



# NEWSLETTER

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## Life Members Day Results

In accordance with long established tradition Life Members Day opened fine and mild. Our arrangement with the weather Gods is a very satisfactory one. Our 6<sup>th</sup> Life Members Day coincided with our Club's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday; a great cause for celebration. To help with our celebrations we had a great crowd lead by the Best and the Flint families and Club members, new and old. It was fantastic to have some of our Life Members as our special guests. Present were **Don Schuback, Helen Gerrand, Jan Saville, Gary Schuback, Betty Flint** and **Bruce Carter**. It was also great to see past Club Champions **Tom Downie** and **Graeme Jones** return to the Club for the day.

The day's activities started with a wonderful lunch put on by our hard working members. A big "Thanks" go our salad makers, **Di Arnot, Karen Deschepper, Kim Dennis, Ali Whitlock, Betty Flint, Kylie Board, Carmel Elliott, Joan Lowe** and **Nene Flint**. Our chefs were **Chris Deschepper** and **Wayne Dennis** while **Murray Fitzclarence** and **Glenn Schuback** manned the bar.



Former Club Champions at Life Members Day 2010: Col French, Tom Downie, Bruce Carter, Karen Brown, Glenn Schuback & Nick Board.

Our intrepid competitors signed up for three sets of tennis for the afternoon and so the action began. With a plethora of Flint's on show, some of them wielding racquets from the 70's, the tennis was something to behold. At the end of a memorable days combat we had a winner, by a very close margin, of the **Monica Best Memorial Trophy** and the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy**. The winners were **Amy Flint** and **Craig Pitt**. It was an exciting day for the Flint family as both winners are Ian Flint's grandchildren. Amy is the daughter of Mark and Janine while Craig is the son of Nene Flint. Both winners were delighted to win on their grandfather's memorial day. Craig is no stranger to this event having won the Ian Flint Memorial some years ago.

Our Monica Best Memorial runner up was Monica's daughter, **Susan Jones**. Susan won this event a few years ago and very nearly did it again. Our Ian Flint Memorial runner up is new member, **Mark Dipietro**. Mark has recently joined Tuesday nights and Saturday pennant. It is great to see him making an impact so early.

A further highlight of the day was the cutting of our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake. The honours were done by **Don** and **Cath Schuback**. Few have done more for our Club than this wonderful couple and it was fitting that they cut the cake to celebrate our first 60 years. We wonder how many cakes Cath may have made on behalf of the Sale Tennis Club over the years.



Cath & Don Schuback cut the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake

The full results were:

	<i>Monica Best Memorial Trophy</i>	<i>Ian Flint Memorial Trophy</i>
<i>Winners</i>	<b>Amy Flint</b>	<b>Craig Pitt</b>
<i>Runners up</i>	<b>Susan Jones</b>	<b>Mark Dipietro</b>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>	<b>Lisa Harrison</b>	<b>Chris Deschepper</b>
<i>4<sup>th</sup></i>	<b>Kim Hutton</b>	<b>Bryce Jones</b>
		<b>Robin Lowe</b>





Amy Flint, Monica Best Memorial Winner and Craig Pitt, Ian Flint Memorial Winner

With afternoon tea finished we had the presentation of the trophies to our winners. **Kurt Best**, representing the Best family, presented the Monica Best Memorial Trophy while **Betty Flint** represented the Flint family in presenting the Ian Flint Memorial Trophy.

After the presentations we had the traditional raffle. Our sincere appreciation goes to our raffle sponsors. They were:

<b>Chefs @ Home Restaurant</b>	<b>Howard &amp; Schuback Megasports</b>	<b>Hibiscus Warehouse</b>
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# Players Auction

No.	Section	Team	Player Name	Purchased By
1	4	Yellow	Kenny Waite	MT Syndicate
2	1	Black	Hailey Shanahan	Leanne Wilson
3	3	Hot Pink	Nicole Hodge	Aaron Patten & Lee Schuback
4	1	Silver	Rhett Nelson	Wayne Dennis
5	2	Blue	Wayne Dennis	Kim Dennis
6	3	Orange	Mark DiPiettro	Steve Shanahan
7	1	Silver	Kane Martin	Tom Wilson
8	3	Platinum	Michelle Shanahan	Steve Shanahan
9	2	Green	Andrew Brittan	LED Syndicate
10	3	Hot Pink	Chelsea Rawnsen	LED Syndicate
11	4	Yellow	Kate Fox	LED Syndicate
12	3	Platinum	Tony Taylor	Kylie Board
13	1	Gold	Tom Wilson	Mick Wilson
14	2	Green	Bruce Tatterson	LED Syndicate
15	2	Blue	Debbie Kaandorp	MT Syndicate
16	3	Orange	Debbie Cooper	Steve Shanahan
17	3	Hot Pink	Aaron Patten	MT Syndicate
18	1	Silver	Megan Harrison	Kylie Board
19	3	Platinum	Karen Deschepper	LED Syndicate
20	3	Orange	Colin Bath	Colin Bath
21	1	Gold	Lexie Joyce	Steve Shanahan
22	4	Yellow	Steve Zaal	LED Syndicate
23	3	Hot Pink	Harry Kaandorp	Wayne Dennis
24	2	Green	Jacky Richards	Karen Deschepper
25	1	Gold	Nick Board	MT Syndicate
26	1	Black	Misty Cook	Steve Shanahan
27	4	Yellow	Sophie Hanratty	LED Syndicate
28	2	Blue	Scott Templeton	Mark Elliman
29	1	Silver	Bree Kaandorp	Wayne Dennis
30	1	Black	Josh Deschepper	LED Syndicate
31	3	Orange	Suzanne Ross	Karen Deschepper
32	3	Platinum	Steve Shanahan	Glenn Schuback
33	2	Blue	Leanne Wilson	Mick Wilson
34	4	Yellow	Lachlan Harper	Peter Lowe
35	2	Green	Trudi Mallows	Mark Elliman
36	3	Platinum	Paul Egan	Karen Deschepper
37	1	Gold	Kylie Board	LED Syndicate
38	3	Orange	Russell Stevens	LED Syndicate
39	2	Green	Peter Chappell	LED Syndicate
40	3	Hot Pink	Jo Mynard	LED Syndicate
41	4	Yellow	Sam Foat	LED Syndicate
42	3	Hot Pink	Lee Schuback	MT Syndicate
43	1	Black	James Cooper	Hailey Shanahan
44	1	Black	Paige Wilson	Mick Wilson
45	2	Blue	Paul Swarski	Kane Martin
46	3	Orange	Kate Hanratty	Michelle Shanahan
47	1	Gold	Sarah Jolly	Kane Martin
48	2	Green	Ashley Harper	LED Syndicate
49	1	Black	John Burge	Steve Shanahan
50	3	Platinum	Rebecca Wells	Michelle Shanahan
51	1	Silver	Aaron Kennedy	Steve Shanahan
52	2	Blue	Kim Dennis	Nick Board
53	1	Silver	Carmel Elliot	Steve Shanahan
54	1	Gold	Abe Schuback	Karen Deschepper

The annual player's auction was held on October 9. The objective is to own the players who concede the least number of games each week of Saturday pennant and claim the cash prize. We had a smaller than usual crowd but this did not seem to dampen the enthusiasm of those that were there. After everyone had enjoyed a bar-b-que tea put on by our ever reliable catering crew, **John Elliman**, of **John Elliman Real Estate**, set out to auction all 54 of our Saturday Pennant players. As usual he did a formidable job and managed to get them all sold to an enthusiastic crowd of bidders and spectators.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to a good night, especially our auctioneer **John Elliman**, our caterers and to everyone who purchased or bid on a player.

## Night Pennant Player Lists

Our night pennants are now entering finals and we will have a full report on the winners 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 and enjoy many great evenings of tennis and social activities under our fantastic 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.

If you require further details please contact the following:

Monday Night	Nick Board	0407 863 463
Tuesday Night	Mike Riley	5143 2444
Wednesday Night	Nick Board	0407 863 463
Thursday Night	Robin Lowe	5144 7582

The new season is due to commence in the first week of February so don't miss out on getting your name on the board. Get in early before the confusion of Christmas and look forward to a wonderful season of tennis in 2011.

## Monday Night Men's Competition

Thanks to **Abe Schuback**, who rounded up 20 keen starters for the 2010 Monday Night Men's Competition, we kicked off a short, sharp season starting in September. It was great to see an emerging junior in each team and their transition into seniors will be greatly assisted by their experience within these teams.

With 5 teams and only 5 rounds the competition for a finals spot was fierce from Round 1. Come finals time 1 v's 2 was:

Team 1	Josh Deschepper	Team 2	Abe Schuback
	Peter Chappell		Wayne Dennis
	Michael Smith		Aaron Spencer
	Murray Fitzclarence		Brian Lazzaro

At the end of 4 tight sets it was Team 1 who were the victors. This represents a back to back victory for Josh Deschepper who triumphed in the same event last year. Well done to our organiser, Abe and to all who played in good spirit and spirited competition.

# Good Sports Regional Club of the Year Winner

Sale Tennis Club has been awarded the Good Sports Regional Club of the Year for Gippsland. The Good Sports program is an initiative of the Australian Drug Foundation and aims to:

- Highlight clubs important role in the community.
- Help clubs serve and sell alcohol within the law.
- Reduce alcohol related problems (e.g. binge and underage drinking, violence, etc.)
- Increase club viability.
- Enable clubs meet their duty of care obligations.
- Eliminate drink driving incidents.
- Provide free ongoing education and support.

The Good Sports organisation has worked closely with our Club to change the culture and attitude of our membership toward a more responsible outlook to alcohol use. This is a significant honour for our Club and recognises the work that we have done over the past decade to change our culture. This is especially important because of our large junior membership and the need to establish positive role models and provide a safe and welcoming environment for juniors and family groups.

The information that was provided to Good Sports included:

- Club profile
- Club history
- Key things the Club did to create change
- Challenges and difficulties
- Outcomes – how the Club has changed
  - *Reduction in general alcohol consumption*
  - *Reduction in alcohol related problems*
  - *Increased Club viability*
  - *Responsible Serving of Alcohol training*
  - *STC's positive contribution to the community via sport, economic stimulus and social connectedness*

Our nomination was very kindly supported by our Patron, Mr Peter Ryan, the Member for South Gippsland, who provided additional background to our submission.

We have also been nominated for the Victorian Good Sports Club of the Year. The ADF will make its decision on the eventual winner in the coming month. We hope to have good news of our success in the judging but we have already won much more than recognition; we have achieved a new attitude to alcohol and have a safer and more welcoming Club.

For the record the critical points covered during the Responsible Serving of Alcohol course are:

- Alcohol and the law
- Legal responsibilities
- Underage drinking
- Alcohol effects & concerns
- Alcohol facts
- Fines and signs
- Refusing service
- Duty of care

While each of these areas are essential to our Good Sports program and to us retaining our Liquor Licence, the sections covering underage drinking and legal responsibilities are particularly relevant to us as a Club. We must remain vigilant to ensure that we always ensure that we are not directly or inadvertently supplying alcohol to anybody who is underage and that we fully understand our responsibilities as far as licencing laws are concerned.

## In This Year - 1980

In 1980:

- Malcolm Fraser was Prime Minister of Australia.
- The PacMan arcade game was released.
- John Lennon was murdered.
- Ronald Reagan was elected US President.
- The first fax machine was available in Japan. (Internet took a lot more years.)
- Post-It Notes were first sold.
- Millions tuned in to their TV's to see "Who shot J.R. Ewing?" in the soapy, Dallas.
- Alice Cooper, KC & The Sunshine Band, Pink Floyd, ABBA, David Bowie, Electric Light Orchestra and Queen topped the charts.
- The US boycotted the Moscow Olympic Games in protest of the invasion of Afghanistan.

**AND**

- **Bruce Carter becomes curator at Sale Tennis Club.** (His namesake, Jimmy Carter, is the retiring US President in this same year.)

30 years as Club curator is a fantastic effort and represents service for exactly half of the years the Club has existed. Bruce has been at our Club overseeing each of the major changes we have seen at our Club in this last 30 years. This has included all of the low lighting on our courts, the building of the PlexiPave courts, the extensions to our Clubhouse, the redevelopment of Courts 1 and 2, the John Leslie Grandstand and a myriad of other upgrades and changes. All of these have involved an enormous amount of Bruce's time and expertise. Bruce maintains our records of where every hose, wire and pipe goes under the ground around our Club. In fact, we dare not dig anywhere without we check with Bruce first.

Bruce is also our living history book. He remembers almost everybody that has been involved with the Club over that period and earlier and often can still tell you where they are now. However, not content to just record history, Bruce has made a fair bit of his own. He was Club Champion for the five years from 1982/83 to 1986/87, STHA Champion in 1976/77 and East Gippsland Regional Champion in 1988/89. In addition he was Club President for four years, 1980/82 and 1985/87 as well as serving on General Committee for many years and is a Life Member of our Club.

It is not possible to overestimate the contribution that Bruce has made to the Sale Tennis Club. We hope he remains our curator for another 30 years. From everyone at the Sale Tennis Club we thank you Bruce for an outstanding contribution to our Club.

## Strategic Priorities – 2011 and Beyond

At the November General Committee meeting each committee member was asked to set their Number 1, 2, and 3 priorities for the Club for 2011 and beyond. The intention was to set the strategic direction of the Club for 2011 and beyond and to ensure that we are devoting our energy and resources toward outcomes that fit with the long term vision for the good governance and long term success of our Club.

The strategic priorities were then ranked on a 3, 2 and 1 basis to get an overall score. The list and ranking was as follows:

- A part time or full time employee to administer the Club, run competitions, drive membership growth and assist the three Committees with their roles.
- Lights on the Plexipave courts
- Commence the preliminary feasibility on the upgrade of our en-tout-cas courts.
- Greater utilisation of the Club and courts in winter.
- Install and after hours results box.



- Conduct a successful Junior Points Tournament next June.
- Increased water efficiency around the Club including consideration of water tanks.
- Paint and upgrade the Clubhouse – inside and out.
- Host and conduct a veteran's tournament.
- Increase our Monday ladies by at least one more team.
- Sale Tennis Club members to attend Tennis Victoria Tennis Officials course to qualify to assist with tournament administration and conduct.
- Club to purchase a 12 seat bus for use by travelling teams, juniors, etc.
- Upgrade/install internet to the Club and investigate other desirable technology.
- Collect proper fees from non-members for casual court usage and hire.
- To host a tennis day in support of a charity.
- Upgrade the Sale Tennis Club trophy cabinet to display our proud history.
- Move toward lockable areas around our courts so as to limit vandalism.

The three committees that have been entrusted with the management of our Club will be working toward achieving as many of these strategic priorities as possible. They have been ranked as: 1. To be achieved in the next 12 months 2. To be worked on in 1 to 5 years and; 3. Outcomes that may take longer.

Do you have any other priorities that you passionately believe should be on this list? If so please email us at [theelms@netspace.net.au](mailto:theelms@netspace.net.au) and have your say on the future of your Club.



# COACH'S CORNER

Term 4 is nearing completion, and the coaches hope that all students have had as much fun at school as they have during their tennis lessons.

With the Club Championships already upon us it is a great time to discuss footwork and the ability to stay in points retrieving seemingly impossible shots.

We are going to discuss the **4 f's**.

You need ***fleet feet*** if you are going to get to the ball in the first place. (Tennis requires many directional changes - forward, backward, laterally and diagonally.)

***Footwork*** is crucial and will enable you to align yourself properly with balance to the oncoming ball. The ability to slide on en-tout-cas is mandatory.

***Flexibility*** is also an often forgotten skill in tennis. Have a look at the pro's and the positions they get themselves into when running down some shots.

***Fitness*** will give you the stamina needed to sustain your fleetness, footwork and flexibility over the duration of any match.

**Reminder to all coaching students that the Topspin Tennis Christmas Break up and Tennis Fun Day is on Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Ask your coach for details.**

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

**Good luck and enjoy the summer break**

## Junior News

Recent highlights with juniors include 3 Sale players being selected to represent the region for the 13/U Fitzgerald Cup played at Creswick recently. Well done to Bailey Hill, Jack Foley and Thomas Foley.

Lexie Joyce also gained selection for the East Gippsland region in the Ambassadors Cup played at Tatura last week.

TEG points tournaments have started for the season with Bailey Hill, Thomas Foley and Laura Jones doing well in the 12/U , while in the 14/U Jack Foley , Brandon Henness , Corey Scott and Jamie Mitchell have done well. There are 3 more tournaments for the summer with the leading 8 players for each age qualifying for the end of year Masters Final.

In Saturday pennant Sale teams, Rawnson (Sect 3), Pritchard and Cashman (Sect 4), Brown (Sect 5), Cook and Hart (Sect 6) and Board (Sect 8) are all at or near the top of the ladder.

The Club recently took a representative squad to Bairnsdale for the annual Dahlsens Challenge. Congratulations to Hailey Shanahan (Captain), Paige Wilson, Logan Deschepper, Jack Collins, Megan Harrison, Lexie Joyce, Cohan Schuback, Bradley Olsson, Thomas Foley, Bailey Hill, Taylor Stephenson, Chandler Hollands, Laura Jones, Hunter Pearce, Meghan Gordyn and Bridgett Hanratty. Leading senior player Misty Cook was Team Manager for the day with Glenn Schuback driving the bus. Besides a great day of tennis for all, the players enjoyed the “Maccas” on the way home courtesy of the Club while the 10 and 12 and Under players got to learn from the more experienced players as well as play some terrific pranks on them. Well done to all.

### Important dates

TEG points tournament (Maffra) – Dec 12

TEG points tournament (Lakes Entrance) – Feb 13

TEG points tournament (Sale) – Feb/March TBA

TEG Masters Final – Mar 26

## Midweek Ladies News

### 2010 Season Two

Our 2010 season has come to an end. It was a short season with very few hiccups and lots of chats. Thank you to all players who participated in such a cheerful and sporting manner.

Our aggregate winners were: Section 1, Carmel Elliott; Section 2, Kay Bedggood and Section 3, Debbie Krusic.

Three out of our five teams made it into the finals series.

We played our preliminary finals on November 15 with mixed results:

**Section 1:** Carmel Elliott, Karen Brown, Jo Ballinger and Sandra Pritchett won against a very strong Maffra side bolstered by the very competitive Tania Heaton-Harris filling in for the injured Bernice Clarke. This takes them direct to the Grand Final.

**Section 2:** Jill Anderson, Carolyn Dyer, Celeste Jackson and Kaye Bedggood put on a good battle against the unbeaten Briagolong girls however at the end of the day the Briagolong girls were stronger. Our Section 2 ladies then faced the Nambrok ladies at Stratford on 22nd of November but unfortunately, after a good battle, were not successful.

**Section 3:** Debbie Krusic, Kayleen Glover, Debbie Jackson and Amanda Jackson were pipped at the post by a strong Briagolong team.

Grand finals were scheduled for Stratford on 29th of November. However the weather intervened and the washout will be played on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Good luck to our Section 1 girls.

## 2011 Season One

Our next season will start on 7th February 2011. Hit up at 9.45am, play begins at 10am.

We are always on the look out for new players so please encourage any interested ladies to make contact with Carmel Elliott or Debbie Krusic.

The Ladies Committee have also set some goals for the next few years. These are:

### Goals for the next 12 Months

- Install the after hours results box.
- To have at least one more ladies team competing.
- To run a Wellington Ladies Day Round Robin for a Charity.

### Goals to achieve within the next 5 Years

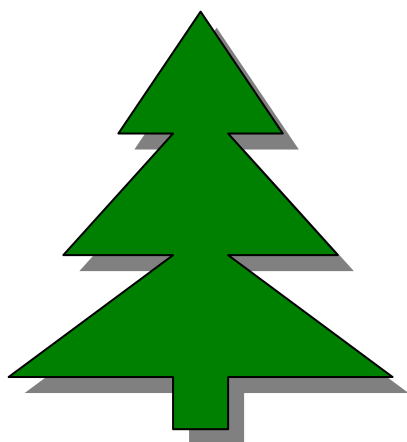
- To have internet at the Club.
- To increase the number of ladies playing both socially and competitively.
- To increase the number of ladies involved in the ladies committee.
- To improve the committee's storage facilities within the clubrooms.

## Code of Conduct Bites

Tennis Australia has put some real bite in their Code of Conduct rules by banning three Australian players from the Australian Open Wildcard Playoffs due to misconduct. The three players are Nick Lindahl, Brydan Klein and Dayne Kelly, all of whom have played in Sale. The ban means that they will have to take their chances in the Open qualifying event. Tennis Australia director of men's tennis, Todd Woodbridge, said Lindahl, Klein and Kelly had overstepped the mark once too often. "This action has been taken following reports of numerous accounts of unacceptable behaviour both locally and internationally over the past few months" said Woodbridge. "All players are expected to abide by Tennis Australia's code of ethics and behaviour. This decision will send a clear message to all Australian players that breaching this code will not be supported by Tennis Australia. The opportunity to participate ..... is a privilege not a right."

The lesson here is that all tennis players are expected to abide by the Tennis Australia Code of Conduct, no matter what level they play at. The Code is designed to make tennis fair and fun for all players at all levels. Please understand your obligations and make sure that you abide by them. To review the Code visit [www.saletennisclub.com](http://www.saletennisclub.com) and follow the link to "Code of Conduct."

## Christmas Celebrations



The traditional Christmas break up will be on **Saturday December 11** at the Clubhouse. The night will include a bar-b-que 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 from 6.30 pm.

The trophy presentations for the Senior Club Championships and the Honour Board events for the Junior Club Championships will be made on this night. We will also have a presentation to our Monday Men's Competition Grand Final winners and another important milestone presentation.

## Out & About

### Happy Birthday Polly

Our much loved former Treasurer, **Karen Pollett**, had a milestone birthday in September, one of the ones that end in an "O". (We assume it was 40 although surely 30 is not out of the question?) Karen celebrated with her friends at Redd Catt until the small hours of the night and then abandoned back to Macalister Street to finish what she started. The night was a wonderful celebration with family and friends and, true to form, Polly was surrounded by the very best of friends. There were some great speeches but in a significant departure from long accepted protocol some of her "former" friends forgot the rule that "What happens on the road, stays on the road." (This lead to the startling but somewhat curious discovery that the collective noun for a mole, that adorable little underground animal, is a "labour" of moles, not a pack, as was initially thought.) "Happy Birthday Polly" from everybody at Sale Tennis Club and may you celebrate many, many more.

### Extraordinary Savings

**Barry Flint** made the long trip across the Nullarbor Plains to join the rest of his family on Life Members Day. Since last he visited Barry has developed a taste for Corona beer (much to the detriment of VB). It turns out however that his "local" in Perth charges \$9 each for this prized beverage whereas our Club charges \$5, leading Baz to conclude "The more you drink the more you save". Needless to say Baz saved a small fortune and we had to dispatch a runner to get additional boxes of Corona before days end. Welcome back Baz!

### Congratulations to Mark & Ali

**Mark Elliman** and **Ali Whitlock** were married last weekend in a delightful ceremony and celebration at Toms Cap Winery in Willung South. Mark has been a Sale Tennis Club member for most of his life and after two years as Vice President is now our Club Secretary. Ali has played Thursday nights and (perhaps more importantly) is a regular contributor to our catering efforts. All at Sale Tennis Club wish them a long and happy life together.

### Home Invasion

Former Club Champion and President of the Junior Committee, **Glenn Schuback**, is a great contributor around the Club. It was no surprise then that he was more than happy to help get one of the Stephenson girls safely home from Bill Stephenson's wake. What was a surprise was when he delivered her to the wrong house. By all accounts he did get the right street but missed the house by at least four! Lucky they knocked first.

### Go Bulldogs

Congratulations to our Stephenson's Park co-tenant Sale City Football Club. The Bulldogs had the firsts, seconds and thirds in the Grand Final. While unsuccessful in the first two matches they claimed the major prize by defeating Rosedale in the firsts. Sale Tennis Club Men's Champion, Abe Schuback, was part of the winning team, along with Beau Wilson, son of Club stalwart, Leanne Wilson, who is the Sale City Captain. Well done Bulldogs on a remarkable achievement and a truly memorable season although rumour has it that some may have temporarily erased some of their memories in the post match excitement. Let's hope that this success spreads throughout all teams at Stephenson's Park.

### Pizza Perfection

Sandi Elliman never forgets her turn for supper on Thursday nights. However there was great excitement during a recent *Wednesday* night General Committee meeting when a very large slab of pizza turned up. With no players at the club the Committee members were very grateful for their complimentary snack although the Thursday players were a bit short the next night. Still at least there are 12 Committee members to deal with a huge pizza. John Elliman was not so lucky a month later when Thursday finals were washed out and a slab of pizza turned up on *his* doorstep instead. He did not believe that they even make pizzas that big. Needless to say Sandi has given the pizza shop a tune up and deliveries will in future be to the right place at the right time.

# Pan Pacific Games 2010

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November was the starting date for a packed week of sport held on the Gold Coast. With 11,200 participants in 34 different sports ranging from Archery to Water polo. Interstate competitors made up about 5000 and 900 came from overseas countries such as Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Guam.

Sale was represented by Murray Fitzclarence and Di Arnot in the tennis and Gary McMillan in athletics. With perfect weather and strong competition Murray finished the week with 2 silver and 2 bronze medals in Men's 50+ Doubles, Teams Mixed, Mixed doubles 50+ and Teams Men's respectively. Di won 3 silver and 1 bronze medal in Ladies Doubles 50+, Ladies Combined Age 100+, Teams Mixed and Mixed 50+. Tennis was played everyday from Saturday to Friday with a rest day on Tuesday.

Every night was a party at the convention centre with the opening ceremony on Saturday through to the closing ceremony the next Saturday. Entertainment was huge with Rockhouse featuring Ross Wilson and Dave Gleeson, Daryl Braithwaite, 1927, Acca Dacca and Rush Hour. All entertainment was free for participants and volunteers and with free buses running until 2am it was easy to get to and from the venue.

All competitors in all sports played in the spirit of the motto “Play it, Live it, Love it” with a very festive atmosphere throughout the entire week.





### **More Good Sports**

In addition to winning the Regional Good Sports Club of the Year mentioned earlier, 2010 marks the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that Sale Tennis Club has been a Level 3 Good Sports Club. Level 3 is the highest level that a club can achieve and is a significant milestone in the development of our Club. We are proud to say that while many at our Club do enjoy a drink they do so in a responsible manner and that we *do not* have a “booze culture” that can be so damaging to both the Club and its individual members. We have a record number of members who have undertaken the Responsible Serving of Alcohol course and this, coupled with a positive attitude toward responsible alcohol use at the Club, has led to a completely incident free record during our Good Sports association.

All members are to be congratulated on past performance and are urged to stay vigilant in future to ensure that ours is a family friendly and safe environment for all participants. For more information on the Good Sports program go to [www.goodsports.com.au](http://www.goodsports.com.au)

### **Commonwealth Games**

Even though we can't get into the main draw of the Davis Cup, Australia was a powerhouse at the Commonwealth Games. Our team of eight won three of a possible five gold medals, plus three silver and two bronze. Every player won a medal. Local interest centred on Greg Jones, WHK International semi-finalist, who won silver in the Men's Singles and Olivia Rogowska, sometimes Seaspray resident, who won Women's Doubles silver with Jessica Moore. Sale Pro-circuit regular Matt Ebden took bronze with Sally Peers in the Mixed Doubles. All in all a good outing for Australia in tennis's first appearance at the Commonwealth Games.

### **Solar Power**

With the cost of electricity tipped to rise by 64% over the next three years our Committee is investigating options around installing solar power. With the ability to sell electricity back into the grid there is a possibility of us offsetting up to 75% of our electricity costs. With current Club electricity bills that are running at around \$1,100 per month this would be a considerable saving. We have plenty of roof space and seemingly no end of sunshine so there are some real possibilities. It would be good to combine this with a couple of big water tanks and be more self sustaining. We will keep you posted.

### **Vale Eddie Maher**

Eddie Maher, husband and father of two of our Life Members, Moyra Maher and James Maher passed away in September. The Maher's have been great contributors to our Club over many years. Our thoughts are with Dhelia and James and their extended family.

### **Happy Birthday Leanne**

A big “Happy Birthday” to Leanne Wilson from everybody at Sale Tennis Club. It would appear that Leanne may have been hoping to sneak in a major birthday without fanfare or fuss but what is a birthday without a celebration? So while Leanne was in Queensland celebrating her birthday her Thursday Night Pennant friends were plotting a small celebration. All went well with the exception that her Thursday night team missed the finals by the narrowest of margins. A wonderful cake baked by Kim Dennis more than compensated for the disappointment. (Of the tennis, not the birthday.) Congratulations Leanne from all of your friends at Sale Tennis Club.

### **Moruya Seniors Tournament**

Our tennis troubadours Murray Fitzclarence and Di Arnot travelled to Moruya, on the New South Wales South Coast to compete in their annual senior's tournament. They were rewarded with a win in the Mixed Doubles and also were runners up in the Men's Doubles (with John Organ) and the Women's Doubles (with Robyn Castle). Murray was also third in the Men's Singles. Di had the honour of being beaten in her singles match by Heather Mackay, the multi time World Champion women's squash player who has now turned to tennis as an alternative. (Smart move!)

With warm sunny weather prevailing Murray and Di were then treated to two close up and personal unplanned whale watching experiences at Broulee and Guerrilla Bay on the return journey. A highly successful trip by any measure.

## Golden Moment



Glenn Schuback, our Junior President, never backward in coming forward, managed to get hold of the winners Gold Jacket at the recent Australian Masters Golf. Normally this would be reserved for Tiger Woods but the 2010 model Tiger is more of a Goat these days and Stuart Appleby eventually managed to get Glenn to hand it back. Luckily he didn't spill his beer on it.

## Quote

"In rich countries today, consumption consists of people spending money they don't have to buy goods they don't need to impress people they don't like."

## Calender of Events

* December 3 & 5	Club Championships – Week 2
* December 11	Christmas Breakup – Clubhouse 6.30pm
* December 12	TEG Junior Points Tournament - Maffra
* January 17 – 30	Australian Open – Melbourne Park
* January 19	Wellington Shire Tennis Fun Day – Sale Tennis Club
* February 5	Wellington Tennis Pennant Recommences – Juniors & Seniors
* February 13	TEG Junior Points Tournament – Lakes Entrance
* February 20	Wellington Tennis Championships – Week 1
* February 27	Wellington Tennis Championships – Week 2
* March 19	Wellington Tennis Semi Finals
* March 20	Wellington Tennis Preliminary Finals
* March 26	Wellington Tennis Grand Finals
* March 26	TEG Junior Points Tournament Final - Bairnsdale
* May 28	Annual General Meeting, Sale Tennis Club

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## Have You Heard the News?

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