennant.

The Grand Finals were all very close encounters with the results being:

	TEAM NAME	PLAYER 1	PLAYER 2	SCORE
A GRADE				
<i>Winner</i>	Thomson River Golf	Cohan Schuback	Jack Collins	13
<i>Runner Up</i>	Macalister Homes	Jake Weir	Jake Killeen	10
B GRADE				
<i>Winner</i>	Paint Rig	James Costin	Corey Scott	12
<i>Runner Up</i>	Dyers Transport	Tom Hunt	Joshua Hanratty	11
C GRADE				
<i>Winner</i>	Union Hydraulics	Chandler Hollands	Gil Aitken	14
<i>Runner Up</i>	Glencoe Lime	Abbey Rietschel	Maggie Tatterson	10

The A Grade Runners Up and the winners of B and C Grade all received Ground Passes for the Australian Open for Sunday 22 January, 2012.

The winners of the A Grade event received a sensational package to the Australian Open on Sunday, January 22, 2012. Their prize included a family pass to the Australian Open with Rod Laver Arena tickets and ground passes and overnight accommodation provided. Cohan and Jack will have plenty of time to plan their Australian Open adventure and will no doubt have plenty of volunteers to use their other tickets between now and January.



L to R: Jake Weir, Jake Killeen, Corey Scott, Robin Lowe, Bayley Hill, Nick Board, Gil Aitken, Jack Collins, Chandler Hollands, Cohan Schuback, Patrick Rozmus & Lina Rozmus.



Chandler Hollands, Gil Aitken, Abbey Rietschel & Maggie Tatterson



Josh Hanratty, Tom Hunt, James Costin & Corey Scott



Jake Killeen, Jake Weir, Jack Collins and Cohan Schuback

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 be run again in 2012 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.

For early information contact Nick Board on 0407 863 463 or nick@topspintennis.net.au

Night Pennant Results

Tuesday Night

All teams ended up getting washed out for semi-final night son on grand final night the two teams that won their matches each were classed as winners. They were **Bordeaux - Mark DiPietro, Lindsay McKay, Rebecca Wells** and **Peter Pusmucans** and **Cabernet - Matthew Lawless, Russell Heathcote, Celeste Jackson** and **Lorraine Crawford**. Well done to the winners and to our doyen of Tuesday nights, **Mike Riley** who continues to run the "best show on earth", or at least in the Australia.

Wednesday Night

The finalists were:

Winners

Mark Campbell
Bruce Martin
Barb McCubbin
Emily Carrolan

Runners up

Ron Hughes
Mike Andrews (Tristan Vale),
Anne Fox
Prue McNaughton

It was a great night with all players attending. Our thanks go to Nick and the team at TopSpin Tennis who assisted co-ordinate the night and **John MacLachlan** who helped out with the bar and locked up each night.

Thursday Night

Dyers Gippsland Transport were successful in the Grand Final of Thursday Night Tennis, sneaking in by 2 games over **Lazzaro Bros Fruit & Vegetables**. The winning players were:

Winners

Dyers Gippsland Transport
Scott Templeton,
Phil Mein,
Steve Pritchett (Jacqui Richards)
Sandi Elliman

Runners-Up

Lazzaro Bros Fruit & Vegetables
Josh Deschepper
Karen Brown
Leanne Wilson
Rod Cook

Thank you to **Robin Lowe**, our long serving Thursday night co-ordinator.

Junior News

Sale Tennis Club Junior Members Achieve National Rankings

Our Junior committee is delighted to report that 11 of our junior players no have Australian Junior National Rankings. Most of these points were accumulated during the recent Junior Points Tournament. Our nationally ranked players are:

Male: Bradley Olsson, Cohan Schuback, Jack Foley, Tom Foley, Ben Shanahan, Jack Collins and **Ben Howes**.

Female: Lexie Joyce, Paige Wilson, Sarah Trett and **Hailey Shanahan**.

We hope that all of these players go on to earn many more national points as they progress through their tennis careers.

There will be a further opportunity to accumulate national ranking points at the Bairnsdale Junior Points Tournament being held from October 4 to 7. **Enter online at:**
<http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/sport/tournament.aspx?id=DF14ACC4-0ED3-4756-BCD8-BA0EEB8C5FFB> Entries close on Tuesday, September 13.

Junior Practice and Meet the Teams

Junior Registration and Practice days for summer pennant are: Sunday 4th Sep - 9.00 to 11.00am; Friday 9th Sep - 3.30 to 5.30pm and Sunday 11th Sep - 9.00 to 11.00am.

The junior "Meet the Teams" night is scheduled for Friday, October 7th at 5.00pm. This will take the usual format of the announcement of teams and the chance to catch up with your new team mates before play begins on Saturday, October 8.

Club Championships

Our Junior and Senior Club championships will be conducted on Sunday, November 27 and December 4, 2011. (Friday, December 2 may also be used in case of rain delays.) Entry forms will be available in the Clubhouse from around the start of pennant season.

Midweek Ladies News

Monday Ladies Pennant

Our 2nd season for 2011 has commenced. In fact we are half way through our season! We are having mixed results on the courts this season but are enjoying ourselves tremendously. The sunshine last week made for a wonderful day of tennis and we hope to enjoy many more.

We have 5 teams competing in this competition, 2 teams in Section 1, 1 team in Section 2 and 2 teams in Section 3. Unfortunately for us we bid a fond farewell to **Poss Joyce**. Poss is leaving Monday Ladies to venture back into hairdressing at Khayaam Hairdressing Salon. We wish her all the best in her endeavors. We welcome back into our competition **Michelle Shanahan** who has stepped up at the last minute to replace Poss.

Invoices have been distributed to all Monday Ladies teams. Please speak with Carmel Elliott if you have not received an invoice or if you have any queries.

Bubbles, Balls & Laughter at Sale Tennis Club

Sale Tennis Club Ladies Committee hosted a charity fundraiser for Gippsland Women's Health Service on the 18th of July at the Sale Tennis Club. The brainchild of **Carmel Elliott**, the President of our Ladies Committee, the day featured guest speakers on women's health issues, a yoga session that featured laughing yoga, a personal training session, raffles, door prizes and a gourmet lunch. The planned tennis lessons and outdoor activities were unfortunately cut short by torrential rain but this did not dampen the spirits of the 25 women who came to celebrate to the theme of "Bubbles, Balls & Laughter".

The day raised just over \$600 for Gippsland Women's Health Service, an independent, regional health service run by women for women. The Service develops and implements health promotion programs based on the social model of health, which work at a number of levels to empower women to increase control over, and improve their health. Community Nurse with the Centre, **Alma Ries**, thanked the Club for its efforts and said that the money raised will be used to assist with the delivery of the range of programs offered. These programs include information resources, free health information line, free confidential pregnancy testing, options counseling and telephone options counseling and information, referral and support to all women of Gippsland, their partners and health professionals. The Centre can be contacted on 1800 805 448 or 5143 1600 or at www.gwhealth.asn.au

The Ladies Committee presented a cheque to **Di Wilkinson**, the CEO of Gippsland Women's Health Service, on Monday the 29th of August at the Sale Tennis Club.

The successful day was made possible by the community spirit of the women that attended and the splendid efforts of the Sale Tennis Club Ladies. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for the generous donation of goods and services: **Top Power Personal Training, Be Bliss Yoga, Topspin Tennis, WHK Accountants, Howard & Schuback MegaSports, Niamh Skin, Aqua Energy Gym, Asics Victoria, Head Tennis, Anne Fleming and Tennis Victoria.**



Carmel Elliott, President of the Ladies Committee, presents the cheque to Alma Ries, Community Health Nurse with Gippsland Women's Health Service.



Gabrielle McMahon of BeBliss puts the girls through their paces.



All smiles at the end of the BeBliss yoga session.

Out & About

Catatonic

As reported last newsletter **Kim** and **Wayne Dennis** have headed to their new home in Hervey Bay. Kim and Wayne were farewelled by all of their Thursday night pennant friends on the 16th of June with a **Sandy Elliman** sponge and some STC mementos to send them on their way with happy memories of their time at the Sale Tennis Club.

While their faithful dog was sent up by air, the cat was too old and medically unfit to make it into the air and had to go by road with Kim and Wayne, who were spending four days towing their caravan up to Queensland. They packed all of the kit necessary for the cat for the trip including a basket, blanket, food, kitty litter and, just in case, a *shovel*. The poor moggy must be eight lives down already!!

Errata

In our last newsletter we noted that **Mitch Allman** was the youngest ever winner of the Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association Men's Championship. It turns out that this is not the case and that in 1990 **Daniel Sherrin** won the Men's Championship at the age of 13, 2 years younger than Mitch and then backed it up again the next year. So much for records!!

In With a Bullet

Sale Tennis Club player, **James Cooper**, was listed as Australia's "*Most Improved Male Tennis Player*" for the month of June, improving his Australian ranking from 1869 to 685, an incredible 1184 places. Well done to James and we wish him well as he defends his points over the coming year.

Battler Triumphs

Australia's **Casey Dellacqua** and **Scott Lipsky** of the United States defeated defending champions Katarina Srebotnik of Slovenia and Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia to win the French Open Mixed Doubles title at Roland Garros. The Australian-American duo were unseeded and had avoided seeded pairs in all four rounds before the final. They prevailed 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, and kept their nerve in the final shootout to take it out 10-7 to dash the hopes of the top seeds. This is a triumph for a battler who has persisted against injury and poor form and a Grand Slam title is a fantastic reward for all of the hard work. Well done Casey.

Solar Grants

The State Government have advised that it has finalised its review of the Climate Communities grants program and it will not approve any further grants. That means that we will not be able to proceed with solar power at our Club at this stage. We will continue to seek opportunities to make our Club more efficient as we build toward a more sustainable future. Stay tuned.

Tomic Attack

Bernard Tomic made a major progression in his career when he made it to the quarter finals of Wimbledon. Tomic defeated number 29 seed Nikolay Davydenko in the first round, taking out **Igor Andrejev** in 5 sets in the second after being 2 sets to love down, defeating number 5 seed **Robin Soderling** before going down to eventual winner **Novak Djokovic** in the quarter finals. Many will remember that Tomic competed in the WHK International in Sale in 2008, where he went out to the top seed in the first round, but not before showing signs of the talent that is now emerging. Bernard is now the number one ranked Australian male player.

Working Bee

A big "Thank you" to the people who attended our Working Bee on August 28 or followed up with some jobs later on. Well done and we did make a difference. If you missed the working bee but would like a job or two let us know on 5144 7582 and we can organise it.

Water

- In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers and less than a week in the atmosphere.
- Frozen water is 9% lighter than water, which is why ice floats on water.
- Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water.
- A small drip from a tap can waste as much as 75 litres of water a day.
- Bottled water can be up to 1000 times more expensive than tap water and it may not be as safe!
- It takes 7,000 litres of water to refine one barrel of crude oil.
- It takes 5,680 litres of water to process one barrel of beer.

We just thought you would like to know that.

While on the subject of water, the system used to irrigate our courts with reclaimed water from Lake Guthridge has now been in operation for a number of years. It is therefore timely to remind all users of our courts that the water from the courtside sprinklers is unsuitable for any use other than irrigation and certainly should not be consumed. Should you be on court when the sprinklers are on it will be best to keep your mouth closed!! Members should be assured however that it is only the sprinklers that use recycled water and that the courtside watering hoses and all Clubhouse fixtures are serviced by 100% Sale town water which satisfies all World Health Organisation standards.

Le Tour de Sale

Cadel Evans had a great Tour de France, winning his first stage since 2007 and then taking the yellow jersey on the individual time trial with one day to go and going on to win the General Classification in the Champs Elysees in Paris. It seems our Club coach was not so successful. Inspired by Cadel he was piloting his trusty bike from Stephenson Park to home, a distance ofwell, who is countingwith a gradient of zero, it all went horribly wrong and bike and rider both ended up spectacularly horizontal. Fortunately damaged pride was the only serious injury sustained. The lesson it seems is "If your mobile phone rings while you are riding a bike, don't try to answer it". Maybe that is where Cadel eventually got it right – he left his mobile phone at home and made it all 3,430 kilometres around the roads of France ahead of the entire field – without falling off once!! That's how it's done Nick!!

Australian Drug Foundation - *Excellence in Creating Healthy Sporting Communities*

As reported in the last newsletter the Australian Drug Foundation nominated Sale Tennis Club for the 2011 national award "*Excellence in Creating Healthy Sporting Communities*". The awards were announced on the 24th of June and the eventual winner was Eastern Football League. The ADF advised that Sale Tennis Club "*was very close to taking out the award*" so we are very proud of our *near achievement*.

Continually highlighting the Good Sports message is one way for us to ensure that we reinforce the culture of responsible use of alcohol at our Club. We constantly strive to be a more welcoming and inclusive Club and this nomination was just a further reinforcement of that message.

RSA Course – July 18

Sale Tennis Club was host venue to a "Responsible Service of Alcohol" (RSA) course on Monday, July 18 that attracted 27 participants. The course was led by Janelle who covered all of the things that you need to know to serve liquor in licensed premises. All successful participants were issued with a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate at the end of the course. As with the previous RSA courses conducted at our Club, all STC members and their immediate family were entitled to attend free of charge.

Darcy Cook does Work Experience at Sale Tennis Club



Nick Board of TopSpin Tennis with Darcy Cook.

Sports Education & Development Australia (SEDA) Work Skills student, **Darcy Cook**, has spent 6 weeks at Sale Tennis Club doing Structured Workplace Learning (SWL). Darcy, who lives in Boolarra, is hoping to develop a career in tennis coaching and sports administration. Every student in the SEDA Sports Development Program is required to complete a SWL placement in order to gain industry specific skills. These skills contribute towards the completion of units in the Sports Development Program. This program helps students to develop an understanding of the world of work and the skills required to work within the sport and recreation industry. We wish Darcy the very best with his studies and his future career and hope he leaves with great memories of Sale Tennis Club.

Star Hotel Returns as 2012 Pennant Sponsor

With the new summer pennant season to commence in October we are delighted that the **Star Hotel**, through their community grants program, will again be our major weekly best players' award.

Our sponsors play a major role in both the financial success of our Club as well as providing us with the opportunity to promote the values of fun, fitness, health and social relationships within our community.

The support of the Star Hotel and other local business's is essential to the survival of sporting and community groups. Such groups provide the social fabric in our community that helps to make Sale a great place to live.



On behalf of the Committee and members of the Sale Tennis Club we express our sincere appreciation of their support. We ask you to reciprocate this support at any opportunity.

CGHS Challenge

Friday 15 July night saw the first Central Gippsland Health Service hospital inter department sporting challenge get under way. Sale Tennis Club was the venue and teams of two from sixteen different departments entered. Dress up was an option and many took up the challenge with super heroes, pints of Guinness and items relative to their respective departments making for a fun night. Sale turned on the weather and the games began.

With many hard fought matches the eventual final came down to Gary McMillan and Athina Pirpiris from surgical verses Jeanette Ingram and Christine Marshall representing aged care. The crowd gathered in the John Leslie Grandstand and supported a hard fought match. The eventual winners of the amazing trophy designed by Gary and built by engineering was the Surgical Team. Special mention to our ball girls, dressed as power rangers, Karen Hughes and Casey Armstrong. The consolation draw saw a final between Marshall Thompson and Judy McAlister from x-ray and Michael Hams and Therese Smyth co-ordinators team with the winners the x-ray department.

Although not everyone was in to playing tennis the support was amazing making for a great atmosphere and a chance for staff to socialise on another level. The night was such a hit everyone was looking forward to doing it all again.....in the warmer weather. Well done to our Di Arnot who helped to co-ordinate activities and Murray Fitzclarence who manned the bar. Great work from both.

Eastcoast Plumbtec Sale Cup - Sunday October 23



Sale Turf Club has built a reputation as the premier racecourse on the provincial racing circuit in Australia. Few provincial racing clubs have a tradition and history to match that of Sale's Greenwattle Racecourse – where racing has been staged almost as long as the industry itself.

Formed in 1842, the Sale Turf Club has earned a highly regarded reputation as a top class venue and nursery of racing stars such as Sky Heights and Makybe Diva. The first recorded race at Greenwattle was a match race between horses of two of the districts pioneers in 1842, with the Sale Turf Club name being established in 1860.

The Sale Cup is run each year on the last Sunday in October and is the jewel in the crown of Gippsland Racing. Featuring the \$152,600 Eastcoast Plumbtec Sale Cup, this race always produces a quality field not often seen outside of Melbourne, many of the winners going on to win group races.

The social event of the year includes fashions on the field, musical entertainment and plenty of free activities for the kids. Marquee and hospitality packages are available ranging from \$470 for a package that includes a 4 metre x 3 metre marquee, 3 tables, 10 chairs and an umbrella that will accommodate up to 20 people. For those that wish to go first class the Laurels package includes admission, 3 course meal, reserved table, beverages throughout the day and race book with tote facility within the new function centre.

For further race day details and package bookings contact the Club on 5144 2962 or visit www.saleturfclub.com

Australian Rankings



	Top 5 Men	ATP
1	Bernard Tomic	62
2	Matt Ebden	136
3	Marinko Matosevic	148
4	Lleyton Hewitt	188
5	Greg Jones	212



	Top 5 Women	WTA
1	Sam Stosur	10
2	Jarmila Gajdosova	31
3	Jelena Dokic	73
4	Anastasia Rodionova	97
5	Sally Peers	166

US Open

No Australians progressed through the US Open qualifying tournament with Greg Jones losing 6-3 6-3 to Japan's Go Soeda in the final qualifying round last week.

Australia has seven players in singles action with Bernard Tomic and Marinko Matosevic representing the men's contingent.

Joining Sam Stosur in the women's event are Jarmila Gajdosova, Jelena Dokic, Casey Dellacqua and Anastasia Rodionova.

Let's hope that one of these players can pull out a big event and put Australia in contention in the final week.

Australian Open Tickets



Mon 16 Jan - Sun 29 Jan, 2012

Your Tennis Victoria membership gives you the opportunity to secure pre-release tickets to your preferred sessions at Australian Open 2012.

The pre-sale for Tennis Victoria financial members starts in a week. You will need your My Tennis ID to access Ticketek. To purchase tickets, go to www.ticketek.com.au/ma2012 which will be available from 12 noon on Friday 9th September.

Once you have selected the session/event you wish to attend, you will be required to enter your My Tennis ID which is on your Tennis Victoria membership card. This is a fantastic benefit of your Tennis Victoria membership.

Taxi!

Not content with her workload as Ladies Committee President, fundraiser extraordinaire, **Carmel Elliott**, has now seemingly opened up a taxi service. The service was operating to good effect in the early hours of the morning several weekends ago when it was summoned by some of our younger club members. Apparently they were a little surprised to find that instead of the traditional yellow their taxi was a white van with blue markings and seemed to be a little overdone with “safety features”. Everyone got home safely and at least there was no attempt at fare evasion!

Quote

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

Calendar of Events

*	August 28	Working Bee – Sale Tennis Club - 9.30am
*	September 11	Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club – 11.30 am
*	October 7	Junior Meet the Teams –Sale Tennis Club - 5.00pm
*	October 8	Wellington Gippsland Tennis Saturday Pennants commence
*	October 8	Players Auction – STC Clubrooms from 6.30pm
*	October 23	Sale Cup - Greenwattle Racecourse, Sale
*	October 30	TEG Junior Masters 1 st Lead-In – Sale T C
*	November 6	Dahlsens Regional Teams Challenge – Bairnsdale T C
*	November 13 - 14	Foundation Cup 13/U Girls – Bairnsdale
*	November 20	TEG Junior Masters – 2 nd Lead-in – Maffra T C
*	November 27	Sale Tennis Club Championships – Sale T C
*	December 4	Sale Tennis Club Championships – Sale T C
*	November 27 - 28	Ambassadors Cup 15/U – Warnambool
*	December 11	TEG Junior Regional Masters 3 rd Lead-in – Bairnsdale T C
*	December 17	Final WGTA Pennant round before Christmas
*	January 16 - 29	Australian Open - Melbourne Park
*	January 28	WGTA Pennant recommences – Seniors
*	February 4	WGTA Pennant recommences – Juniors
*	February 12	TEG Junior Masters 4 th Lead-in - Lakes Entrance T C
*	February 19	WGTA Championships
*	February 26	WGTA Championships - Finals
*	March 17	WGTA 1 st & 2 nd Semi Finals
*	March 18	WGTA Preliminary Finals
*	March 18	TEG Junior Masters Finals – Bairnsdale T C
*	March 24	WGTA Grand Finals
*	June 9 - 11	Sale Junior Open – Sale T C

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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Presidents Report 2011

2011 was another exciting year at Sale Tennis Club with many challenges and some excellent outcomes. All this is made possible by a dedicated team of volunteers that devote their time and energy into making ours a better Club.

Our thanks go to the unsung heroes from our various committees. **Karen Deschepper**, our new Treasurer, has been exceptional running our finances like the dedicated professional she is and not missing a cent in an effort to get us the best possible outcomes. **Murray Fitzclarence** and **Di Arnot** run the bar, an important function by any measure, smoothly and without fuss. **Abe Schuback**, with a fancy new vending machine now installed, has looked after the drinks and confectionery to ensure great outcomes from our vending. **Mark Elliman** has taken care of the Club Secretary role with dedication ensuring that we record the outcomes of our, at times difficult, General Committee ramblings. **Carmel Elliott**, as Ladies Committee President, has infused this committee with her unique enthusiasm and along the way been successful both on and off the court. **Glenn Schuback** has guided our Junior Committee for several years now and is never short of enthusiasm for tennis.

The highlights for the year have included our Club winning the **Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports Regional Club of the Year** and joint **State Club of the Year**. This is an exciting "off the court" award and reflects our commitment to a culture of responsible use of alcohol. We have also been nominated for the Australian Drug Foundation national award entitled "**Excellence in Creating Healthy Sporting Communities**". The Tennis Australia Regional Centre Partnership has started to deliver benefits with Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria providing funding and support to assist us to develop our Club and facilities. Our Club Curator, **Bruce Carter**, completed his 30th year of attending to our courts and surrounds. This is such an important function and his commitment and dedication is always appreciated. Our Club Champions for 2010/11 were **Krystal Rawnsen** and **Abe Schuback** with **Tom Wilson** and **Lexie Joyce** winning the 18 & Under events.

The sad moments in 2010/11 were the passing of Life Member, **Keith Best**, and our oldest player, **George Waks**. Both will be missed by all at our Club.

As always, I encourage everybody who enjoys the many benefits of our Club to make sure that they make a contribution at some level. Do it for yourself, your children or your community. The benefits will be felt throughout our entire community. I also wish to acknowledge all of those people who have helped me in my varied role as President of Sale Tennis Club. Without this help the job is impossible. Thank you.

Robin Lowe

President

Tennis Victoria Identity Page



Who are we?

- 932 affiliates; 816 clubs, 94 associations, 22 commercial centres
- 81,247 members (53,410 metropolitan, 27,837 country)
- Tennis Victoria Board (11 Directors)
- Tennis Victoria Council (up to 62 delegates)
- Metropolitan Associations Forum (30)
- Metropolitan Clubs Forum (345)
- Country Forum (486 clubs, 65 associations, six commercial centres)
- Country regional councils (11)
- Seven delivery regions (five metropolitan, two country)

Our strategic goal areas 2010-15

1. New participation
2. Community and engagement
3. Infrastructure and partnerships
4. Performance pathways
5. Competition
6. Customer service

31 Key Strategies
20 Measurable Targets

Our key objectives to end-2012

- A. Engaging unaffiliates, non-members and new participation through MLC Tennis Hot Shots and Cardio Tennis
- B. Promotion of Tennis Victoria's role and support
- C. Successful roll-out of state-wide Community Tennis Officer roles
- D. Developing multi-year financial modelling
- E. Define and implement Tennis Victoria's role in player development
- F. Be ambitious against all success measures

Expenditure outflows (~\$3.5 million) →

Our purpose: To make tennis a part of every Victorian's life

What do we do for affiliated clubs and associations?

- Advocacy for the sport
- Attract new members with participation initiatives; including MLC Tennis Hot Shots, Schools Program, Club Open Days, Mums' Program, 35+ Seniors' Social Program, Multicultural Program, Indigenous Program and Disabilities Program
- Club and facility development; best practice resources and training
- Volunteer support programs
- Sanctioned competitions and tournaments
- Insurance

What do we do for individual members?

- Advocacy for the sport
- Tennis ticketing offers
- Hot off the Court e-newsletter
- Competition and tournament access
- Pathways/talent search and identification
- Special offers and discounts
- Monthly prize draws
- Insurance

How do we do it?

- Stakeholder relationships and partnerships; Tennis Australia, state and local government, VicHealth, regional assemblies (Regional Development Officers)
- 24 staff across **Community Tennis** (Membership, Programs, Environment and Infrastructure, Marketing and Communications), **Tennis Operations** (Competitions and Tournaments, Player Development) and **Administration** (Finance, General)
- Community Tennis Officers in the field – one per each of the seven delivery regions with local government and/or appropriate forums
- Strategy to implementation
- Technical services (facilities)
- Promotion – website, e-newsletters, Victorian Tennis News (VTN) magazine
- IT systems – Game Set Match, My Tennis, Competition Planner, Tournament Planner, club websites

Participation and Performance
The four C's: Competition, Coaches,
Community, Champions
Victoria = 43% of national
club membership

We are a Member Association
of Tennis Australia

↑ Membership and affiliation (47%)
↑ Tennis Australia (31%)
↑ State government and VicHealth (9%)
↑ Fees and sanctions (9%)
↑ Other (4%)

Revenue inflows (~\$3.5 million) →

→ Membership servicing (19%)
→ Participation initiatives (24%)
→ Competition and tournaments (10%)
→ Facilities (4%)
→ Marketing and communications (6%)
→ Player development (14%)
→ Administration and other (23%)

Who we need to engage as
affiliates and members
Estimated ~500 unaffiliated
clubs, centres and associations
(231 metropolitan, 330 country)

Estimated 400,000
non-member/social
participants