



# NEWSLETTER

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## Sale Tennis Club to be Tennis Australia Regional Centre

We are excited to announce that at our Annual General Meeting on 30 May our members approved Sale Tennis Club becoming a ***Tennis Australia Regional Centre***. Under the terms of this partnership Tennis Australia (TA) undertakes to support the growth of Sale Tennis Club through the following:

- Operational Performance Benchmarks
- Facility Establishment and Development Funds
- Coach Commitment
- Branding
- Events
- Quality Monitoring

It is hoped that through this partnership Sale Tennis Club may be able to take a leading role in tennis development and administration within the Wellington Shire. Tennis Australia will also provide a staff contact to assist in our Club development. It is hoped that in the longer term we may even develop sufficiently to employ a full time administrator within the Club and to assist in wider regional development. Time will tell.

An important element of this partnership is that we will become a preferred venue for national level events. This will hopefully deliver a Pro Circuit event in 2011, which given the disappointment of being overlooked in 2009 and 2010 and having cancelled our AMT, will be important in re-establishing Sale as a regular host venue. This is important in that we want to consistently raise the profile of tennis in Gippsland and encourage greater participation from juniors upward.

There are currently 30 Regional Facilities within Australia with TA aiming for a total of 70 Australia wide by 2020. The current nearest Regional Centre is the recently established Pakenham facility developed in conjunction with Casey Shire. Hopefully we will hear a lot more of this initiative as the benefits begin to unfold.

## Annual General Meeting Report

Our STC 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday May 30.

Office bearers for the 2010/11 season are:

*President:*

**Robin Lowe**

*Vice President:*

**Abe Schuback**

*Secretary:*

**Mark Elliman**

*Treasurer:*

**Karen Deschepper**

*Assistant Treasurer:*

**Sandra Pritchett**

*Club Captain:*

**Nick Board**

*General Committee:*

**Murray Fitzclarence**

**Stephen Shanahan**

**Misty Cook**

*Junior Committee Representative:*

**Glenn Schuback**

*Ladies Committee Representative:*

**Carmel Elliott**

Retiring from Treasurer and General Committee this year is **Karen Pollett**. Karen has served numerous years as Treasurer and has been an invaluable contributor to our Club. Club Treasurer is a demanding role and Karen has done the job with passion, skill and more than the occasional laugh. From all at Sale Tennis Club we say well done and a very big “thank you” to Karen.

**Chris Deschepper** is leaving General Committee this year having served for the past 10 seasons. Chris has been a tireless contributor on our Committee, serving as Vice President and also on the Stephenson Park Management Committee. We thank “Charlie” for his contribution on both Junior and Senior Committee and hope to see him back on the tennis court very soon.

Also retiring from Committee is **Cal Board**. Cal has been Club Secretary for several years. Cal’s contribution to our administration has been greatly appreciated as he brings clarity of decision making and lots of common sense. Cal, along with Chris Deschepper, have been vital contributors to our Pro Circuit events and without their input it is doubtful if we could have made them the success they have been.

Membership fees for 2010/11 were set as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Membership Fee</b>	<b>Maintenance Levy</b>	<b>Tennis Victoria</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Senior	100	45	24	169
Junior/Student	60	35	24	119
Family	200	100	72	372
Pensioner	60	35	24	119
Social	50	0	0	50

There is no increase in Club Membership fees for 2010/11 while the Maintenance Levy has increased by only \$5, making an overall increase of just 3%. The Tennis Victoria component of our fees 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 everyone understand that it is the absolute objective of our Club to make tennis available to as many people as possible. Therefore if our fees are causing financial hardship to any member we would be happy to provide an instalment program or to investigate any other means of making their membership affordable. Our President, Robin Lowe, handles such issues and can be contacted for a strictly confidential chat on 5144 7582.

## Night Pennant Team Lists Now Open

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. 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

## Roger Rozmus Pennant - *Twilight Winter Tennis*



**Roger Rozmus**

The Roger Rozmus Pennant is well under way with grand finals due to be played on June 25. We are delighted that we have 28 teams with a further 3 teams having a bye each week. This gives us 62 players in total which is the maximum field for the pennant.

Well done to Nick Board and his team at TopSpin Tennis for organising all of the players and teams and running the Friday night sessions. They do a great job at giving our juniors the opportunity to play pennant tennis all year round.

The excitement is growing as the winners of all grades will be receiving tickets to the Australian Open in 2011.

The winners of B and C Grade will receive 4 Ground Passes for the middle Sunday of the Australian Open.

The winners of the A Grade event will receive a sensational package to the Australian Open. Their prize will include a family pass to the Australian Open with Rod Laver Arena tickets and ground passes and overnight accommodation provided.

Ladders as at the end of May are as follows:

	<i><b>TEAM NAME</b></i>	<i><b>PLAYER 1</b></i>	<i><b>PLAYER 2</b></i>
	<b>A GRADE</b>		
1	Rafter	Cohan Schuback	Paige Wilson
2	Tsonga	Jake Killeen	Jake Weir
3	Hewitt	Brad Fleay	Ben Howes
4	Sampras	Steve Pritchett	Megan Harrison
5	Agassi	Will McCall	Darcy Mair
6	Nadal	Loughlin Brown	Austin Turnbull
7	Gonzalez	Sam Eldridge	Dylan Sharp
8	Roddick	Clark Hillsley	Jack Foley
9	Federer	Sarah Bedggood	Kate Conway
10	Djokovic	Kate Fox	Nick Drouggas
	<b>B GRADE</b>		
1	Head	Victor Forcadela	Tim Van Emmerick
2	Prince	Liam Emms	Chris Smith
3	Fischer	Holly Howes	Lauren Freeman
4	Wilson	Brandon Henness	Alex Mealing
5	Yonex	Caitlin Saunders	Ashlea Fairbrother
6	Babolat	Steph Bain	Sarah Gardner
7	Volkl	Liam Hanratty	Chris Green

## C GRADE

1	Sharapova	Bridget Hanratty	Jack Wigglesworth
2	V Williams	Daniel Brown	Corey Scott
3	Molik	Taylor Stephenson	Ben Foote
4	S Williams	Henry Turnbull	Charlie Pritchett
5	Jankovic	Chandler Hollands	Tayden Wheal
6	Ivanovic	Bethany Jones	Gil Aitken
7	Henin	Abby Rietschel	Olivia Lloyd
8	Stosur	Meg Jones	Hannah Bain
9	Mauresmo	Sarsha Lloyd	Spencer Shumski
10	Safina	Ben Shanahan	Hunter Pearce
11	Clijsters	Lloyd Hodge	Mason Benson
12	Graf	Adria Butterwick	Charlotte Hodge

As mentioned in our last newsletter the Roger Rozmus Pennant is made possible through the generous support of Rositah Rozmus and is being conducted to honour the memory of her late husband, Roger Rozmus. We look forward to members of Roger's family being present at the finals to see all of the action and to present the prizes to the winners.



# COACH'S CORNER

Term 2 is underway and all players are braving the colder months to improve their tennis. This 8 week period is used by coaches to break down players games and change elements that need improving. This is very hard to do during the season as performance will plateau before seeing improvements.

The main aim for players of all levels is to ensure that they are holding the racquet correctly for all shots. These days with the ball being hit with a lot of topspin, players generally don't hit with the conventional eastern forehand grip that was made popular in the past.

Players are also going away from the continental grip when serving – some players are seeking more power that can be achieved by using a forehand grip. While this is true, it is very hard to vary your serve with this grip therefore you will struggle with slice and kick serves.

For more information regarding grips that should be used just ask your coach.

The G.O.A.T squad is travelling to Melbourne over the queens birthday weekend to participate in a points tournament at Melbourne Park – this will be the first time that members of the development and advanced squad will travel together with the development group playing a leveller tournament at Boroondara Tennis Centre

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

**Good luck and enjoy the upcoming summer of tennis**

## Club Open Day

Our Club Open Day on May 23 was greeted with perfect Autumn weather. A devoted crew turned out for a great morning of tennis followed by a fantastic lunch prepared by K & K Catering (Karen Pollett and Karen Deschepper).

After two sets of tennis our winners were **Kristen Trotter** and **Nick Board**. Kristen is a welcome new player at our Club and, along with husband Billy, enjoyed a great day on the court. Nick is no stranger to Sale Tennis Club, being a past Club Champion, a Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year and a Life Members Day winner. Luckily for those of us less gifted, with the help of Tennis Victoria and Tom's Cap winery, there was a prize for everyone who played. Who doesn't like winning a prize?

Nick also proved his versatility by conducting a free coaching clinic for the two courts full of juniors in attendance before he took to the court to compete. Well done Nick and thank you. .

At the conclusion of lunch, **David Wheeler**, Director of **Ronchi Wheeler Rescom**, was on hand to present the **Ronchi Wheeler Rescom Player of the Year** for 2009/10. Our winners were **Misty Cook** and **Aaron Kennedy**. Well done to Misty and Aaron. Misty has been a stalwart of our Section 1 teams over the last few years and is a great competitor. It will be no surprise to see her as our Ladies Club Champion at some time in the future. Aaron was our 18 & Under Boys Champion in 1992/93. While Aaron has won several pennants over the past years this is his first return to the honour boards in nearly two decades. The way he is playing now we doubt that it will be that long before he does it again.

Thank you to David and the team at Ronchi Wheeler Rescom for their continued support of our Club. Without this support we would struggle to bring tennis to so many members and provide all of the programs available at our Club.

## WHK Victorian Clay Court Championships Raffle Winners

While the WHK VCCC may have been cancelled the raffle still went ahead. The raffle was drawn on May 23 at our Club Open Day. The winners were:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Madeleine McKenzie, Pearsondale**

**Samsung 42" HD Digital Plasma TV with matching Samsung DVD Player.**

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### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Kylie Board, Sale**

**Two nights accommodation in a 1 Bedroom Apartment at Punt Hill Grand, South Yarra.** Located just off cosmopolitan Chapel Street, Punt Hill Grand offers luxury accommodation on the doorstep of restaurants, fashion outlets, factory outlets, The Jam Factory and Prahran Market.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Tony Morgan, Parkdale**

**Two Nights Accommodation in a deluxe 2 bedroom unit at The Moorings at Metung.** Holiday in unique waterfront accommodation in the heart of the village of Metung overlooking Bancroft Bay. Established as a home of leisure and lifestyle, The Moorings offer the ultimate in comfort and living on the shores of the Gippsland Lakes. Contact them on 5156 2750 or by email on [info@themoorings.com.au](mailto:info@themoorings.com.au) or look them up at [www.themoorings.com.au](http://www.themoorings.com.au)

### **4<sup>th</sup> Prize – Rob Righele, Sale**

**Wilson Australia and Howard & Schuback Mega Sports** present a tennis kit fit for a professional. Featuring a Wilson *Roger Federer* tennis racquet, a Wilson "Roger Federer" tennis carry bag and Wilson tennis balls. This should be enough to improve the game of every tennis fanatic. Many thanks to Wilson Australia and the fantastic and friendly team at Howard & Schuback Mega Sports. Phone 5144 4545.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Mark & Debbie Krusic, Longford**

**1 Dozen Tom's Cap Premium Gippsland Wines.** Established in 1992, Toms Cap has earned an enviable reputation for quality wines produced from their Willung South vineyard. All their wine is made from estate grown fruit, bottled, cellared and marketed by Toms Cap by winemaker Owen Schmidt. In addition to the winery Toms Cap has a restaurant, a bar, a café, a health spa and several luxury retreat cottages. Contact Ann or Graham on 5194 2215, by email at [info@tomscap.com.au](mailto:info@tomscap.com.au) or look them up on the net at [www.tomscap.com.au](http://www.tomscap.com.au)

### **6<sup>th</sup> Prize – Des Surkitt, Sale**

**Breville "Happy Feet" Foot Spa** donated by the Elliman family.

**7 – 10<sup>th</sup> Prizes – Chris & Karen Deschepper, Sale, Kay Bedggood, Sale, Chris McMillan, Sale, Max Knibbs, Woodside.**

**\$50 Coles Gift Vouchers donated by Gippsland Centre, Sale**

Thank you to our prize donors whose support is essential for the success of Club fundraising.

Thank you also to everyone who bought a ticket and all of those who helped to sell them.

## **Junior News**

The Annual Meeting of the Junior Committee saw the following people elected for the 2010/11 season: **Glenn Schuback, Nick Board, Stephen Shanahan, Sharon Foley, Bruce Foley, Debbie Olsson, Mick Carolyn and Louise Trett.** Without the commitment of parents the junior program does not and can not happen. From all of the juniors who enjoy our Club we thank our Junior Committee.

### **Regional Junior Masters Tennis Tournament**

The finals of the Regional Junior Masters Tournament were played at Bairnsdale on March 14.

The following Sale players qualified:

**10 & Under Boys** - Nicholas Hogan, Thomas Foley & Ben Shanahan

**12 & Under Boys** – Jack Foley & Alex Trett

**12 & Under Girls** – Kelsey Weir

**14 & Under Boys** – Samuel Hogan, Clark Hillsley

**14 & Under Girls** – Jaimie Mitchell, Megan Harrison, Sarah Trett

**16 & Under Boys** – Jake Simic, Aaron Spencer

It was a fantastic effort to make it into the top eight in your age group. Unfortunately the finals coincided with the Grand Final of the Wellington Tennis Association Junior Pennant so as a result some of our players were unable to compete in Bairnsdale. This was unfortunate for those involved but at least they were still playing tennis.

We are delighted to report that **Nicholas Hogan** was victorious in the 10 & Under Boys. Nicholas qualified strongly and continued on with this form to take out the final. Well done to Nicholas who has shown enormous improvement over the past year.

### **Sale Juniors Accepted Into Gippsland Sports Academy**

Sale Tennis Club currently has two players who have been selected in the 2010 Tennis Academy advanced program. Lexie Joyce is enjoying her first year with the Academy while Cohan Schuback is in his third season. The squad trains every month at different locations throughout Gippsland and receives specialist training in nutrition, sports psychology and fitness. Both players have recently gained national ranking points from tournaments recently competed in.



A highlight of the program for the advanced squad is the annual trip to Canberra where the players compete in a points tournament and stay and train at the Australian Institute of Sport for the week. The squad gets to experience life with the various athletes, from sharing dormitories, eating together and using the training facilities such as the ice baths and fitness centres.

The Gippsland Sports Academy program runs from April through to October each year and all tennis players are able to apply for selection.

### **Saturday A Grade Pennant**

The A Grade Pennant has seen some very keen competition with the singles matches a feature of the revised format. The finals for the A Grade Pennant were played on the evening of Friday March 12.

The final ladder for the A Grade Pennant was as follows:

1. Elliman
2. Downie
3. Board
4. Carter
5. Cashman
6. Brown

The Grand Final between Elliman and Downie came down to the result of the last mixed doubles set. In the end Downie won 7 sets 59 games to Elliman's 5 sets, 56 games.



**Sale Downie:** Jack Collins, John Heath, Michael Smith, Sarah Bedgood & Madeleine Hillsley





**Sale Elliman:** Aaron Spencer, Lexie Joyce, James McCubbin, Brad Fleay & Jade Cutthill

The third place playoff was between Board and Carter and the fourth place playoff between Cashman and Brown.

## Wellington Tennis Assoc. Saturday Pennant Grand Finals

Wellington Tennis second senior Saturday Pennant concluded with finals on the weekend of March 20, 2010. This coincided with the junior finals. Sale had a total of three senior and five junior teams make the Grand Finals.

Results were as follows:

### Juniors

- Section 1 - Maffra 76'ers 40 d Maffra Lakers 33
- Section 2 - Maffra Wizards 44 d Heyfield Jelly Babies 22
- Section 3 - Rockley Hawks 39 d Maffra Kings 24
- Section 4 - Sale Hart 50 d Stratford Wilson 26  
Sale Hart were **Sam Hogan, Jack Foley, Emily Carrolan, & Emily Mogridge**
- Section 5 - Sale McHattie 44 v Sale French 44 (on sets)  
Sale McHattie were **Austin Turnbull, Nick Hogan, Max McKenzie, Kate Conway, Hayley Kinnish, & Maddie Bedggood**  
Sale French were **Ryan Maynard, Liam Emms, Thomas Foley, Holly Howes, Lauren Freeman, & Sophie Hanratty**
- Section 6 - Sale Cook 52 d Maffra Timberwolves 31  
Sale Cook were **Victor Forcadela, Tim Van Emmerick, Christopher Green, Katie Warry, Meg Mogridge, & Heidi Bedggood**
- Section 7 - Longford 48 d Sale Smalley 39  
Sale Smalley were **Ben Mogridge, Cameron Maynard, Liam Hanratty, Laura Jones, Amy Waring, & Ashleigh Fox**

Section 8 - Stratford 52 d Maffra Nuggets 22  
 Section 9 - Sale Gerrand 41 d Sale Rawnsdon 25  
 Sale Gerrand were **Corey Scott, Joel Anderson, Sarah Gardiner, Lucy Rainey, Emerson Lowe, & Julia Rainey**  
 Sale Rawnsdon were **Daniel Brown, Tayden Wheal, Bradley Minto, Chloe Haylock, Meghann Gordyn, & Holly Waring**



**Sale Gerrand –Back** Joel Anderson, Sarah Gardiner, Corey Scott. **Front** Lucy Rainey, Emerson Lowe, Julia Rainey

## Seniors

Section 1 - Maffra Black 71 d Sale 62  
 Sale were **Josh Deschepper, James Cooper, Peter Chappell Jess Lauria, Bree Kaandorp, & Hailey Shanahan**  
 Peter Chappell had a great day winning his 3 sets in the final but the Maffra women proved too strong for their less experienced opponents.

Section 2 – Sale Federer 58 d Sale Nadal 57  
 Sale Federer were **Murray Fitzclarence (Robin Lowe), Gavin Ballinger (Peter Burton), Damien Hogan (Darren Elliott), Linda Rawnsdon (Carmel Elliott), Jo Ballinger & Di Arnot**  
 Sale Nadal were **Wayne Dennis, Phil Mein, Scott Templeton Debbie Kaandorp, Leanne Wilson, & Kim Dennis**  
 Sale Federer were the masters of the close finish having only won through to the final after a 1 game win in the preliminary final.

Section 3 - Stratford 58 d Nambrok 57  
 Section 4 - Heyfield 61 d Maffra Blue 51

# Midweek Ladies News

## **Committee for 2010/2011**

At the recent Ladies Committee Annual General Meeting the following people were elected:

President: Carmel Elliott

Secretary: Debbie Jackson

Treasurer: Debbie Krusic

Delegate: Debbie Krusic

Recording Officer: Kaye Bedggood

Purchasing Officer: Jill Anderson

General Committee: Sandi Pritchett, Jill Anderson

## **Pennant Results Season 1**

We've had 3 Sale teams make it into the finals. As with all sports, lady luck can be on your side. The Sale Violets are grateful to the Sale Carnations for their opportunity to participate in the finals. Unfortunately it came at the defeat of another Sale team. The following teams are into the finals:  
Section 1: Carmel Elliott, Jo Ballinger/Jenny Luke/Di Arnot, Jill Anderson, Sandi Pritchett  
Section 2: Sale Carnations - Heather Ronchi, Carolyn Dyer, Kay Bedggood, Robyn Hughes  
Sale Violets - Karen Pollett, Karen Deschepper, Debbie Krusic, Rachael Bye.

## **Ladies Night Out**

Our Night Out will be on 21<sup>st</sup> of June at Jack Ryan's at 7pm. We'd love to see all ladies pennant girls there. It's a fun Sale Tennis Club Monday Ladies tradition and a bit of a fundraiser for our Club.

## **Season 2 Monday Ladies Pennant**

We are in the process of selecting teams for next season. It's never too late to put your hat in the ring. We would love to see some new faces and the return of familiar faces. We have vacancies in all levels and encourage those at beginners' level to join in. Please contact Debbie Krusic if you are interested.

## **Round Robin Fun Day Results**

The Ladies Committee ran a round robin fun day on Thursday 15th April. The Sale girls were initially outnumbered by the visitors until the Sale Hit and Giggle girls decided to join in. It was a very pleasant and fun day. (Unfortunately we had one injury when one of our ladies fell on court 4 and needed stitches to her elbow but other than this it was a great social day.) We made a tidy profit on the day thanks to the great support and contributions from Debbie Krusic, Karen Deschepper and Karen Pollett. The winner on the day was a somewhat embarrassed Carmel Elliott.

We will be running a round robin again next term. Please keep an eye on the Ladies Notice Board.

## **Hit and Giggle**

One of our club stalwarts, Dhelia Maher is still running the longest running social event at Sale Tennis Club, the Hit and Giggle. This runs on Thursday mornings starting at 10 am. It is a wonderful environment for a bit of a run around and a chat. Everyone is welcome. Contact Dhelia on 0429 978 614 for further details.

## **Life Members Day**

Life Members Day is set for Sunday September 12, 2010. Mark it in your diary as it is a day not to be missed.

## **Quote**

"Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart" - Confucius

## Sale Players Do Well at Maffra Easter Tournament

Sale players performed very well at the Annual Maffra Easter Tournament, (which, surprisingly, was played over Easter).

The **Kaandorp** family had a great tournament. **Debbie** and **Wayne Dennis** took out the Veteran's Mixed Doubles. Debbie and **Anthony "Chook" Booker** also won the Mixed B Doubles for the second year in succession and with **Michelle Allman** she was runner up in the Women's B Grade Doubles. Well done Deb. In a great family performance daughter, **Bree**, also performed well coming runner up in the 19 & Under Singles and Bree with brother **Harrison** were runners up in the Family A & B Mixed Doubles. Harrison was also a runner up in the Men's C Grade Doubles with partner **Tim Hicks**.

Club Champion, **Krystal Rawnsdon**, was runner up in the Gippsland Women's Singles going down to **Sophie Vickers** of Bairnsdale. Krystal also teamed with **Jeremy Tobin** of Warrnambool and they were runners up in the Mixed A Grade Doubles.

To prove that it was definitely no fluke, **Jonathon Burge** defended both his 19 & Under Boys Singles title from 2009 with a win over **Ryan Prattle** of Traralgon and his Men's A Grade Singles with a win over **Kevin Clurey** of Kialla Park. Somehow Jonathon continues to make this game look easy and winning back to back finals at this level is an outstanding effort.

**Lexie Joyce** and **Sarah Trett** made the finals of both the 14 & Under Girls Singles and the 16 & Under Girls Singles. Lexie won the 16's and Sarah reversed the result in the 14's. In other matches Sarah was runner up in the Women's C Grade Singles and with brother **Alex** was runner up in the C & D Grade Mixed final. Alex was also runner up in the 12 & Under Boys Singles to **Sean Day** of Maffra. In another great result brothers **Jack** and **Thomas Foley** were runners up in the Boy's 12 & Under Doubles.

## Tassie Devils

Sale Tennis Club was represented in a recent tournament in Tasmania. Here is the story as remembered by those who believe that they were there. (For the record the team was made up of Aaron Patten (LJ), Nick Board (Boss), Tom Wilson (Puss), Abe Schuback (Skip), Rhett Nelson (el), Kane Martin (Muzz) and Lee Schuback (Monkey))

After an eventful trip to Melbourne to catch the plane - with Aaron (LJ) Patten providing the entertainment during the trip, the tennis weekend started with a court booking and a solid hit up for hours to acclimatise to the faster indoor surface. After checking the draw and realizing that a midday match was scheduled the boys decided to locate some local watering holes.

The boys then took off to see some of the sites with some local's drag racing around town. Tom (Puss) Wilson couldn't keep up with the cars and eventually took a tumble over the pavement. Day One of the tournament saw the players all playing well with good first round wins (except LJ and Muzz), the remainder of the tournament saw all players going well with good wins in doubles and consolation singles. Abe Schuback defeated Kane Martin in the consolation final.

Meanwhile Nick and Rhett made the semi-finals of the main draw in the doubles. The tennis standard went downhill as the matches went on and the nightlife improved. Some hi-jinks and hilarity was had by all and overall a great weekend.

LJ has positioned himself as tour coordinator for next year with the help of local identity Stefan. The more the merrier so, players wanting to have a great tennis weekend, get on board.

The wash-up of the whole trip is that Nick Board is getting quite a big head after the Australian rankings came out with Nick the highest ranked Sale member. (It should be noted that Rhett is ranked the same, just lower in the alphabet.)



## Out & About

### Club Ambassador Success Story

Sale Tennis Club was recently featured in Tennis Victoria Club Ambassador Success Stories for 2009. Tennis Victoria feature stories from member clubs who have achieved success in their facility development or player programs. Under the heading of “*Five Years of Exciting Development*”, Tennis Victoria listed all of our facility upgrades, our tennis programs and featured a photo of the John Leslie Grandstand. If you would like to view the article, look it up at [www.tennis.com.au/vic](http://www.tennis.com.au/vic)

### Wellington Shire Helps Out

Sale Tennis Club's ongoing partnership with Wellington Shire has been most productive over the past few years. The latest improvements to benefit our Club have been the sealing of Montgomery Street West so that during winter you no longer need to go straight to the carwash every time you visit the Club. We won't miss the dust during summer either. A further benefit is that the local “hoons” are no longer able to use the turning circle as an unofficial skid pan, endangering our members and themselves in the process. All members should note that this road has a 50 km speed limit. Please observe this to make this area safe for our juniors as they leave the Club.

In a further step forward, Council have commenced planting the embankment on the south side of the road and under the trees adjacent to our car park. This area planted with native grasses will look much improved over the coming years and be a credit to our Club and the input of Wellington Shire. Thank you goes to our Councillors for listening to our requests and to the Council staff responsible for the program.

### Vale Ian Brewer

Ian Brewer passed away last month. Ian was father to **Kerrie Abel** who was President of Sale Tennis Club's during the early 90's. Our thoughts go to Kerrie as all Club members wish her well during this difficult time.

### Tennis Seniors Victoria

Tennis Seniors Victoria is an active group that provides a forum, tournaments and competition opportunities for over 35's. Current tournaments on offer are the Australian Clay Court Championships, Mildura Seniors and the Tri State Challenge. Full details of all activities are available at [www.tennisseniorsvictoria.com.au](http://www.tennisseniorsvictoria.com.au) or enter tournaments at [www.92computing.com.au](http://www.92computing.com.au) For those who have been around our Club for a few years with a good memory, you may even recall Cushla de Muth, who is a member of the Seniors Committee. So if you have accumulated a few years but still enjoy your tennis, look up Tennis Seniors Victoria and join in the fun.

### Men's Night Pennant

Men's night pennant is planned to commence in July. We are targeting a Monday night, but could also use Sunday night if it suited more people. The season will run for 8 to 10 weeks and be a great lead in to Saturday pennant. For those interested in playing tennis at the top level please email Abe Schuback at [abe.schuback@phillipsons.com.au](mailto:abe.schuback@phillipsons.com.au) or on 0423 585 402.

### Working with Children

The Working With Children (WWC) legislation has been with us for over 5 years. Seeing the importance of this issue, Sale Tennis Club was one of the first Clubs in Victoria to adopt the checks for all coaches and volunteers who work with juniors. This was well before the WWC checks became compulsory. Well now they are!! The voluntary part of the WWC checks has now become compulsory. All members who are working with or supervising juniors need to undertake the check. Forms are available from the Post Office and application is free. (WWC does not apply if your child is playing in the team you are supervising or if you have a junior in your team.) If you have any doubts please contact Robin Lowe on 5144 7582 to discuss WWC.

## Jarmila Groth Excels at Roland Garros

Ranked 107 in the world, Jarmila Groth played extremely well in the second Grand Slam of the year by making the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the French Open. Jarmila is married to Sam Groth, who has competed in two of our Pro Circuit events in Sale. In her best result ever in a Grand Slam, Jarmila eventually bowed out to Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan. (Samantha Stoser made the final at Roland Garros but we could think of no remotely possible connection to Sale.)

## On & Off

We recently had a very near miss with our Ladies President left in a very compromising position with a “water sopper”. The sopper had been left at courtside by someone who had used it and then could not be bothered putting it away. We were very lucky that it was only pride that was damaged. (Happily our Ladies President was uninjured also.)

Two lessons come out of this. First, if you take it onto a court please take it off again. While this applies to super soppers it also applies to drink bottles, chip and lolly wrappers and a myriad of other flotsam and jetsam that accumulates around our courts. Take it back off with you; it is not that hard! Second, if you are about to commence a set and there are obstructions around the edge or end of the court that some other lazy sod has left behind, then show some initiative and save your own neck by removing it before you commence play.

## Calender of Events

*	May 31	Midweek Ladies Semi Finals – Maffra & Nambrok
*	June 7	Midweek Ladies Preliminary Final – Sale Tennis Club
*	June 7	Night Pennant Finals Commence – Sale Tennis Club
*	June 21	Midweek Ladies Grand Final – Sale Tennis Club
*	June 21	Ladies Night Out – Jack Ryan’s Sale
*	June 25	Roger Rozmus Pennant Grand Finals – Sale Tennis Club
*	July 12	Ladies Midweek Season 2 Commences
*	September 12	Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club
*	October 24	Sale Cup, Greenwattle Racecourse, Sale
*	May 28, 2011	Annual General Meeting, Sale Tennis Club (For those who like to plan ahead.)

## 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](mailto:theelms@netspace.net.au) and please tell your friends to do the same. (If you no longer wish to receive our newsletter just reply with *Unsubscribe* as the topic.)

## 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](mailto:theelms@netspace.net.au) or phone Robin on 5144 7582.

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