



# NEWSLETTER

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## John Leslie Grandstand Grand Opening



Darren McCubbin, Wellington Shire Mayor, Robin Lowe, President Sale Tennis Club, John Leslie, cutting the ribbon, and Darren Chester, Member for Gippsland at the official opening.

November 29, 2009 was a big day in the history of the Sale Tennis Club. On this day we officially opened our 200 seat **John Leslie Grandstand**. The day dawned wet and threatening but a bit of rain was not enough to dampen the spirits of the crowd that gathered to witness the historic event.

The formal proceedings of the day were started by Club President, **Robin Lowe**, who thanked **John Leslie** for his initiative and foresight in championing the project in the first instance. He also thanked him for his very generous financial support.

Along with Mr Leslie credit must go to the Wellington Shire for their support, both financial and logistical, the Sale Tennis Club Committees, past and present, our Club sponsors for their ongoing support, **Cal Board** of Macalister Constructions and **Bruce Carter** of Bruce Carter Fencing.

Mayor of the Wellington Shire, **Darren McCubbin**, spoke on behalf of the Wellington Shire and the community. Darren also thanked John for his wonderful support and outlined just how important facilities such as ours are to the social and sporting fabric of our community. He rightly pointed out that tennis clubs are more than just a sporting venue. They are a place where people can interact socially and become part of a connected community.

John Leslie then responded. He was delighted with the success of the Club and happy to be part of a major initiative such as this. John spoke of the professionalism and enthusiasm that he has encountered at Sale Tennis Club which encouraged him to pursue his support of the project to its final completion. He then had a little advice for aspiring tennis players – do not persist in grunting! After cutting the ribbon John was then able to join with the large crowd who enjoyed the hospitality and tennis that followed.

As an extension of our very significant upgrades we are very pleased to announce that Tennis Victoria have this month offered our Club the right to host the Victorian Clay Court Championships. This event is scheduled to run from March 28 to 31, 2010. The event will be conducted as a Gold Australian Money Tournament, attracting some of the best aspiring players from Australia and overseas. It will have a singles field of 64 men and 64 women as well as doubles and consolation events. The potential economic impact of this event will be outstanding.

We were only offered this event as we have a quality facility that both players and officials love to visit. At our last Pro Circuit event we were voted the number four host venue in Australia out of 32 venues. Not too bad for beginners!

Finally no significant event at our Club would be complete without the inestimable talents of our two kitchen wizards, **Karen Deschepper** and **Karen Pollett**. Not only did they design the new kitchen they have now been enslaved in it. Great job again girls, thank you.

To everyone else who contributed to the success of the day we extend a big “Thank You”. Without the contribution of so many it is not possible to have a great Club and great facilities.

### 59<sup>th</sup> Club Championships Decided

Our 59<sup>th</sup> Club Championships were decided in front of the large crowd that had gathered to witness the official opening of the John Leslie Grandstand. While our Club Championships are the most important fixture on our Club calendar the large crowd gave the finals an even greater feeling of importance.

Some high quality tennis resulted in **Krystal Rawnson** being crowned our Women’s Champion and **Abe Schuback** our Men’s Champion. This is Krystal’s fourth consecutive title and Abe’s third consecutive win. Well done to both of you. Well done too to **Misty Cook**, the runner up in the Women’s and **Nick Board**, the runner up in the Men’s.

In the Girls 18 & Under Singles **Sarah Jolly** won through over **Bree Kaandorp** and in the Boys 18 & Under Singles **Tom Wilson** was victorious over **James Cooper**. Well done to our winners and runners up.

In the Juniors Jolly’s and Trett’s dominated the Honour Board events with **Tom Jolly** winning the 16 and 14 & Under Boys, **Sarah Jolly** winning the 16 & Under Girls, **Sarah Trett** winning the 14 & Under Girls and brother **Alex** the 12 & Under Boys. **Jamie Cashman** took out the 12 & Under Girls and **Nick Hogan** the 10 & Under Boys Singles.

<u>SENIOR EVENTS:</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER UP</u>
Open Mens Singles	A. Schuback	N. Board
Opens Womens Singles	K. Rawnson	M. Cook
Open Mens Doubles	A. Kennedy/ N. Board	A. Schuback/T. Wilson
Open Womens Doubles	K. Rawnson/C. Rawnson	D. Arnot/C. Elliot
Open Mixed Doubles	N. Board/K. Rawnson	A. Schuback/B. Kaandorp
B Grade Mens Singles	M. Fitzclarence	D. Hogan
B Grade Mens Doubles	M. Fitzclarence/W. Dennis	S Shanahan/D. Elliot
B Grade Womens Doubles	D. Kaandorp/L.Wilson	K. Dennis/D. Arnot
B Grade Mixed Doubles	G. Ballinger/J. Ballinger	M. Fitzclarence/D. Arnot
C Grade Mens Singles	A. Patton	S.Jackson
C Grade Mixed Doubles	L. Schuback/K. Deschepper	S Jackson/K.Hanratty
C Grade Mens Doubles	A. Patton/L. Schuback	S. Jackson/A. Oljnyk
Boys Singles 18 & Under	T. Wilson	J. Cooper
Girls Singles 18 & Under	S. Jolly	B. Kaandorp

#### JUNIOR HONOUR BOARD EVENTS:

16 & Under Boys Singles	T. Jolly	A. Spencer
16 & Under Girls Singles	S. Jolly	H. Shanahan
14 & Under Boys Singles	T. Jolly	B.Olsson
14 & Under Girls Singles	S. Trett	P.Wilson
12 & Under Boys Singles	A. Trett	J. Foley
12 & Under Girls Singles	J. Cashman	M. Mogridge
10 & Under Boys Singles	N. Hogan	T. Foley
10 & Under Girls Singles	Not Contested	

#### JUNIOR EVENTS:

A Grade Boys Singles	M. Smith	A. Spencer
A Grade Girls Singles	M. Harrison	M. Hillsley
A Grade Boys Doubles	C.Schuback/T.Jolly	L Brown/T.Warry
A Grade Mixed Doubles	L. Brown/M.Harrison	C.Schuback/J.Cashman
Section 4 & 5 Boys Singles	J. Foley	S.Hogan
Section 4 & 5 Girls Singles	E. Mogridge	E. Carrolan
Section 4 & 5 Boys Doubles	A. Turnbull/N. Hogan	J. Foley/S. Hogan
Section 4 & 5 Girls Doubles	E. Carrolan/E.Mogridge	T. Ballinger/ T Hogan
Section 4 & 5 Mixed Doubles	J. Foley/E. Mogridge	E. Carrolan/S. Hogan
Section 6 & 7 Boys Singles	B. Henness	V. Forcadella
Section 6 & 7 Girls Singles	M. Mogridge	L. Jones
Section 6 & 7 Boys Doubles	T.Vanemerick/V.Forcadella	B.Shanahan/ B.Henness
Section 6 & 7 Girls Doubles	M.Mogridge/K. Warry	A. Mealing/L. Jones
Section 6 & 7 Mixed Doubles	B. Henness/ L.Jones	B. Shanahan/M. Ballinger

This years Club Championships were well supported compared to previous years and we hope that this is an indication of things to come. The weather intervened again as it has done for the past three years making the job of our tournament directors, **Glenn Schuback** and **Louise Trett**, all the more difficult. However they somehow managed to get through all of the events, a great result. Well done Glenn and Louise and thank you from everybody who played and came to watch.

#### Life Members Day – September 13

Life Members day was held in beautiful spring weather with an enthusiastic crowd all vying to get their names in gold lettering on the Life Members Day Honour Board. We were blessed with the weather after earlier dire forecasts (perhaps the influence in high places of Monica and Ian) that was perfectly suited to social tennis. Our guests of honour that were in attendance were Life Members **Don Schuback**, **Shirley MacFarlane**, **Gary Schuback** and **Betty Flint** (on behalf of Ian). At the end of a very enjoyable day we had some really fitting results.

The winner of the Monica Best Memorial Trophy was **Dhelia Maher**. Dhelia is Monica's niece and she was absolutely delighted to be awarded her aunts memorial trophy. The trophy was presented by **Ivan Best**, representing the Best family. (Keith was unable to attend due to ill health. Our thoughts are with him and we wish him a speedy recovery.) **Anna Best**, Monica's granddaughter was also amongst the ladies who came in as runners up.

The winner of the Ian Flint Memorial Trophy was **Ben Hutton**. This was the second of our great results in that Ben is Ian Flint's grandchild. There were two Ben's playing on the day so they became known as B1 and B2. While B2 won the day B1 was not as successful and it was suggested that he may need to play just a little more often than the annual Life Members Day if he wishes to make any inroads on the trophy. **Betty Flint** was on hand to present B2 with his trophy and to congratulate him on a match well played. **Brian Rawnsen**, a previous winner of this event, was a close second.

Helping out with the all important catering were Carmel, Di, Betty, Karen P, Rob, Sandi, Ali, Nene and Linda. Thank you to everyone who contributed to a successful day.

The full results were:

Winner	<b>Monica Best Memorial</b> <i><b>Dhelia Maher</b></i>	<b>Ian Flint Memorial</b> <i><b>Ben Hutton</b></i>
Runner(s) Up	<i><b>Anna Best</b></i> <i><b>Karen Pollett</b></i> <i><b>Carmel Elliott</b></i>	<i><b>Brian Rawnsen</b></i>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i><b>Sandi Elliman</b></i>	<i><b>Mark Elliman</b></i> <i><b>Ron Erskine</b></i>

Importantly, in another great Life Members Day, everyone was a winner.

### Players Auction Results

With a reduced number of players to auction our auctioneer, **John Elliman** from **John Elliman Real Estate**, was able to whip through the card and be back at the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party he as attending without being substantially missed. Thank you John for your efforts which are always appreciated.

Results to date have been:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Round</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Owner</b>
10/10/2009	Round 2	Abe Schuback	Bowls Syn c/- Chris Deschepper
		Misty Cook	Godfather Syn c/- Mark Elliman
17/10/2009	Round 3	Aaron Kennedy	Nick Board
		Paige Wilson	Mick Wilson
		Sarah Jolly	Glenn Schuback
24/10/2009	Round 4	Aaron Kennedy	Nick Board
		Lorraine Crawford	LED (Lowe Elliman Deschepper)
31/10/2009	Round 5	Josh Deschepper	Bowls Syn c/- Chris Deschepper
		Sarah Hollonds	Peter Lowe
7/11/2009	Round 6	Lee Schuback	Lee Schuback
		Misty Cook	Godfather Syn c/- Mark Elliman
14/11/2009	Round 7	Aaron Kennedy	Nick Board
		Jess Lauria	Robin Lowe
21/11/2009	Round 8	Andrew Olijnyk	Bruce Martin
		Bess Dyer	Bowls Syn c/- Chris Deschepper
28/11/2009	Round 9	Tom Wilson	Mick Wilson
		Brooke Stewart	Kylie Board
		Krystal Rawnsen	LED (Lowe Elliman Deschepper)

## Night Pennant Player Lists

Our night pennants are now entering finals and we will have a full report on the results in the 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, and enjoy many great evenings of tennis and social activities under our recently upgraded 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 early February.

If you require further details please contact the following co-ordinators:

Monday Night	Nick Board	5144 1345
Tuesday Night	Mike Riley	5143 2444
Wednesday Night	Phil Todd	0428 347 875
Thursday Night	Robin Lowe	5144 7582

## Kitchen Renovations Complete

The current round of Clubhouse upgrades has now been completed with the completion of our brand new kitchen. It was exciting with the meticulous design by our two Karen's (Deschepper and Pollett) slowly taking shape around us. Would it look good, will the colours work together, in which cupboard did you put those damn cups? We needn't have been concerned. We have found the cups and it looks fantastic. Our Clubhouse facilities are now surely the envy of clubs throughout the country. The kitchens first big test was with the catering for the opening of the John Leslie Grandstand. It passed with flying colours and the girls cooked up a storm.

We would like to thank all of the tradies that were involved with the project. Peter and his crew from Ashwood Homes, Troy from Troy Jefferies Plumbing, Neil from Cabinet Connections, Brian from Lazzaro Plasterers, Ron from Balec Electrical Contractors, Peter from the Paint Rig and Peter from Lazzaro Floors & Walls. Thanks guys for a job well done.

We look forward to the kitchen being the focal point at our Clubhouse for many years to come.

## Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant

Saturday pennant is all but over for 2009 with the new shortened format of pennants before and after Christmas. Sale has several teams well poised to have a tilt at a flag. We wish them well and hope that they can bring home a pennant for themselves, their teams and their Club. We will have a full report next newsletter.

In the meantime we have been lucky enough to have four season long supporters of our three set winners and Saturday afternoon spinning wheel.

The **Star Hotel** continues their support from 2008/09 with venue vouchers for our three set winners. **David's Menswear** is a new supporter for 2009 and has kindly donated a voucher for each week of pennant. **Lakeside Bowls** is another new supporter for 2009 that have also provided venue vouchers for each week. There can be no doubt of the popularity of these prizes when you see the anticipation from our three set winners as numbers are drawn out and winners announced to smiles and cheers from the eager crowd that gathers at 6.00 pm on match days. In a unique initiative we now have a sponsor of our spinning wheel. **Hibiscus Warehouse Furniture Importing** provides a voucher for the winner of the first spin of the wheel each Saturday night. Even if you only spin up \$1, at least you also get a voucher to buy some beautiful furniture and household décor items from Hibiscus Warehouse. Thank you to our Saturday sponsors and all of the businesses around the town who support us in our endeavours to make ours a better Club.

## Meg Mogridge Ballkid Update

Meg has had a busy schedule as she prepares to become a ballkid for the Australian Open 2010. In November Meg had three training sessions – on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Melbourne Park. The first of these training sessions was held on a very hot day and provided a good idea of what to expect in January next year.

During the final session ballkids were graded on ability so that they could be allocated specific courts at the beginning of the Oz Open. The organisers attempt to ensure that each ballkid gets at least one session on Rod Laver Arena during the tournament, which is very exciting.

The next training session is on 18 December where Meg will attend an induction session and will be presented with her uniform and she will also receive her accreditation pass to allow entry to Melbourne Park and all of those mysterious restricted “staff only” areas within it.

We look forward to a full report in our next newsletter. Watch out for Meg on the telly as she stars on Centre Court!

(For an idea of where starting as a ballkid can lead see the article from Kelly Krusic at the end of this newsletter.)

## Midweek Ladies News

### **2009 Summer Pennant Results**

Grand finals that were scheduled for November 30 were washed out and therefore were rescheduled to 7 December at Maffra.

There are two Sale teams in the Grand Final.

#### **Section 2A Sale Sorcerers**

Heather Ronchi  
Karen Pollett  
Debbie Krusic  
Debbie Issepie

#### **Section 2B Sale Witches**

Debbie Cooper  
Rachael Bye  
Cheryl Cope  
Michelle Shanahan/Sharon Cuthill/Kayleen Glover

We wish them well and will have a full report in the next newsletter.

## **2010 Winter Pennant News**

We are always on the lookout for new players to join Monday Ladies. The selection committee is in the process of putting together the 2010 winter teams. Anyone interested in playing should contact Debbie Krusic as soon as possible on 5149 7250.

## **Hit and Giggle**

Thursdays at 10am.

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

Dehlia has been running this session for nearly 10 years! This is a great social hit of tennis, lots of talk and laughter with the group going to lunch at least twice a term. This is good for those wanting to keep their eye in but who aren't that keen on playing competition at this stage.

## Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom generously joins us again in the 2009/10 season to sponsor our Player of the Year. This is their fourth season and we really appreciate their support. The male and female player with the best statistics at season end will be awarded the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year.

The Top 10 as of the end of November are:

	<b>Female Player</b>		<b>Male Player</b>	
1.	Misty Cook	8.11	Aaron Kennedy	13.22
2.	Krystal Rawnsen	7.44	Lee Schuback	10.78
3.	Linda Rawnsen	6.43	Abe Schuback	9.22
4.	Bree Kaandorp	6.33	Rhett Nelson	7.89
5.	Brooke Stewart	6.33	Wayne Dennis	6.38
6.	Hailey Shanahan	6.11	Scott Templeton	6.29
7.	Leanne Wilson	6.00	Peter Chappell	6.00
8.	Karen Deschepper	5.78	Aaron Patten	5.56
9.	Kelly Burgiel	4.44	Kane Martin	5.44
10.	Carmel Elliott	4.33	Tom Wilson	5.33

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.



## COACH'S CORNER

The Club Championships are over and it was fitting to see that both of the Open Singles Champions were the players who make the least number of errors. They might not hit the most winners but not many players hit more winners than errors and therefore they tend to lose more often than they win.

If Roger Federer finishes a match with 16 winners and 28 unforced errors he is quite happy with his game so for amateur players to think they could go through a match with more winners than unforced errors is unrealistic.

In my opinion the worst error is to hit the ball into the net and during the Club Championships it is fair to say that not many balls that came off either Abe's or Krystal's racquet hit the net. (Unfortunately in Abe's case)

To ensure that the ball is hit up and over make sure that you bend your knees to the ball and not you're upper body and that you hit up on each shot from the baseline.

Remember that if you hit the ball over you always have a chance to win the point – but if the ball hits the net you have no chance at all.

Please check the website for upcoming events at [www.topspintennis.net.au](http://www.topspintennis.net.au)



## Junior News

### **Tennis East Gippsland Points Tournaments**

Two of the four Tennis East Gippsland points tournaments have been held in Sale and Bairnsdale this season.

Sale players performing well so far include:

Nick Hogan and Tom Foley in the 10/U boys,

Alex Trett and Jack Foley in the 12/U boys,

Kelsey Weir in the 12/U girls,

Sarah Trett, Lexie Joyce, Jamie Mitchell & Megan Harrison in the 14/U girls

Sam Hogan in the 14/U boys

Aaron Spencer in the 16/U boys

The last tournament will be played at Lakes Entrance on Feb 14<sup>th</sup> before the Masters on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Saturday Pennant**

All Sale teams are having great success this year with our leading players enjoying the new competition in the STC A Grade competition. Sale Downie and Elliman lead the way but all 6 teams seem evenly matched.

In Section 4 Sale Hart is on top of the ladder, Section 5 McHattie is second, Section 6 Cook on top, Section 7 Smalley second, Section 8 Brock second, and in Section 9 Gerrand and Rawnson are first and second and look a good chance to play off in the finals.

### **Under 18 Country Cup**

This event has been resurrected onto the Tennis Victoria calendar. The event will be played at Glen Iris on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of January. Tennis East Gippsland will select 2 boys and 2 girls to represent our region. Entrants must be under 18 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2010. Anyone interested in nominating must do so by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact Nick Board or look for the information on the Tennis East Gippsland website at [www.tenniseastgippsland.com](http://www.tenniseastgippsland.com)

### **Meet Some Aussie Stars**

Tennis Australia are bringing the Australian Open Cup to Traralgon Tennis Club on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm. Todd Woodbridge and Nicole Bradke will be there for a question and answer session amongst other activities. If you come dressed in tennis attire you have a chance to win Australian Open tickets. For further information contact Suzie Grumley on 0448 551 610.

### **John Fitzgerald Cup**

The John Fitzgerald Cup, the regional tournament for 13 & Under Boys was held at Geelong on November 1 and 2. **Alex Trett** represented STC in the Tennis East Gippsland team that finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 10 teams. A competitive result and a good reward for the long journey to Geelong.

### **Foundation Cup**

Traralgon Tennis Club was the venue for the 2009 Foundation Cup for 13 & Under Girls. **Sarah Trett** was included in the Tennis East Gippsland team. In a strong display the TEG team finished 4<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 10.

## Out & About

### **Dylan Jack Board Enters the World**

**Dylan Board** arrived in the world in the evening of September 2, 2009. Already taking after his father, Nick, he was somewhat late. Kylie believes that he was well worth the wait. Mother and son are both doing well (By all accounts Nick had a relatively painless birth.) and Charlotte is delighted that she is no longer the smallest person in the house. It is already rumoured that Charlotte and Dylan are being set to represent Australia in the 2029 Hopman Cup. We hope they can find a good coach!! Congratulations and best wishes to Kylie, Nick and Charlotte on the arrival of Dylan into their family.

### **All of a Sutton**

Congratulations to Nicole and Jim Sutton on the safe arrival of **Remy George** on October 8. Nicole has been a popular player around our Club for many years and was a winner of a Thursday Night Pennant just months before Remy's arrival. Remy joins Waltley and Acacia in what should at the very least be a dynamic American Doubles combination until Nicole and Jim decide to fill the full doubles court. We do wonder however why it was not possible to sneak his grandfathers name in somewhere. Perhaps there can be only one Norbert!

### **Ballkids**

The mention of ballkids from Sale Tennis Club has revealed that we have had at least two other members become ballkids at the Australian Open. Kelly Krusic and Craig Northway were both selected in 1999. Craig went on to be a ballkid for the following two years. Kelly Krusic has kindly given us an insight into the world of professional umpiring in the article that follows our newsletter.

### **Community Spirit**

On the night before Fathers Day vandals visited our courts and dragged away two tennis nets which they deposited unceremoniously into Lake Guthridge. However such is the community spirit that exists in Sale that Robin Lowe, had three calls from early morning walkers letting us know where to retrieve our nets. By the time Robin was dragging the nets out of the lake (very biblical but unfortunately no fish!) he was joined by Mike Riley, our Tuesday night coordinator, who also had a call and who helped recover them and restore them to the courts. While vandalism seems to be a modern scourge it is heartening to live in a community that is so well connected and caring as to at least put the damage right. Well done and thank you to those caring citizens who make our community a great place to live.

### **Errata**

In our last newsletter we omitted **Thomson River Golf** from our sponsors list. We apologise to the proprietor, Laurie Ince, for the oversight. Thomson River Golf have been great supporters of our Club, providing chairs from their function room for seating at our WHK International and helping out with the cleanup during our court upgrades. With summer now with us this is a great time to visit this picturesque course within walking distance of Sale CBD.



## Signs

Our last working bee was very well attended with nearly 20 people doing all sorts of jobs around the Club. Well done to all those that contributed. One of the jobs was to sort out our sponsors signs and get them all to a uniform height and placement. Given the high wind on the day and the work involved it did not get finished, in fact it was barely started. We are pleased to report that Club Captain, Murray Fitzclarence, and Wayne Dennis, have now finished the job. They have been spotted up their ladders in the period leading up to summer pennant getting all of our very important sponsors' signs into shape. (Hopefully the ball toss from those pesky left handed servers will not now come directly out of the camouflage of the signs and we normal people will all have some chance to return serve.)

## Good Sports

Most members are aware that Sale Tennis Club is a Level 3 Good Sports accredited club. (This is the highest level) During November we were visited by Rod Glenn-Smith, Victorian State Manager for Good Sports. Rod contributed to the ongoing accreditation process and addressed the General Committee on the benefits of the program and some of the success stories that Good Sports has had over the past few years. Rod was impressed with the progress and commitment to the program that Sale Tennis Club has demonstrated and has vowed to visit us again whenever he gets the chance.

## Christmas Raffle

Tickets in our Christmas Raffle are now selling. At only \$1 each these could be the best Christmas bargain that you can buy.

The prizes are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Two Nights Accommodation at The Esplanade Resort and Spa in Lakes Entrance.**



This fantastic prize includes a cruise on the magnificent Gippsland Lakes on the Thunderbird. If you are not lucky enough to win the raffle just give them a call on 03 5155 3533 and a wonderful stay can still be all yours.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Two Centre Court Tickets to the Australian Open and Two Ground Passes.** Take the whole family and enjoy a great day at our Grand Slam.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Birds Nest Mirror and Set of Pots from Hibiscus Warehouse.** Michael and Debbie Fox are great supporters of our Club. Check out their full range in the Dyers Industrial Estate.

**4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Two Full Sides of Lamb from Gordyn's Abattoir.** Just in time for Christmas this will really liven up your summer bar-b-ques with spring lamb from Gippsland's best abattoir.

**5<sup>th</sup> Prize - \$100 Venue Voucher from the Star Hotel.** Voted one of Victoria's best small hotels The Star Hotel offers dining and gaming in a friendly, relaxed environment.

**6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Dinner Voucher from Redd Catt.** Treat yourself at one of Gippsland's iconic restaurants. With a funky décor and a menu to match Redd Catt promises a special night out.

Winners will be drawn after the finals of Wellington Tennis Summer Pennant on Sunday December 13. Tickets are available from the Clubhouse.

### **“Gippsland’s Own” Olivia Rogowska**

Melbourne resident, Olivia Rogowska, is a rising Aussie star on the WTA circuit. In October she reached No. 156 in the world. During 2009 she reached the second round of the French Open defeating Maria Kirilenko and took former world No.1 Dinara Safina to three sets in the US Open. However few people are aware that Olivia has a local connection. Olivia’s grandmother lives in Seaspray and Olivia spent many of her summer holidays hitting a ball on the Seaspray tennis courts. She can still be seen occasionally at Seaspray refining her stroke and as we all know if you can play good tennis in the Seaspray “breeze” you can play great tennis anywhere. No doubt she will be hoping for the advantage of some strong winds during the Australian Open Play-Off’s as she vies for a spot in the main draw. We wish Olivia all the best with her 2010 season and beyond.

### **Jumpin’ Around**

The opening of the John Leslie Grandstand was made special for the younger people in attendance with the presence of a magnificent jumping castle from Jumpin’ Around. If you think a jumping castle would make your event more fun please contact them on 03 5143 1883. Thanks to the kind folk from Jumpin’ Around for making a special day more special.

### **Quote**

Sometimes you wish for a lighter load and sometimes you wish for broader shoulders.

### **Calender of Events**

* December 6	Junior TEG Circuit 3rd Lead in – Maffra – 10/U, 12/U, 14/U & 16/U
* December 12	Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Elimination Finals
* December 13	Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Grand Finals
* December 13	Christmas Breakup During Wellington Tennis Finals
* December 12-13	Wayne Arthurs Cup 10/U Boys – Kooyong
* January 15-16	Under 18 Country Cup – Glen Iris
* January 18-31	Australian Open – Melbourne Park
* January 23	Wellington Tennis Second Senior Season Commences
* February 14	Junior TEG Circuit 4th Lead in–Lakes Ent.–10/U,12/U,14/U&16/U
* February 21	Wellington Tennis Championships – Elimination Rounds
* February 28	Wellington Tennis Championships – Finals
* March 10	Junior TEG Circuit Finals – Bairnsdale – 10/U, 12/U, 14/U & 16/U
* March 20	Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Elimination Finals
* March 21	Wellington Tennis Saturday Pennant Grand Finals
* March 28 – 31	Victorian Clay Court Championships – Sale Tennis Club

### **Email Addresses**

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## **Kelly Krusic – Ball Kid to International Umpire**

I first worked at the Australian Open in 1999 as a ball girl. I didn't apply the following years as I had Victorian team commitments. In 2002 I completed a "Future Leaders" program with Tennis Victoria and they invited participants from this program to assist on their stand at the Australian Open. I worked on the stand as a volunteer in 2003 and 2004. In 2004 an umpire came to our stand. I was interested in their job and asked lots of questions and obtained contact details for the local umpiring division. When I moved to Melbourne in 2005, I contacted the Victorian umpiring division and went along to a line umpire course in February 2005. The 2006 Australian Open was my first Grand Slam as a line umpire. I have worked the Australian Open as a line umpire in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009. I also worked as a chair umpire in 2009 and have been selected for chair and line umpiring again in 2010. My biggest highlight at the Australian Open so far has been line umpiring the 2008 Men's Final between Djokovic and Tsonga.

In Australia I have also line and/or chair umpired at the Brisbane International, Junior Davis/Federation Cup, Australian Open Wildcard Playoffs and qualifying, Australian Wheelchair Championships, Men's and Women's Pro Tour events, State Grade Men's Finals, various Junior ITF tournaments, Kooyong International, Burnie Challenger and many more.

This year I spent 3 ½ months in Europe travelling and working at tennis events as an official. I worked at the Rome International, Madrid Masters, Wimbledon Qualifying, ATP and WTA Swedish Open (Bastad), all as a line umpire, and I chair umpired two weeks of Futures Events in Germany.

I am planning on travelling to Europe for 4 months next year. I have also been selected to officiate at the Commonwealth Games in India in October 2010. This is the first time tennis has been included in the Commonwealth Games. I will be chair umpiring Pro Tour events in Darwin, Mt Gambier, Port Pirie and Bendigo in the coming months.

All umpiring is graded and it takes time and commitment to attain the experience required to achieve higher gradings. At the moment I am a White Badge umpire and I am hoping at the end of next year to apply and be accepted into a course to obtain my Bronze Badge (international chair umpire badge). To be selected to be an official at any event I must submit a separate application form for each event.

Some of my goals are to officiate at an Olympics, at all the Grand Slams, a Davis Cup Final and my ultimate goal is to chair umpire an Australian Open Women's final. All of these things are achievable with a lot of hard work.