

APRIL 2023

TOP SPIN

Dear Members,

I hope this edition finds everyone well and healthy. After the blast of summer, we managed to enjoy quite a few months of beautiful weather before it has started to change on us recently.

This edition, there are a lot of chunky reports from the committee for members to digest (not my fault!) so I will be brief. I have introduced a new section for sharing some of our member's news. The FPTC community is like a large "family", and we should use the Club as a platform to be able to rejoice together in good times and be there for each other in tough times.

Do try to squeeze in some tennis right into winter, and on the days that you get rained out you can still follow the clay court season on telly. Will Iga rise again after her recent lull? Will the Djoker finally be immortalised by doing the Grand Slam? Will wounded warrior Rafa spoil his party (yet again) by pulling off the unimaginable feat of winning 15 Roland Garros titles? You will have to stay tuned for the answer!

Game On!!!

Your Editor,

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Special thanks to Jonah Liew for his creative assistance with some of the graphics in the publication. Well done, Jonah!



President's Report

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Hello fellow Members,

Welcome to the second edition of Topspin for 2023 and I trust you were delighted with many weeks of uninterrupted fine weather to enjoy playing our magnificent game, the comradery around the Club and a visit to the Bar for banter afterwards.

A special congratulations to our League teams for making it a competitive season with most making it thru to the finals and a few being successful in winning for their team and the Club. I wish to also congratulate Anne Hales for her commitment in the management of our League program throughout the year.

Further details of our League results and information will be outlined by our Captain and Coach later in this edition of Topspin.

I thank all participants who entered our Club Championships this year that was completed recently and proved to be a very successful, competitive, and enjoyable event. Many thanks to Andy Mackechnie (Head Coach) and Adrian Fowler (Captain) for arranging the event under a somewhat changed format that allowed every member, at any age, to enter in a competitive nature or just for fun. I also thank the several members who assisted in organising food, refreshments, bar service, and fun during the tournament.

It was very pleasing to witness the turnout for the presentation ceremony and congratulations to all winners and other finalists in all events. Also a big thank you to those who stayed and shared their varied stories and post mortems afterwards. It surely was an eventful and enjoyable evening.

There are too many to thank individually in regard to making the Championships a success, but I would like to single out the ever multiskilled Denise Cramer for arranging all the prizes for the event and the scrumptious snacks prior to the presentations. More on Club Championship results and photos can be viewed later in this publication.

There are a few other members to thank who assist in smaller projects around the Club. One comes to mind is Jan Yeo who has arranged some wonderful plants to beautify the Alfresco area. Another is our 2023 Honorary Member Keable French who continually dedicates several hours every week carrying out maintenance, repairs, cleaning, wiping, painting, etc around the place. Not to mention Sally Henfry who goes unnoticed around the kitchen ensuring we have adequate stock and supplies.

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It was unpleasant but necessary recently for me to raise the matter of court etiquette and a Club Spirit was distributed as a result to ensure members, visitors, and the like are aware of the necessity to act in a manner acceptable for the good of the game and the FPTC especially.

The Club's rules require that players must be fair, honest, and sporting always, conduct themselves in a professional and friendly manner both on and off the court, and exemplify the highest standards of moral character.

I encourage all to view the Club Website at <https://play.tennis.com.au/floreatparktennisclub> to ensure you are aware of what's happening at the FPTC throughout the year. There is lots of information available on the Site and we try to regularly include updates. We also plan to make the website more informative and user friendly soon.

Some of the programs Committee are working on currently are covered by your Vice President Gwyn Dolphin in a separate report following.

Thank you again to all committee members for their tireless contribution to the management of the Club affairs and we welcome more members to being involved in future years.

Finally, if any member would like to make any suggestions how we can make improvements around our Club, please speak to myself or any other committee member. We always strive to make the FPTC a better place to be and consider any suggestion that you may have.

Thank you, enjoy your tennis, and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Fred Santich

President

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From the Vice-President's Desk

The Club Committee has identified a range of plans for improvements around the club over the coming months. A number of projects are already underway to improve the club facilities, both on and off the courts.

Most significantly, we are working with the Town of Cambridge (as the leaseholder of the clubhouse and grounds) to upgrade our court lighting to LED lights. This will enable us to have more efficient and cost effective lights, that provide instant turn on (rather than the warm-up period we have for the current lights). In addition, lighting quality will be clearer and more concentrated. The project requires detailed planning and budgeting with the council, and we hope to have the works underway later this year or early next.

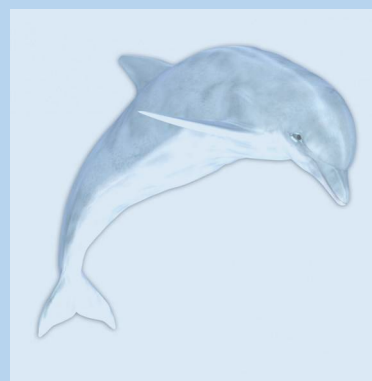
We are also planning to renew the clubhouse entry space, updating the Captain's desk area and increasing the size of the shelving for bag and racquet storage. Members may have noticed developments to the alfresco seating space overlooking courts one and two, with thanks to Jan Yeo for helping to brighten-up the area with a range of plants and soft furnishings. Further improvements are planned over time.

Back on the courts, we are again working with the council on trimming trees on the north and south sides of the club, while there will soon be significant trimming undertaken alongside court 12. The current trees are growing into the court fencing and, left untrimmed, will lead to damage. Once the trimming work has been done, the school playground will be exposed so we will be installing screening along the length of the fence to maintain privacy. We'll also be installing smaller screens on court nine and court one to reduce distractions from the road and car park, as well as limiting the impact of the wind.

Over the recent weeks, we've also sought to better communicate with members on club activities, such as the Club Championships and League team results, using club emails, the website and Facebook to provide immediate news and updates. We'll continue using Topspin for more detailed information, and welcome any member feedback on the reports being provided, or how you'd best like to receive them.

Please speak with any of the Club Committee, or drop an email to:
fptc.general@gmail.com

Gwyn Dolphin
Vice President





Captain's Report

Hi all

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent Club Championships, players and supporters alike. Each year an enormous amount of work goes into the premier event of the year at the club and I would like to particularly acknowledge and thank Andy for organising the event and all those behind the scenes organising catering, prizes, photos, BBQ and the bar. The idea of starting with the twilight event on the first Friday and running the event over 2 weekends rather than 3 seems to have been well received. It was great to see large numbers around for the finals and the presentations afterwards

Congratulations to our winners and runners-up as follows:-

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER-UP</u>
Mens Open Singles	Kade Eber	Ash Jones
Ladies Open Singles	Jackie Yip	Judith Anderson
Mens Open Doubles	Scott Bulloch Jason Hiew	Brett Arnold John Raston
Ladies Open Doubles	Helen McCready Judith Anderson	Catherine Dolphin Denise Cramer
Mixed Open Doubles	Jason Hiew Helen McCready	Scott Bulloch Catherine Dolphin
Mens Over 45 Singles	Phil Sealey	John Strachan
Ladies Over 45 Singles	Carol Callaghan	Nicky Wraith
Mens Over 55 Singles	Julian Hubble	Anthony Quahe
Mens Over 50 Doubles	John Strachan Anthony Quahe	Guy Hattersley Ian Sylvester
Ladies Over 50 doubles	Penny Askin Carolyn Mahoney	Mimi Thet Sally Keady
Mixed Over 50 Doubles	Fred Santich Denise Cramer	Adrian Fowler Lesley Nourse



Captain's Report

EVENT

Mens Over 60 Doubles

Mens Over 70 Doubles

WINNER

Mark Charlton

Adrian Fowler

Garry Briggs

Kazutoshi Matsubara

RUNNER-UP

Osman Hadziomerovic

Fred Santich

Art Ferreira

Bert Rousset

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monthly Mug - Sunday April 30

Monthly Mug – Sunday May 28

Battle of the Coaches – Friday June 9



Regards

Adrian

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Pennants News

Hello Members,

Here is an update on how we have been doing recently for our pennants teams:

1) Saturday Women's Open:

Division 3, Jackie- finished 6th on a ladder of 8 teams

2) Saturday Men's Open:

Division 9, Osman- lost in the Grandfinals against Manning, in a very close match.

Division 13, Mechiel- finished 5th on a ladder of 9 teams.

3) Monday Fast Four:

Men's, Division 1, Andy- finished 5th on a ladder of 8 teams.

Men's Division 5, Mechiel,-lost in a Semifinal against Wanneroo .

Men's Division 5, John- lost in a semifinal against Kardinya.

Men's, Division 6, Vishal, finished 6th on a ladder of 6 teams.

Women's Division 3, Anne- won the Grand final against Peppermint Grove, closely contested, across 2 nights(the matches played longer than the first night lights could accommodate).





4) Wednesday Women's Open 8s Division 1, Debs- finished 7th on a ladder of 9 teams.

5) Thursday Nights Women's Open, Division 2:

-Lesley, finished 5th on a ladder of 8 teams

-Jenny, finished 8th on the ladder.

For the Summer League there were 2 players from FPTC who were MVPs-

Winda Prastiwi (Monday Night's women's F4)

Brett Arnold (Saturday Men's Open, Division 9)

Cheers,

Anne

Pennants Captain





Coach's Corner



SUMMER JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS 22/23



WELL DONE TO ALL OUR JUNIOR LEAGUE PLAYERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE PLAYING THEIR FIRST SEASON. WE HAD 8 TEAMS PARTICIPATING WITH BOTH OUR GREEN BALL TEAMS REACHING THE SEMI FINALS, TWO OF OUR 13&U TEAMS REACHING THE GRAND FINAL AND OUR BOYS 18&U TEAM

SHO MALLEN, CHE JONES, SIMON POCOCK, JAXON WILLIAMS AND OLIVER ZHANG GOING ALL THE WAY TO WINNING THE DIVISION 4 TITLE.

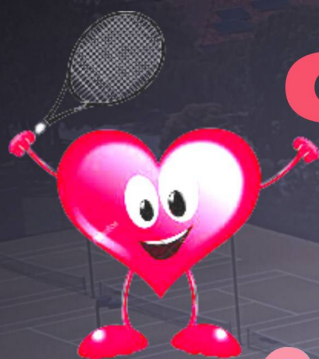
A SPECIAL MENTION TO *EMILY SHEN* WHO WAS THE LEAGUE MVP

Andy Mackechnie

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Coach's Corner



NEW CARDIO TENNIS



GET FIT THE FUN WAY!

RESUMES FRIDAY 28/4/23

Cardio Tennis will combine the high intensity of a circuit class and a tennis drills class

This class will have little or no coaching and will be accompanied by energetic music

All standards welcome

To Enrol or for any additional information contact **Andy: 0450 040 960**

**FRIDAYS
17:30 -19:00**

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL
WE ALSO RECOMMEND
BRINING WATER BOTTLE
AND TOWEL**

**MEMBERS
ONE CLASS \$20
TEN PACK \$180**

**NON-MEMBERS
ONE CLASS \$24
TEN PACK \$220**

**DRILLS CARDS
CAN ALSO
BE USED**



ANDY'S TEACHING TIP

SERVING POSITION

WHEN SERVING IN SINGLES OR DOUBLES
DONT BE AFRAID TO CHANGE YOUR
POSITION ALONG THE BASELINE. THIS WILL
MAKE THE RETURNER THINK ABOUT THEIR
OWN POSITION HOPEFULLY TAKING THEIR
MIND OF THE RETURN,
ALSO THE FURTHER AWAY YOU STAND FROM
THE CENTRE MARK WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO
CREATE AN ANGLE FOR SERVING WIDE. IT
WILL ALSO CREATE A BIGGER TARGET FOR
THE BODY SERVE.

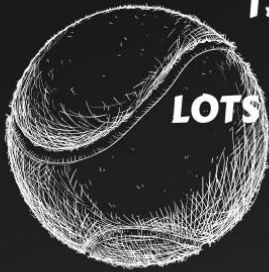


Monthly MUG

Next Mug:

Sunday 30th April

**COME DOWN AND ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OF DOUBLES WITH THE WINNER
TAKING HOME THE MONTHLY MUG**



LOTS OF OTHER GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

CHASE THE ACE!

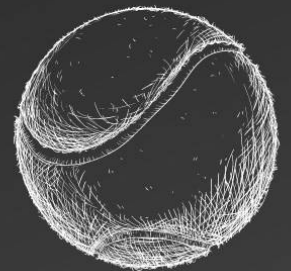
DROP SHOT CHALLENGE!

**A SAUSAGE SIZZLE WILL BE SERVED AFTER PLAY
(INCLUDED IN PRICE)**

FULLY LICENSED BAR

COST :- MEMBERS \$20 NON MEMBERS \$25

TIME :- 2-4:30pm



Last Mug winner:

Winda Prastiwi



**TO ENTER OR FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CONTACT ANDY: 0450 040 960**



Club Champs 2023



Ladies Singles -

Jackie Yip



Men's Singles—

Kade Eber



Girl's Singles -

Pear Suk-Udom



Boy's Singles -

Sho Mallen

This year's Annual Club Championships was held over 2 weekends, with a healthy number of participants as the Club introduced age categories for the first time to encourage more member involvement.

All the sessions were well-attended and there were many interesting matches but most importantly lots of fun. In the juniors, Pear and Sho went back –to-back from last year and defended their titles successfully. The Ladies Singles saw Jackie complete her “3-peat” against a new challenger in Judith. Kade went one up from last year by exacting his revenge on Ash in a rematch of last year's men's finalists.

Both doubles title matches were very tight affairs which could have gone either way and were the best ending to the final match day with a high standard of tennis. The magnificent Wilkie sisters emerged as the new ladies champs while Scotty & Jason got up in the men's match to wrap up the day. Well done all!

Club Champs 2023



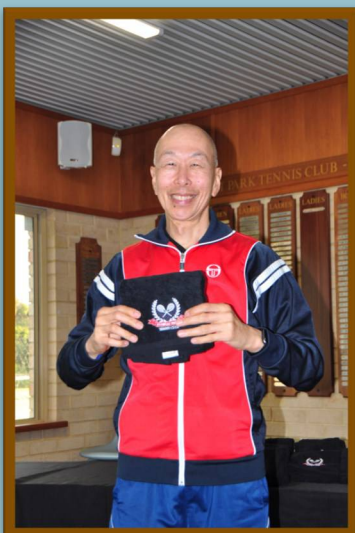
**Men's Doubles
Champs**



**Ladies Doubles
Champs**



Tournament Director—Andy

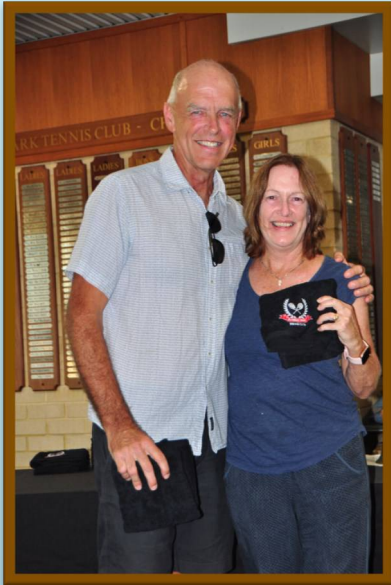


**Men's Singles
Over 55's R/Up**



**Ladies Singles
Over 45's Champ**

Club Champs 2023



**Mixed Doubles
Over 50's R/Up**



**Ladies Doubles
Over 50's Champs**



**Men's Doubles -
Over 60's R/Up**



**Men's Doubles -
Over 70's
Champs**



This year's Championships were also extra special as it saw the return of the original "GOAT" of FPTC, Garry (aka Briggsy) after some years of absence. No other player, male or female, has managed to still remain on the champions list with a reign lasting over 5 decades!! Not even Djokovic, Nadal or Federer will manage that. Well done, you bovine legend! Let's just say Kaz knows how to pick his partners...

**Please note that due to space constraints we are unable to fit all the pics of the Club Championships on this e-mag. To view more photos visit:

Website : <https://play.tennis.com.au/floreatparktennisclub/events/eventphotos>

Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/floreatparktennisclub/photos>



CLUB MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dear Members,

Unlike interest rates Club membership has risen only slightly over the last few months.

Our club welcomes the following new members who have joined the club in recent months:

Rahul and Ari Lakshmanan

Joseph and Luke Pennock

Also, a big welcome back to Andrew Ford who has rejoined the Club.

Serena Williams once said “You only live once but you get to serve twice.”

Regards,

Peter

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Social Committee Report

Social Report

As usual it has been a very busy first three months of the year at Floreat Park Tennis Club. Our first social event of 2023 was the annual Australia Day Breakfast which followed 4 rounds of morning social tennis. Ham and cheese croissants and fruit were enjoyed by about 35 members and washed down with champagne and orange.

Saturday February 4th was the Club's Family Play n Stay when members were encouraged to bring down their partner and / or children to join in some after tennis socialising. Andy organised some fun games for the kids on the court and Mark Charlton kindly fired up the barbecue to cook some delicious gourmet burgers for all.

March saw many League teams play in finals with the FPTC Club Championships starting on Friday 24th March and concluding with finals on Saturday 1st April. This year players and spectators were able to purchase lunches from the club kitchen during the Championships. Ready-made sandwiches, wraps, sushi, pies, sausage rolls, fruit cups etc were all available at very reasonable prices. Many, many thanks to Penny Chan for her kindness in making two trips to Bentley to pick up the food.

Spectators were treated to tasty finger food whilst watching the finals on Saturday afternoon which was followed by Trophy presentations and once again our special "barbecueist" Mark Charlton cooked up some delicious burgers which were thoroughly enjoyed by all that stayed on to celebrate....or commiserate....Thanks Mark!!



I would like to thank the social committee for all their help and especially Jan, Lesley, Yvonne and Carol for their efforts in the kitchen. Thank you so much!

Most of you will have noticed by now that we do have a lovely new girl looking after afternoon tea on a Saturday during social play, Tali Wrobel, who is the daughter of a member. Please make her feel welcome.

Most of you will have noticed our pergola area has recently been beautified. Many thanks to Jan Yeo and Mike Eyre for their wonderful efforts in the purchase of some beautiful potted greenery and colourful cushions. It looks amazing! Note - Please don't water pot plants....Jan is in charge of this!

Upcoming events to put in your diary:-

Annual Quiz Night - Saturday 19th August

FPTC 85th Anniversary cocktail party - Saturday 21st October

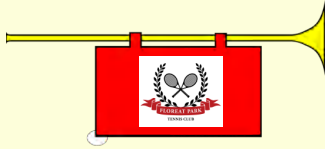
Christmas Party - Saturday 2nd December

Thank you!!

Denise

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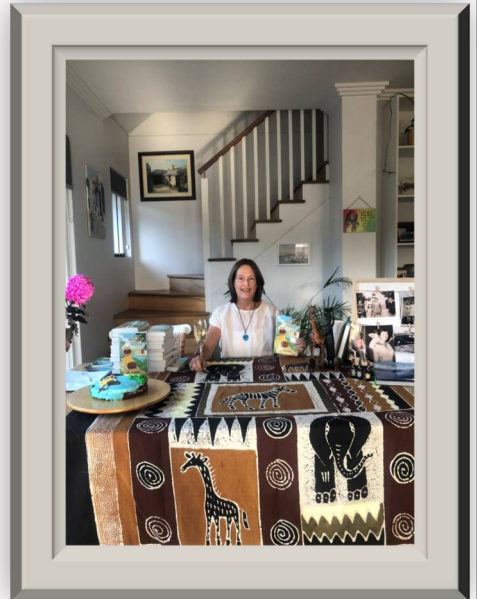


MEMBER'S NEWS

Here at FPTC we are very fortunate to have quite a few members who are multi-talented, but sometimes these “latent” talents are not immediately obvious. One such example is Lesley who can now be officially known also as an author upon the recent launch of her first book. Simply titled “An Irish Orphan In Africa”, her book is essentially an affectionate biographic tribute to the life of her mother who courageously left Ireland at a young age to face what the world was going to throw her way.

Members who are interested in getting a copy will be able to find it at :

- Booktopia
- Amazon
- Dymocks
- Austin McCauley
- Goodreads



Ed—if you ask her nicely, I’m sure the author would be happy to sign your copy of the book for you!



Vale Bob Henfry

It is with much regret and sadness that we advise of the passing of our long-time club member Sally Henfry's beloved husband Bob, after a long illness. FPTC wishes to pass on our deepest condolences and sympathies to Sally and her family.



COMMITTEE 2022/2023



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Gwyn Dolphin



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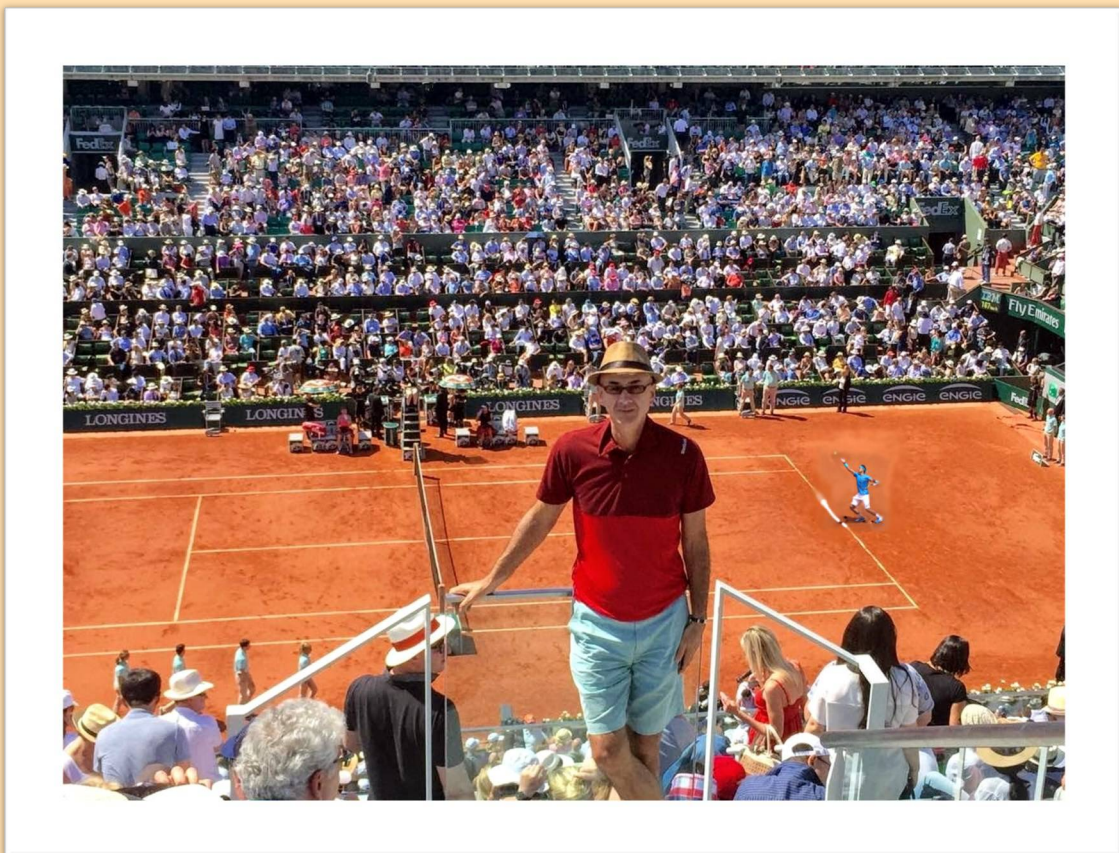


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Time for the Clay Dirt?

(Cue the Righteous Brothers music...)



Ed—if any members have nice pics of your adventures at any of the Slams in the future, please send them to me by email just like Ozmandic Hadziomerovic Ljubicic here ...