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Junior News

The Junior Committee had its Annual General Meeting in May with the following people forming the committee for 2009/10:

Glenn Schuback

Louise Trett

Steve Shanahan

Cheryl Joyce

Sharon Foley

Nick Board

Michelle Shanahan

Debbie Olsson

Felicity Price

We are hopeful that more parents may want to volunteer their time in some capacity for next year. There are lots of small roles that can be allocated for those not wanting to devote too much time to the sport but who would like to help out. The current Committee would welcome any feedback from players and parents as to how we can improve the services to our junior members.

In the off season we will be certainly looking into current formats for summer tennis as the number of fill-ins required each week would indicate that the existing system does not suit all. Once again any suggestions would be welcome.

Jami Cashman was recently selected to represent the region in the Molik cup state 12/U teams event held at Kooyong TC in Melbourne. This was Jami's second year in the team. The players and parents got to experience the wonderful facilities of magnificent Kooyong TC including a guided tour of the clubrooms and the old centre court.

Tennis East Gippsland Masters Series singles event was played in May with **Megan Harrison** runner up in the U/14 girls and **Cohan Schuback** runner up in the U/12 boys. Cohan also recently spent a week at the Australian Institute of Sport with the Gippsland Sports Academy playing and living alongside the athletes.

A large number of STC players are participating in tournaments throughout winter both locally and in Melbourne and it should be no coincidence that we see improvement in their games for the coming summer season. The Traralgon Cavalier Homes tournaments have started and the dates for the rest of the season are June 21, July 26, and August 30.

Friday night tennis has continued to grow thanks to Nick Board and his trusty sidekicks. A reminder that all players must be picked up by parents after their games and no players are allowed to walk home.

Congratulations to **Jack Foley** who has been selected to play in the inter association teams event to be held in Bendigo over the long weekend.

Congratulations also to the Sale juniors who accompanied Nick Board on a trip to Melbourne recently to play in a tournament held at the Boroondara Tennis Centre. Nick believes it is very important for players of all ages and standards to compete in Melbourne when possible and therefore is taking groups of all standards throughout the year. The weekend went well with **Jami Cashman** and also **James Cooper** winning their consolation events. The next group is going away on the Queens Birthday weekend to compete at Melbourne Park and we wish them all the best.

Recently Tennis Australia held ball kids try outs at our Club and Club coach Nick Board along with Tennis East Gippsland Representatives were there to supervise. It was great to see a squad of Sale junior players try out. Out of the group six have been asked to go on to the next level in Melbourne and we hope they do Sale Tennis Club proud. They were **Meg Mogridge, Sarah Trett, Alex Trett, Ben Jones, Jami Cashman and Lexie Joyce**.

Local Hero's

Faced with a list of jobs that totalled over 50 a small but committed bunch of "local hero's" launched into our latest working bee. Our willing crew were **Brian Rawnsdon, Chris, Karen and Josh Deschepper, Di Arnot, Ivan Best, Jenny Luke, Mark Elliman, Peter and Angela Lowe, Phil Mein, Robin Lowe, Stephen Shanahan, Sharon Lauria and Troy Jeffries**. Throughout a warm morning many of the jobs were completed but there are still a few left for anybody who might like to help out if they have a spare moment. If that is you, please contact Robin Lowe on 5144 7582 and we will be sure to put you to work.

While on the topic of Local Hero's and maintenance, a mention of **Phil Mein** is called for. For the past 5 years Phil has spent one afternoon a month compiling a maintenance list that goes to General Committee so that essential maintenance can be identified and carried out and priorities set for the future. An essential role for a Club with 18 courts, a large Clubhouse and extensive grounds. "Thank you Phil" from all at Sale Tennis Club.

The next working bee will be on the last Sunday in August, but don't worry, we will remind you before then.



COACH'S CORNER

Term 2 is nearly over already and players are starting to work on their games again. Topspin Tennis would also like to take this opportunity to welcome **John Christmas** to the Club. John has been a full time tennis coach for the past 25 years in Melbourne and surrounds and more recently decided on a sea change and is living in Gippsland.

There is plenty of tennis available to players of all ages (if you are willing to put up with a few rain delays and the odd howling wind). This month we are talking about slice backhands which can be used very effectively when playing in breezy conditions

Whether you use 1 or 2 hands to hit your backhand, adding, improving or utilising a slice backhand in the correct situation is a must. This shot when played correctly can be used either to attack or defend, and the variety it offers allows you to mix it up and develop an all court game like Federer's. In club tennis when the majority of the formats are doubles, players need this shot in order to take the pace off the faster serve and also get the return low and slow to the incoming server. This shot allows you to keep the ball out of the range in which your opponent can most effectively strike it. This is magnified when players use extreme grips.

Every player can learn how to improve their game substantially regardless of their skill level or age. There is no reason why you cannot be highly successful with the slice backhand.

Drop into the Pro Shop to see the incredible 2 for 1 racquet sale*

*Conditions apply on selected racquets only

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

Midweek Ladies News

The Midweek Ladies have had their AGM and the following people were elected:

President

Carmel Elliott

Secretary

Debbie Cooper

Treasurer

Robyn Hughes

Delegate

Debbie Krusic

Recording Officer

Kaye Beddgood

Committee

Karen Deschepper Sandi Pritchett Karen Pollett Debbie Iseppi

We have four teams in the Grand Final on 15 June. Play starts at 10.30 am so if you are not too busy that morning come up to the Sale courts and support our girls as they attempt to bring home some silverware for the trophy cabinet. The teams that made it are Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3. Good luck girls! We will have a full report next newsletter.

The Midweek Ladies end of season function is at the Rainbow Palace, Raymond Street, at 7.00 pm on the 15th. The Midweek Ladies Fun Day is on the following Monday, June 22. Activities start at 12.00 noon and everyone is asked to bring a plate.

The new season starts in July and team selection, draws and start times will be formulated over the coming weeks.

SHTA Finals

Seniors

Sale had four teams make the senior grand final on the last Saturday in March.

Section 4, made up of Brooke Stewart, Kelly Burgeil, Lorraine Crawford, Ron Crawford, Tony Taylor and Len Vanstone were valiant in defeat at the hands of Nambrok. The winning margins during the season were all single digit in Nambrok's favour and so the grand final turned out to be, with the final margin just 9 games. For Len Vanstone it was his first grand final appearance in 45 seasons of tennis. A true testament to the persistence needed to succeed in sport. Next season he is looking to go just one better. We hope he does.

Sale Section 2 team of Di Arnot, Jenny Luke, Annie Kinnish, (Kim Dennis), Paul Swarski, Wayne Dennis and Murray Fitzclarence also fell 9 games short, this time to a very strong Stratford team. Having only made it into the finals on a 1 game margin Stratford took full advantage of their opportunity to take out the flag. It was very pleasing to note however the camaraderie between the two teams. It was more like a home game between two Sale teams than a grand final against a tribal foe.

In Section 1 it was Sale verses Sale so, not surprisingly, Sale came out with the pennant and the margin was, you guessed it, 9 games. The winners were Krystal Rawnson, Kylie Board, Paige Wilson, Nick Board, Glenn Schuback and Tom Wilson who were victors over Elise Clottin, Bree Kaandorp, Sarah Luke, Brett Carter, Josh Deschepper and Mark Barrett (Rhett Nelson and Bruce Carter). The winners also only scraped through to the final compliments of a last set tie breaker that delivered a 1 game margin, not once but twice. Once in the semi-final and again in the preliminary final. Add to this the winning team had the oldest Section 1 player in Glenn Schuback and the youngest in the yet to be born Board baby that Kylie is expecting some time before next season. The win was also a great result for our Club Champion, Krystal, who finally adds a Saturday Pennant to her trophy cabinet after filling it up with singles titles but no SHTA team titles. It was fantastic to see so many of the players in the final coming from our junior ranks and now thriving in senior tennis.

Maffra Lawn Tennis Club Easter Tournament

Well done to all that competed on the green stuff at Maffra at Easter.

Sale Tennis Club players performed very well. **Sarah Trett** was runner up in the Women's D Grade singles, **Krystal Rawnsdon** was runner up in the Presidents Cup Women's Singles to Vicki Stuckey of Bairnsdale, **Paige Wilson** won the Under 14 Girls Singles, **Krystal Rawnsdon** teamed with **Maddie Barnett** of Bairnsdale to win the A Grade Doubles, **Lexie Joyce** and **Paige Wilson** were runner up in the Under 14 Doubles, **Jonathan Burge** defeated **Josh Deschepper** in the Men's A Grade Singles, **Brenton Simpson** was runner up in the Men's Gippsland Singles, **Jonathan Burge** won the Under 19 Boy's Singles, **Cohen Schuback** teamed with **A Simpson** to win the Under 14 Boys Doubles, **Krystal Rawnsdon** and **Jeremy Tobin** of Warrnambool were runners up in the A Grade Mixed Doubles, **Debbie Kaandorp** and **Anthony "Chook" Booker** were victorious in the B Grade Mixed Doubles and **Jonathan Burge** and **James Cooper** were runners up in the All Gippsland Doubles.

Jonathan Burge had a fantastic tournament with two wins and a runner up and Josh Deschepper has matured as a player over the past year and will soon be challenging the top players at our Club and throughout Gippsland.

Responsible Serving of Alcohol Course

We are delighted that the Responsible Serving of Alcohol (RSA) course conducted at our Club on Monday May 25 was oversubscribed. We had 29 people, 22 from Sale TC and extras from Golden Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Sale City Football Club and Sale City Soccer Club. Our trainer Dianne was fantastic and took us through the whole of the course in a little under three hours.

Having RSA trained members behind the bar and around the Clubhouse at times that alcohol is being consumed is an essential part of our Good Sports Club accreditation. More important than that though is that 22 more Club members now have a greater appreciation of the effects of alcohol, what to look for when serving behind our bar, how to handle people who have had too much to drink and how best to protect both the drinkers, and our wider membership, from harm that may come from excessive alcohol consumption.

A thank you is due to Kim Norris from GippsSports who assisted in organising our trainer, to the girls who provided supper and to all of the participants who threw themselves into the learning process. It is doubtful that some of our Club members have concentrated for that long before in their lives!

Night Pennant Player Lists

Our night pennants are now entering finals and we will have a full report on the results next newsletter.

However now is the time to get your name on the sheets for next season's pennants which will start in mid July. The sheets are up on the Clubhouse notice board and we would love to see them full to capacity with players' names. Night pennant caters for players of all standards so get your name on the board, bring along a friend or two and enjoy many great evenings of tennis and social activities under our 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.

If you require further details please contact the following:

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

Rhys Carter Wins NBL Pennant

Former Sale Tennis Club junior, turned National Basketball League professional, Rhys Carter, has capped a stellar NBL season with a premiership flag. Playing for the South Dragons and coached by outgoing Australian National Coach, Brian Gorgian, Reece made a big impact in game four, first on veteran Australian centre Chris Anstey and then on the floor. The ensuing melee resulted in Anstey's report and send off. Anstey escaped suspension but his Melbourne Tigers did not escape a game five defeat at the hands of Rhys's South Dragons.

Bruce, Rhys's father, who attended all of the finals games, was not so happy that the finals playoff went to the maximum five after arriving home at 2.00 am after each match and heading off to work bleary eyed. Add this to the occasional parking fine and a three game result would have been much better. However his patience, like Rhys's, was rewarded with a stunning final game and a big win to the Dragons. The premiership win was all the more special in that last year the only thing the South Dragons could win was the wooden spoon. From bottom to top in a single season is a tremendous effort. Congratulations and well done, Rhys.

While the recent news is that both the South Dragons and Melbourne Tigers will not compete in the NBL in 2009/10, the great news is that Rhys has been added to the training squad for the Australian team. The Boomers have a training camp in Canberra this month before a tour of China. (His time in Sale should help to prepare Rhys for the legendry Canberra winter.) After China the squad will tour Argentina and Brazil before the Oceania Championships in New Zealand. Rhys is currently playing for the Latrobe City Energy in Traralgon.

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.

Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year

The Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year was again a very close affair with the leaders changing places frequently throughout the season. In the end **Ron Crawford** was our Men's winner with an aggregate of 13.0 and Club Champion, **Krystal Rawnson**, was the Women's winner with an aggregate of 6.38.

The top 10 for Men and Women were:

MEN

Ron Crawford	13.00
Tony Taylor	11.92
Len Vanstone	11.23
Glenn Schuback	8.77
Brian Rawnson	7.45
Rhett Nelson	6.43
Bryan Lazzaro	3.73
Josh Deschepper	2.93
Nick Board	2.54
Brett Carter	2.29

WOMEN

Krystal Rawnson	6.38
Kelly Burgiel	5.85
Lorraine Crawford	5.62
Kylie Board	5.23
Sarah Jolly	5.08
Elise Clottin	5.07
Debbie Kaandorp	4.36
Brooke Stewart	4.23
Sarah Luke	3.50
Jenny Luke	3.00

Results, as always, were published on the Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year Notice Board in the Clubhouse so that everyone could keep up with their personal score or that of their favourite player.

SHTA Championships

Sale Tennis Club was spectacularly represented at the SHTA Championships in February/March with Sale players absolutely dominating the Honour Board events and a whole bunch beside.

The Open Men's draw was entirely made up of Sale players with **Brenton Simpson** winning the final over **Abe Schuback**. The Open Women's draw only had one non Sale entrant and the final was between **Krystal Rawnson** and **Jessie Lauria** with Krystal prevailing in two sets. The 18 & Under Boys saw **Mitchell Allman** outlast **Tom Wilson** in a long three set encounter. The 18 & Under Girls was also a three set encounter with **Krystal Rawnson** again outlasting **Jessie Lauria**.

Results for Sale players were:

Event	Winner	Runner Up
Open Men's Singles	Brenton Simpson	Abe Schuback
Open Women's Singles	Krystal Rawnson	Jessie Lauria
18 & Under Boys Singles	Mitchell Allman	Tom Wilson
18 & Under Girls Singles	Krystal Rawnson	Jessie Lauria
Section 1/2 Girls Singles	Hayley Coridas	Lexie Joyce
Section 5/6 Boys Singles	Sean Day	Jack Foley
Section 1 Men's Doubles	Nick Board Abe Schuback	Josh Deschepper Brenton Simpson
Section 1 Women's Doubles	Sarah Jolly Jessie Lauria	Alecia Dignan Tracy McConnell-Henry
Section 1 Mixed Doubles	Bree Kaandorp Abe Schuback	Misty Cook Kane Martin
Section 2/3 Men's Doubles	Mark Kennedy Bruce Tatterson	Murray Fitzclarence Wayne Dennis
Section 2/3 Mixed Doubles	Di Arnot Murray Fitzclarence	Debbie Kaandorp Wayne Dennis
Section 1/2 Boys Doubles	Tom Jolly Harrison Kaandorp	Matt Coridas Andy Phelan
Section 1/2 Girls Singles	Haley Coridas	Lexie Joyce
Section 1/2 Mixed Doubles	Katie Armistead Jamie Klim	Megan Harrison Logan Deschepper
Girls 16 Singles	Sarah Jolly	Elise Clottin
Girls 14 Singles	Lexie Joyce	Megan Harrison
Girls 12 Singles	Jami Cashman	Brittany Booker
Boys 16 Singles	Tom Wilson	Andy Phelan
Boys 14 Singles	Brad Olsson	Cohen Schuback
Boys 12 Singles	Brad Olsson	Tom Jolly
Boys 10 Singles	Jack Foley	Mitchell Dignan

Your Number is Up

At our recent working bee we were able to put up our new court numbers. The new court numbers were donated by a couple of conscientious members who teamed up to give us a great new look at the end of each court. **Darren Hickling** from **Riviera Signs**, already one of our valued sponsors, designed the new number layout and provided all of the artwork free of charge. However before Darren could complete his bit, **Sharon Lauria** had all 18 court numbers powder coated, also free of charge. The powder coat gives the numbers their distinctive "STC blue" and helps us to find the right court, especially given the recent change of court numbers on courts 1 to 10.

A big thank you to Darren and Sharon for their help with this project. It is much appreciated and our numbers will be up for years to come.

Annual General Meeting Report

Our STC 59th Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday May 24.

Office bearers for the 2009/10 season are:

President:

Robin Lowe

Vice President:

Mark Elliman

Secretary:

Cal Board

Treasurer:

Karen Pollett

Assistant Treasurer:

Sandi Pritchett

Club Captain:

Murray Fitzclarence

General Committee:

Nick Board

Chris Deschepper

Karen Deschepper

Abe Schuback

Junior Committee Representative:

Glenn Schuback

Ladies Committee Representative:

Carmel Elliott

Retiring from Treasurer and General Committee this year is **Di Arnot**. Di has been a tireless contributor to our Club having been on General Committee for several years and Treasurer for the past two years. From all at Sale Tennis Club we say well done and a very big “thank you” to Di.

Linda Rawnsdon also is leaving General Committee this year having served for the past several seasons. We thank Linda for her contribution on both Junior and Senior Committee and hope to see her back on the tennis court very soon.

Membership fees for 2009/10 were set as follows:

	<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			
	FEES			
	Membership	Maintenance Levy	Tennis Victoria	Total
CATEGORY				
Senior	100	40	24	164
Junior/Student	60	30	24	114
Family	200	90	24	Per Member
Pensioner	60	30	24	114
Social	50	0	0	50

There is no increase in Club Membership for 2009/10 while the Maintenance Levy and the Tennis Victoria fees have increased slightly. The Tennis Victoria fee is unavoidable but if you don't want to pay the Maintenance Levy it is as simple as turning up to one of two annual working bees.

It is important that all members understand that it is the absolute desire of our Club to make tennis available to as many people as possible. Therefore if our fees are causing financial hardship to any member we would be happy to provide an instalment program or to investigate any other means of making their membership more affordable. Our President, Robin Lowe, handles such issues and can be contacted for a strictly confidential chat on 5144 7582.

One important decision that was made at the AGM was to borrow up to \$75,000 to complete the current round of facility improvements. The money will be used to finish the grandstand, to complete the upgrade of the lights on courts 3, 4 & 5, put "pay for play" coin operated lights on courts 15 & 16 and to complete the renovation and upgrade of our Clubhouse kitchen.

We congratulate and thank all of our Committee members, most of who are in their second, third or more years. This is an outstanding contribution from which every Club member benefits.

Out & About

Club Captain, **Murray Fitzclarence**, celebrated his 50th birthday last month. Murray has been our Club Captain for many seasons and has been a popular player around the Club for even longer. Murray cut a cake with his Thursday Night Pennant team mates and celebrated in a somewhat bigger way the following Saturday night. This could explain a few very heavy heads at our Annual General Meeting. Congratulations Murray! We hope to still see you around the Club when you double that milestone.

We hear that two former club champions ran into each other recently. **Tom Downie** - 7 time winner - and **Ken Pritchard** - 5 time winner - recently caught up in Shepparton. Having not seen each other for several decades they met by coincidence in a cafe with Tom recognizing Ken and going up to say "Hello" and have a good long chat. The Sale connection never ends!

We wish Midweek Ladies regular **Sharon Howe** all the best. Sharon has been ill lately and we wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her return to the court very soon.

Russell Stevens has also been unwell. We understand that he is now on the mend and we hope that he will be back to his regular tennis workouts. Russell is a regular on the practice courts and the place feels abandoned without him there several times a week.

Former Vice President and Charlie of All Trades, **Chris Deschepper**, has shown his versatility again by winning the Sale Bowls Club Fours Championships. Chris teamed with Laurie, Andrew and Peter Stephenson to take out the title. In every event there are winners and losers and not everybody was happy with the result. The Sale Bowls Club has been counting the substantial cost of updating their Honour Board with the names of Deschepper, Stephenson, Stephenson and Stephenson. On the reverse side of the coin, given that they charge by the letter, it is a veritable windfall for sign writer Ivan Woods from Riviera Signs.

Former Members Remembered

It is with sadness that we acknowledge the death of **Roger Rozmus**, age 40. Roger was a very committed junior during the 1980's and always held fond memories of his childhood in Sale and his time at Sale Tennis Club. Roger had been living and working in Singapore for the past two decades. Roger is survived by his wife Rositah, brother Patrick and his mother Lina. Our thoughts are with them.

Former STC member and Sale resident, Christmas Tournament Open winner and famous tennis author, **Joseph Johnson**, passed away earlier this year. Joseph attended the 40th back to in 1991 and said he had the time of his life catching up with everyone. He even had a hit the next day with his old original wooden racket from the fifties. His best known book was "Grand Slam Australia: The Story of the Australian Open Tennis Championships" from 1985.

Norfolk Island Revisited

A year has passed and we ventured overseas again in search of GOLD. **Wayne** and **Kim Dennis** and **Murray Fitzclarence** and **Di Arnot** attempted a different route this year via Sydney. The trip over all went very smoothly with a bit of drinking time at Sydney airport. On arrival at Norfolk we were waving away to anyone who would wave as we crossed the tarmac and when we reached the terminal we realised they were actually there to greet us. The travel agent and Julie (one of the tennis organisers) met us at the airport.

The weather was warm and muggy, the tennis was great fun and the food is fresh and delicious. We ate, drank and tennised ourselves through a full week, with a bit of shopping, sightseeing and snorkelling thrown in.

Gold was what we came for and that's what we got. Murray and Wayne won the 40's men's doubles and Kim and Di won the ladies 40's doubles, with Wayne and Kim picking up a bronze in the mixed.

The tri nations series on the last day was again won by the Kiwi's (they out numbered us and had us surrounded) but never say die, we are going back to get it next year.

Despite our best efforts to get home on the last day our plane was grounded again and we had to spend a pleasant 26 degrees day on the island while back home was a freezing 14.

Norfolk Island senior's tournament is always based around Anzac Day, so anyone wanting to go next year just contact one of the above for the dates. We need more Aussies!!!!

DVD Player Wanted

Our Clubhouse is in need of a DVD player. On various occasions we use the Clubhouse for courses and training. The last of these was our Responsible Serving of Alcohol course where unfortunately our DVD player did not work, which was very inconvenient. If anyone has an old DVD player that is still in working order that they are prepared to donate that would overcome a repeat of this inconvenience. If you can help please contact Robin Lowe on 5144 7582.

Calender of Events

*	June 15	Midweek Ladies Grand Final – Sale Tennis Club 10.30 am
*	June 15	Midweek Ladies End of Season function – Rainbow Palace 7.30 pm
*	June 21	Junior Points Tournament – Traralgon
*	June 22	Midweek Ladies Fun Day – Sale Tennis Club 12.00 noon
*	July 26	Junior Points Tournament – Traralgon
*	August 30	Working Bee – Sale Tennis Club 9.30 am
*	August 30	Junior Points Tournament – Traralgon
*	September 6	Junior Points Tournament Masters Final - Traralgon
*	September 13	Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club

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.

Look us up at: www.saletennisclub.com

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