



NEWSLETTER

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Life Members Day

Our 4th Annual Life Members Day was held on Sunday September 14. With the weather threatening early in the day the Weather God's were prevailed upon and the rain cleared to be replaced by a gentle Sale "breeze". If you cannot play well in the wind then you need to find another Club! It did however make for some interesting tennis. At one stage Wayne Dennis threw up a very high lob that travelled from Court 7 all the way over Court 6 and landed back into Court 7. Great shot Wayne!

Life Members Day has grown to be one of the biggest on our annual calendar. The day is a celebration of the contribution to our Club of past members, especially Life Members, who have been recognised for their outstanding contribution.

Of our 15 Life Members **Don Schuback, Helen Gerrand, Shirley McFarlane, Gary Schuback, Bruce Carter, Jan Saville** and **Betty Flint** (on behalf of **Ian Flint**) were able to share the day with family and friends. **Keith Best** was unfortunately not able to attend as he was recovering from a recent stay in hospital. We wish him all the very best and understand that he is now on the mend.

After a fantastic lunch prepared by our ever willing kitchen girls, with a bit of help from The Pres and Joan, the eager combatants were sent into battle. With 40 players, a tribe of children and a committed bunch of spectators the day's activities were frantic. The tennis however was somewhat secondary to the rekindling of old friendships, the making of new ones and the celebration of lives made richer by time at the Sale Tennis Club.

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.

After three gruelling, windy sets **Carmel Elliott** was the winner of the **Monica Best Memorial Trophy** and Club Coach, **Nick Board**, was the winner of the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy**. Carmel has made a big impression since joining the Club just two seasons ago and adds her Life Members Day win to the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year for Season 2007/08. Great results in a short amount of time. Nick, on the other hand, is already on several of our honour boards and adds this win to a stellar year that featured being awarded the TCAV Coach of the Year.

Club President Robin Lowe thanked all who helped to make it such a wonderful day that will hopefully form the basis of yet more happy memories of time spent at Sale Tennis Club. Bruce Carter responded on behalf of all Life Members, thanking all who attended, the organisers and the Club. We were then pleased to have Ivan Best present Carmel with the Monica Best Memorial Trophy and speak on behalf of the Best family. Betty Flint was on hand to present the Ian Flint Memorial Trophy to Nick. Then, to prove that old habits die hard, Betty was later spotted cleaning up the tables and doing dishes. Great job Betty! It is so good to see you back in to the old roles. While on the subject of tradition, our afternoon tea was again provided by Sandi Elliman, who makes a vanilla slice good enough to franchise.

A further feature of the day was Chelsea Rawnson conducting a coaching session for the "junior" juniors. It was great to see lots of little Bests and Flints and others out on courts 13 & 14 wreaking havoc, with Chelsea barking instructions like the head coach at the Davis Cup (and dishing out bribes when the instructions looked like being ignored). As reported in our last newsletter Chelsea has recently completed a Future Leaders Camp conducted by Tennis Victoria. Structuring a "live" coaching session was one of the requirements for graduating. Chelsea will now get back together with her group next year at the Australian Open to report on her experiences.

Life Members Day finished with the traditional raffle. We wish to thank our raffle sponsors:

- **Howard & Schuback Mega Sports**
- **John Elliman Real Estate**
- **Findlay & Weymouth Pharmacy**
- **TopSpin Tennis**
- **Tennis Victoria**

Our raffle sponsors make a great contribution to our Club and are often unheralded. We acknowledge their support, which is appreciated and contributes greatly to our Club's ongoing success.

Sale Tennis Club on the Net

Sale Tennis Club has hit the internet with its own website. You will find us at www.saletennisclub.com An initiative from our Junior Committee our website is being developed by Michelle Shanahan. Michelle has been working away in cyberspace for the past few months and we now have a website with lots of Club information including recent news, competition news, coaching, gallery, maps as well as links to other related sites such as TopSpin Tennis, Tennis Australia, Tennis Victoria, Gippsland Sports Academy, Tennis East Gippsland and other local clubs.

Well done Michelle. We look forward to our ongoing adventures in cyberspace.

WHK Armitage Downie International

The WHK Armitage Downie International has been run and won! The tournament was hailed as an outstanding success with positive feedback from the players, sponsors, Tennis Australia and a crowd of very happy spectators. The last three days of the tournament saw nearly 1,000 people witness some truly outstanding tennis.

And the Winner Is.....

After the last two tournaments were won by players from Greece we finally had an Australian winner. Well mostly. **Nick Lindahl** was actually born in Malmo, Sweden and migrated to Australia with his parents when he was three months old. Good choice! Nick now lives in Ellebana, 10 minutes from Newcastle, in New South Wales. Nick's goal is to achieve a top 10 world ranking. His feats at the WHK Armitage Downie International moved him from 279 to 263 in the world. Still plenty of room for improvement but a great start on the road toward his goal. Nick will now try out for the main draw of the Australian Open during qualifiers in December.

Nick's opponent was number 332 in the world; Melbourne based Aussie, **Marinko Matosevic**. Marinko has also improved his ranking in 2008 and after his runner up in Sale he went on to win the event in Happy Valley, South Australia the following week. .

The final score was 6 – 4, 6 – 0 in a very high quality match.

The doubles final was a very disappointing walkover after Greg Jones was forced to withdraw with a strained stomach muscle. The eventual winners were **Dane Propoggia** and **Matt Reid**. Matt Reid had a fantastic tournament. In addition to winning the doubles he made the semi finals in the singles after being given a wildcard by Tennis Australia. Having started in Sale with no world ranking, after Sale and Happy Valley, he has now moved up to 1003 in the world. Certainly no slouch and a really nice young bloke.

While on the subject of nice blokes this year's tournament unearthed a few of these. **John Millman**, the winner in the Traralgon event, was an absolute gentleman and endeared himself to everyone he met. His quarter final under lights on the Friday night was a beauty and won him plenty of fans. Another gentleman was **Greg Jones**. Greg strained a stomach muscle but still made it through to the singles semi finals before losing to Nick Lindahl in a close fought 3 – 6, 7 – 6, 6 – 4 marathon. Greg may well be the next Pat Rafter both on and off the court.

Local Heroes

We were privileged to have a local contingent play off in the qualifiers event over the first two days of the event. **Mark Elliman, Abe Schuback, Tom Young** and **Brett Carter** all competed for their Club and individual glory. While no one made it through to the main draw it was undoubtedly an invaluable experience for our local boys in gaining a first hand knowledge of what it takes to compete on a bigger stage.

Another exciting feature was the official renaming of one of our boys. Anne Young logged on to the International Tennis Federation website to get Tom an iPin, the number you need to compete in ITF sanctioned events. In the rush and excitement (and with the possible assistance of a glass of good red wine) Anne managed to register her boy as Young Thomas. A check of the draw confirms that that is what the ITF listed him as on the official program. This is going to be a much harder name to live up to when he hits the veterans' circuit but in the meantime if the cap fits, wear it. Well done Young Tom and remember, if you want it done right, do it yourself.

Thanks to Those Who Helped to Make it Happen

Such a great event of course does not just happen without a great deal of effort. There were many people involved and they should be acknowledged.

Firstly our "Kitchen Chicks" **Karen Deschepper** and **Karen Pollett** were a sensation. The time and effort these two girls put into catering for the players, spectators and sponsors was unbelievable. They did a fantastic job and probably should consider event catering as their logical next careers. The Kitchen Chicks were ably supported by Debbie Olsson, Poss Joyce, Jane Bergin, Carmel Elliott, Joan Lowe, Sharon Rutter, Tracey Rowe, Sandi Elliman, Celeste Jackson, Debbie Cooper, Narelle Alexander, Kay Bedggood, Cheryl Cope, Gill Meade, Sandi Elliman, Jenny Luke, Debbie Krusic, Sandi Pritchett, Ali Whitlock, Sharon Lauria, Di Jolly, Debbie Jackson, Robyn Hughes and Kim Dennis. To each of these girls we owe a big Thank You.

Outside of the kitchen there were a myriad of tasks that had to be shared around. Our many volunteers helped with the players courtesy bus, esky's, court maintenance, umbrellas, player services, restringing, media and promotions, sponsors functions and a 1,000 other tasks. Of special mention were **Chris Deschepper, Bruce Carter** and **Cal Board**. Chris is the Charlie of all trades that we rely on for the smooth running of almost everything, especially the annual Tennis Australia challenge. Bruce has lived and breathed Sale Tennis Club for the months leading up to the tournament with the laying of the new surface on courts 1 and 2. After a Herculean effort by Bruce the surface proved to be absolutely sensational and the players loved the big stadium feel of our show courts. Cal Board was left with the task to get the grandstand ready on time. A huge challenge, but he is a "doer" and was equal to the task. The new grandstand was perfect and was enjoyed by the large crowds, especially over the last three days of the tournament. Well done and Thank You to each of you.

In addition to we need to thank Ivan (Doc) Best, Peter Chappell, Murray Fitzclarence, Di Arnot, Brian and Linda Rawnsen, Debbie Olsson, Chelsea Rawnsen, Peter Lowe, Wayne Pollock (Sale Turf Club), Tom Wilson, Mark Elliman, Abe Schuback, Nick Board, Rhett Nelson, Glenn Schuback, Andrew Pollett, Scott Templeton, Gregor McNaughton, Hannah Emms, Mick Luke, Sandi Pritchett, Brett Alexander and Robin Lowe. Each of these people made a significant contribution toward the success of the event and are deserving of our thanks.

Ball Kids

A feature of the final three days of the tournament is that our juniors get to be ball kids for the Pro Circuit players. This gives the kids a chance to be actively involved with the event, to make a contribution to their Club and to get the best seat in the house from which to watch great tennis. Our ball kids were Lexie Joyce, Daniel Luhrs, Darcy Van Lier, Brad Fleay, Hailey Shanahan, Lachie Collins, Jack Collins, Cohan Schuback, Bradley Olsson, Laughlin Brown, Sarah Trett, Alex Trett, Jamie Cashman, Steve Pritchett and Hannah Young. Well done to all of you and your organiser Debbie Olsson with the help of Chelsea Rawnson.

Event Sponsors

Events such as this would not be possible at all if not for the financial support of our sponsors. Our **Tournament Partner, WHK Armitage Downie**, has been outstanding in their support. They have been generous with their financial support as well as the considerable staff time that has been absorbed. Partners such as this make a good event great.

Our **Major Sponsors** were:

- **Macalister Constructions**
- **John Elliman Real Estate**
- **Australian Drilling Services**

They have provided vital funding and much encouragement.

Our **Support Sponsors** were also essential contributors both financially and in other support roles. These sponsors were:

- **Australian Technical College – Gippsland**
- **Churchill Maintenance & Engineering**
- **Dahlsens**
- **Gippsland Centre, Sale**
- **EJ & AL Graham Electrical Services**
- **McDonalds Family Restaurants**
- **National Australia Bank**
- **Sale Shop Fitters**
- **Turnbull's Hire Drive**
- **3TR FM**
- **Wellington Shire**

Wellington Shire have been a very strong supporter and have provided both funding and resources without which we could not have successfully conducted the event.

Thank You to all of these organisations for your invaluable contribution to this important community event that is growing in stature with each year.

Pro Circuit Raffle Results

Well done to all of our members and supporters who sold their raffle books. The raffle was our major fundraiser for the event. With a bit more effort all members may have been able to sell their books and remember to return them on time. Too much to ask?

With the support of our valued donors we had a fantastic list of prizes for our raffle.

The winners were:

1st Prize – Rhianna Templeton - Sale

Howard & Schuback Mega Sports and Wilson Australia. Wilson K Factor tennis racquet, as used by Roger Federer, a Wilson “Federer Limited Edition” tennis carry bag, tennis socks and Wilson tennis balls as well as 4 tickets to the 2009 Australian Open.

2nd Prize – Wayne Pollock – Longford

Two Nights Accommodation in **The Esplanade Luxury Resort & Spa**, Lakes Entrance.

3rd Prize – Gary Shingles - Maffra

His and Hers **Garnier Beauty Goods** Packs.

4th Prize – Amy Harrison - Longford

Free Standing Wine Rack from **Chris Webster Interiors**.

5th Prize – Annemieke Mein – Sale

Bis Cucina Dinner Voucher.

As would be expected all of the winners were delighted when they were phoned to advise them of their win. However our second prize winner was more delighted than most. “Two night’s accommodation in a luxury resort?” says our winner. “That sounds fantastic, one night with the wife and one night with the girlfriend.”

Grandstand – Grand Opening Coming Soon

Unless you are brand new to our Club you would have noticed some very substantial upgrades to our playing and off court facilities over the past few years. The latest of these is our fantastic new Grandstand. Built with the financial support of John Leslie our new facilities are scheduled to be formally opened in the New Year. With more steps to be installed and the permanent seating on order, the final opening will depend upon delivery and completion dates. We have also been fortunate in receiving a further \$5,000 grant from the Wellington Shire to assist with the completion of the project. This is fantastic news and will help to get us across the line financially. We look forward to a grand opening with John cutting the ribbon.

Players Auction

Players Auction day was Saturday October 25. Master Auctioneer **John Elliman** again joined us to conduct proceedings. With 66 players up for auction he soon settled into stride. With so much tennis the week before, attendance was a bit down and bids just a little harder to come by. However this did not discourage the people that were there from going after their favourite players with gusto and it allowed everyone a chance to join in the fun. The prize for the best performed male and female player each week will be \$180 per player. We will now all wait with anticipation as the scores are totalled each Saturday afternoon to see if our players have won us the “dough”.

Thank you goes especially to John Elliman, who generously donates his time each year, and to all of those who helped in the kitchen preparing the meal, doing dishes, serving behind the bar and generally running the show. Another good night!

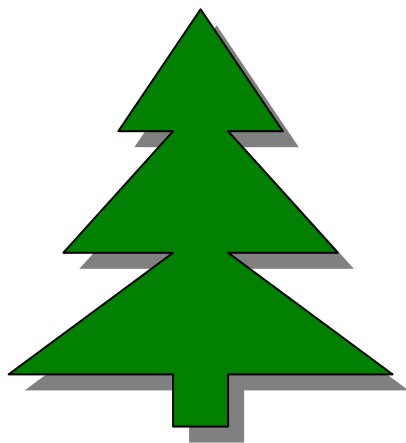
Winners to date have been:

| | Male Player | Owner | Female Player | Owner |
|--------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Week 1 | Tom Young | LED Synd. | Elise Clottin | Rhett Nelson |
| Week 2 | Josh Deschepper | Karen Deschepper | Lorraine Crawford | Glenn Schuback |
| Week 3 | Tom Young | LED Synd. | Krystal Rawnsen | LED Synd. |
| | | | Debbie Kaandorp | Karen Brown |
| Week 4 | Abe Schuback | Schumans Synd. | Jess Lauria | Linda Rawnsen |
| Week 5 | Washout | | Washout | |

Like Taking Candy from a Baby

Chris Deschepper, our hard working former Vice President, and the keeper of the vending machines, recently had the lolly machine serviced after some annoying malfunctions. However, ever on the lookout for the Club's financial welfare, Chris managed to come up with a clever new fundraiser. Having inadvertently reinstalled the spirals the wrong way round, every time a kid put in a coin and pushed the button the Mars Bars, instead of dropping into the chute, got further and further away. The beauty of the scheme is that some of the little tackers refused to give up easily and the Mars Bars were well on their way to the back of the machine before the problem was rectified.

Christmas Celebrations



The traditional Christmas break up will be on **Saturday December 13** at the Clubhouse. As usual the night will include a delicious meal, a bumper raffle, the spinning wheel and hopefully a whole lot of fun. Mark it in your diary and in the absence of flood, fire or famine we will see you all there.

The trophy presentations for the Senior Club Championships and the Honour Board events for the Junior Club Championships that would normally be made on this night will be scheduled in the New Year once all events are completed.

Club Championships Rescheduled

The 2008/09 season brings with it our new Club Champions, or does it? Due to unseasonable, but very welcome, heavy rain our Club Championships have had to be delayed. Junior and Senior Club Championships for Season 2008 – 2009 will now be held on **Sunday 14** and **Sunday 21 December, 2008**. Entry forms are available from the Clubhouse or TopSpin Tennis.

We also wish to thank **John Elliman Real Estate** for their support of the Junior Club Championships, an association that has now extended for over a decade. A fantastic effort from one of our strongest Club supporters.

Night Pennant Player Lists

Our night pennants are now entering finals and we will have a full report on the winners, grinders and near misses next newsletter.

However now is the time to get your name on the sheet for next season's pennant. The sheets are up on the Clubhouse notice board and we would love to see them as full as Santa's sack on Christmas Eve. Night pennant caters for players of all standards so get your name on the board, sign up a friend or two, or more, and enjoy many great evenings of tennis and social activities under our new lights. With 14 lit courts we can cater for up to 56 players per night so get in early, bring your friends and enjoy the fun. The new season starts in the first week of February.

If you require further details please contact the following:

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| Tuesday Night | Mike Riley | 5143 2444 |
| Wednesday Night | Phil Todd | 0428 347 875 |
| Thursday Night | Robin Lowe | 5144 7582 |

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom generously joins us again in the 2008/09 season to sponsor our Player of the Year. This is their third season and we really appreciate their support. The male and female player with the best statistics at year end will be awarded the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year.

The Top 10 as of November are:

| Male Player | | | Female Player | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------|------|
| 1. | Ron Crawford | 13.86 | Annie Kinnish | 7.20 |
| 2. | Tony Taylor | 13.71 | Elise Clottin | 7.00 |
| 3. | Len Vanstone | 12.43 | Debbie Kaandorp | 6.67 |
| 4. | Brian Rawnsdon | 10.50 | Brooke Stewart | 6.00 |
| 5. | Tom Young | 10.00 | Sarah Jolly | 5.71 |
| 6. | Glenn Schuback | 9.14 | Lorraine Crawford | 5.43 |
| 7. | Rhett Nelson | 5.86 | Kelly Burgiel | 4.86 |
| 8. | Josh Deschepper | 5.71 | Di Arnot | 4.80 |
| 9. | Chris Smalley | 5.17 | Sarah Luke | 4.57 |
| 10. | Bryan Lazzaro | 5.17 | Kylie Board | 4.43 |

Results are published on the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year Notice Board in the Clubhouse so that you can keep up with your progress or that of your favourite player.

Junior News

Team Names

Our new junior team names have created a great talking point throughout the district with many clubs asking about the origins of them. Of course the names have been taken from former Club Champions as a way to promote the Clubs' history and the significance of winning Gippsland's most prestigious Club Championships. Next year will see another group of names added including Cashman, Collett, Hart, Rawnsdon and Board. The former champions and their families have been thrilled to have their names used and have taken a keen interest in "their" teams. Many are now receiving our newsletters and are checking the website such is their renewed interest in the Club. Some have even been seen on Saturday mornings discreetly checking the state of play. Some of our teams performing well in Pennant include Pritchard in Section 1, McHattie and Schuback in Section 2, Bramwell in Section 3, and Bach in Section 7.

Australian Rankings

A number of players currently hold Australian rankings as a result of hard work on the court and a significant amount of travelling. They are as follows: **Jessie Lauria** – 597, **Sarah Jolly** - 642, **Chelsea Rawnsdon** -1020, **Hailey Shanahan** -1129, **Tom Young**- 1497, **James Cooper** -1766, **Tom Wilson** -1860.

Tennis East Gippsland

Tennis East Gippsland points tournaments have started and great results so far include **Bradley Olsson, Cohan Schuback, Jamie Cashman, Hailey Shanahan, Sarah Trett, Megan Harrison, Tom Foley and Alex Trett**. The next tournaments are Bairnsdale December 14, Lakes Entrance February 15 and Sale March 15.

Dahlsens Challenge

Recently a team was selected to represent the Club in the annual Dahlsens Team Challenge played at Bairnsdale. The team travelled as a group by bus and after a long day of play which included a win over Maffra we were defeated in the final by Bairnsdale by a narrow margin. A massive order was placed at McDonalds to feed everyone for the long trip home which included a stop at Jolly's' farm. Tom Foley was proud to inform us all that he was undefeated for the day in 10/U, a feat matched by Lexie Joyce in the 12/U. A great day finally finishing around 7.30 pm that night.

The team this year was Tom Wilson, James Copper, Jess Lauria, Sarah Jolly, Kenny Waite, Brad Olsson, Hailey Shanahan, Paige Wilson, Tom Jolly, Cohan Schuback, Sarah Trett, Lexie Joyce, Alex Trett, Tom Foley, Jamie Cashman and Lauren Freeman.

Fill-Ins

The only problem faced by the Junior Committee is the alarming amount of fill-ins required each week. All **players and parents** are reminded that they have committed to a team sport for the season. As a result of players not turning up or missing too many games we are now going to keep a record of games played to assist in selection of teams in the future.

Junior Practice Night - Wednesdays

Growing in popularity is the designated Club practice night. Introduced this year all players can turn up at the Club after school on **Wednesday** each week knowing they can find balls and someone to practice with, even if their own team is not there. The Junior Committee is keen for this to become the norm as in years past, as it will certainly improve the results of those teams that turn up on a regular basis. Some seniors are now coming up for a hit as well and it is a great chance for all juniors to get to practice with different standards. Any player coming up alone needs to just ask if they can get on a court with any other players.

Merry Christmas

The Junior Committee would like to wish all players and their families a Merry Christmas and look forward to a fantastic New Year of tennis. Best wishes from all of the Committee; Louise Trett, Cheryl Joyce, Steve Shanahan, Sharon Foley, Felicity Price, Debbie Olsson, Michelle Shanahan, Nick Board and Glenn Schuback.

Midweek Ladies News

Sale Midweek Ladies got one team through to the Grand Final. This was a Section 2 team made up of Karen Pollett, Carmel Elliott, Carolyn Dyer and Sharon Howe. The Grand Final was played on Monday December 1. Our girls played valiantly but unfortunately they did not get up due to a combination of Maffra grass, a nasty breeze and an injury to gun Number 2, Polly. It was a great effort to make it this far and as they say in the classics, "It is better to have played and lost than never to have played at all."

Names are now being collected for next season commencing on February 2, 2009. Anybody interested in joining in the fun of Monday ladies tennis should phone Jenny Luke on 5149 7077 as soon as possible

In the meantime the ladies will celebrate season 2009 with a break-up at Sale Rainbow restaurant on the 1st of December at 7.00 pm. All players are welcome and a Kris Kringle gift of \$5 will help with the fun of the night.



COACH'S CORNER

Term 4 is nearly over and Topspin Tennis is hosting their annual Christmas Party at the Sale Tennis Club on December 7th starting at 10:00 am. Please contact the office on 51441345 for details and enrolments for 2009.

This month in coaches Corner we are concentrating on knowing your own game style.

Many young tennis players emulate their famous heroes on the court and the results can be very mixed. While it is great that players are showing an interest in professional tennis and have the ability to mimic some styles, it is important to understand the benefits and negatives associated with some professionals styles.

For example let us consider forehands.

Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer are current examples of two players with significantly different types of forehands. Both are world class; Nadal with an extreme grip and Federer with a more conservative one. Players need to understand this and the benefits of each. Federer is able to generate a lot of power but has to be play with smaller margins. This compares with Nadal who generates a massive amount of spin and plays with a lot more net clearance.

Identify and speak to your coach about which style is better for your game style before emulating them.

Gippsland Grand Slam

In a new initiative, TopSpin Tennis presents, as part of the Gippsland Grand Slam, the “**Mini Aussie Open**” at the Sale Tennis Club from **January 20 to 22, 2009**. Events include 12/U Boys and Girls, 14/U Boys and Girls, 16/U Boys and Girls and 19/U Boys and Girls. All events are singles events. Players will play best of 3 set matches in Round Robin format; players who win overall will receive the Australian Open Cup. All players will receive points to go towards the Gippsland Grand Slam.

Places are limited in each event so hurry to enter to ensure placement in draw. Any enquiries please call 51441345 or e-mail nick@topspintennis.net.au

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

Good luck and enjoy the upcoming summer of tennis.

Ritchies Community Benefits Cards

Most members will be aware from the TV ads of the Ritchies Community Benefits programme. Sale Tennis Club is one of the community groups that you can nominate to receive the benefit of your spending on groceries and liquor purchased from Ritchies. If you do not have a current Community Benefit Card, or would like to switch your card to our Club, it is as simple as filling out a new form at any Ritchies outlet. (Sale Tennis Club's CB Number is 94664 but they will find us if you forget this.) You will get a new card on the spot and our Club will start to get the benefit from every purchase that you make. As a further bonus a Community Benefit Card gives the holder exclusive, cardholder only, specials on over 2,000 items in each store. Everybody wins! Further details are available at www.ritchies.com.au

Star Hotel Supports Three Set Winners

The Star Hotel in Raymond Street, Sale has kindly provided support for our Saturday Pennant three set winners. Each week all three set winners go in the draw to win a Star Hotel Venue Voucher worth \$25. Winners are drawn randomly and the voucher presented on the night. This is a perfect way to end a good day of tennis and it sure beats cooking for yourself after three tough sets.

Our three set winners have been:

| 11-Oct | 18-Oct | 25-Oct | 1-Nov | 8-Nov | 15-Nov |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Nick Board | John Burge | Glenn Schuback | Ivan Best | Sharon Mogridge | Josh Deschepper |
| Glen Schuback | Misty Cook | Misty Cook | Bruce Carter | Sarah Jolly | Misty Cook |
| Damian Hogan | Kasey McKay | Jon Burge | Elise Clottin | Tony Taylor | Nick Board |
| Len Vanstone | Ron Crawford | Annie Kinnish | Abe Schuback | Ron Crawford | Glenn Schuback |
| Anthony Goode | Len Vanstone | Ron Erskine | Jess Lauria | Len Vanstone | Krystal Rawnson |
| Bruce Martin | Bruce Martin | Trudi Mallows | Tom Young | Brooke Stewart | Kylie Board |
| Tom Young | Brooke Stewart | Lloyd Turner | James Cooper | Kelly Burgiel | James Cooper |
| Brett Carter | | Tony Taylor | Chris Smalley | Lorraine Crawford | Tom Young |
| Bree Kaandorp | | Ron Crawford | Phil Mein | Melissa Rawnson | Phil Mein |
| Elise Clottin | | Ed Hancock | Brian Rawnson | Ivan Best | Tony Taylor |
| Sarah Luke | | Kelly Burgiel | Annie Kinnish | Aaron Kennedy | Debbie Kaandorp |
| Josh Deschepper | | Paul Toney | Ron Crawford | Josh Deschepper | |
| | | Tom Young | Tony Taylor | Annie Kinnish | |
| | | Sarah Jolly | Len Vanstone | Di Arnot | |
| | | | | Bruce Carter | |
| | | | | Misty Cook | |
| | | | | Kane Martin | |

Well done to all of our three set winners and to Di Arnot and Murray Fitzclarence for their initiative in approaching the friendly team at the Star Hotel.

Calender of Events

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| * | December 1 | Ladies Break-up 7.00 pm |
| * | December 7 | TopSpin Tennis Christmas Party |
| * | December 7 – 8 | Ambassadors Cup 15/U Girls & Boys - Horsham |
| * | December 13 | Christmas Break-up |
| * | December 14 | STC Club Championships |
| * | December 13 -14 | Wayne Arthurs Cup 10/U Girls & Boys |
| * | December 14 | Junior Circuit 2 nd Lead-In Tournament – Bairnsdale |
| * | December 21 | STC Club Championships |
| * | January 3 – 5 | Inter-regional Championships - Horsham |
| * | January 28 - 31 | Country Teams Carnival – Kooyong |
| * | January 31 | Junior & Senior Pennant Recommences |
| * | February 2 – 5 | Night Pennant Recommences |
| * | February 11 - 15 | Country Week, Swan Hill |
| * | February 15 | Junior Circuit 3 rd Lead-In Tournament – Lakes Entrance |
| * | February 22 | SHTA Association Championships |
| * | March 1 | SHTA Association Championships |
| * | March 15 | Junior Circuit 4th Lead-In Tournament – Sale |
| * | March 21 | SHTA Semi Finals |
| * | March 22 | SHTA Preliminary Finals |
| * | March 28 | SHTA Grand Finals |
| * | April 10 – 13 | 83 rd Maffra Easter Tournament |
| * | April 19 | Junior Circuit Masters Finals - Bairnsdale |

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.

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.

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