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Life Members Day – September 11

Our 18th Life Members Day will be held on **Sunday, September 11**. Life Members Day is one of the great days on our annual calendar. The day is a celebration of the contribution to our Club of all members, and especially Life Members, who have been recognised for their outstanding contribution. Each year we welcome back to the Club the extended Flint and Best families to celebrate their lifelong association with Sale Tennis Club. Absolutely everyone is welcome, current members, former members, children, family, friends, new players and anybody else.



Our Club now has 22 Life Members awarded over its 72 year history. These Life Members are: **“Nellie” Munn, Keith Prestney, Don Schuback, Lorraine McHattie, Keith Best, Monica Best, Moyra Maher, Helen Gerrand, Shirley McFarlane, Gary Schuback, James Maher, Bruce Carter, Jan Saville, Ian Flint, Robin Lowe, Mike Riley, Chris Deschepper, Murray Fitzclarence, Karen Deschepper, Karen Pollett, Debbie Krusic, Di Arnot and Kurt Best.** It would be hard to measure the contribution this group has made to the Sale Tennis Club and many are continuing to make an outstanding ongoing contribution. Our very first office bearers in 1951, WF McLoughlin, W Gay and C Fogg could not possibly have imagined what our Club would grow to and how good our facilities would one day become.

The men on Life Members Day will play for the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy**. In 2021 Peter Nissen had a day out and claimed the trophy after a wonderful day of social tennis.

The ladies on Life Members Day play for the **Keith Best Memorial Trophy**. Keith would be delighted to think of the next generation of tennis players helping celebrate our Club and vying for the trophy named in his honour. Last year Susan Mattson got on the Club honour board for a third time after a great afternoon of tennis.

The juniors on Life Members play for the **Monica Best Memorial Trophy**. Monica was the “Queen of the Kids” on Saturday mornings for over a generation and the Monica Best spoon was a treasure that is still cherished by many of our former players. In 2021 Emma Best won the trophy named in her grandmother’s honour.

The day’s activities commence from 12 midday with lunch followed by 3 sets of tennis from around 1.00 pm for the more enthusiastic and a relaxing drink or a cup of tea for the less energetic. At the end of the tennis we will have afternoon tea, presentation of trophies and the traditional raffle. The whole day is **free**, there will be a spinning wheel, a raffle and many other prizes. The Esplanade Resort and Spa in Lakes Entrance have again donated a \$200 voucher for our spinning wheel, Graze Family Bistro have donated venue vouchers and there will be loads of raffle prizes.

If you can help out on the day with a salad, a raffle prize, on the BBQ or in serving lunch and cleaning up please let us know at theelms82@outlook.com or call Robin 0418 514 788.

Junior Report

Summer Tennis is Almost Here

Ready for tennis? A new summer pennant season is just around the corner.

Team selection will commence early in September with teams to be finalised before the end of the current school term in September - the season starts on Saturday October 8th.

All existing and new members are asked to indicate their interest in playing the next season by completing [this Google Form](#) and submitting it.

(Please note: if you already received an email from Coach Jason on Friday about the next tennis season, you do not have to complete this form again. You only need to complete the form once).

To get everyone back on court we are planning a Junior Season Launch on Friday 9th September from 5pm. There will be a free BBQ and drink, a racquet raffle, plus a competition for fastest serve using the clubs new radar gun.

For more information about the upcoming season, or if you have any trouble with the form please contact: Kurt Best - email kurtb@pf.com.au or phone 0409 962 104 or Coach Jason Yap jason@grandslamfitness.com.au or phone 0403 082 388

Judy Dalton Cup

The Judy Dalton Cup is a Regional Teams competition providing the opportunity for the best 13 and under girls from rural Victoria to compete against each other while representing their region. Although tennis is an individual sport this event gives players the enjoyment of playing within a supportive team environment.

The event is named after Judy Dalton, the former Australian professional tennis player who won nine major doubles titles and completed the career Grand Slam in women's doubles. Five of her doubles titles were with Margaret Court. She reached the final at Wimbledon in 1968, where she lost to Billie Jean King in two tight sets. Dalton reached a career-high singles ranking of No.7 in 1968, the same year she reached the Wimbledon final. She was also a member of Australia's winning Fed Cup teams in 1965 and 1970. She finished her career with an 18-4 win-loss record in the competition.

Her greatest legacy to women's tennis was her part in the Original 9. Dalton was one of nine female players who broke away from the tennis establishment to form their own tour to protest the inequality on prize money and support in comparison to their male counterparts. This paved the way for the formation of the WTA. In retirement, Dalton remained active in promoting women in tennis as President of the Australian Fed Cup Foundation.

Why is any of this important you ask? The answer is that Sale Tennis Club is hosting the Judy Dalton Cup on October 29 and 30. We will have teams from Barwon, Central Gippsland, Central Highlands, Goulburn, Loddon Campaspe, Mornington Peninsula, North East, Northern Mallee, South West, Wimmera and of course our own East Gippsland region.

13 & Under Girls are invited to express their interest in being part of the East Gippsland team to the new East Gippsland Regional Teams Co-ordinator, Masami Gould on 0428 135 550.

The Frank Sedgman Cup

The Frank Sedgman Cup is a metropolitan and regional teams event that showcases emerging junior talent and provides players with the opportunity to represent their region in a team environment.

Francis "Frank" Sedgman is an Australian former world No. 1 tennis player. Over the course of a three-decade career, Sedgman won five Grand Slam singles tournaments as an amateur as well as 22 Grand Slam doubles tournaments. He is one of only five tennis players all-time to win multiple career Grand Slams in two disciplines, joining Margaret Court, Roy Emerson, Martina Navratilova and Serena Williams. In 1951, he and Ken McGregor won the Grand Slam in men's doubles. In 1952 a 24-year-old Frank Sedgman swept the singles, doubles and mixed doubles titles at The Championships – a feat that no other player has replicated in the seven decades since.



L to R: Henry Seeber, Judah Levchenko, Paige Hosford & Anna Banson

On an unseasonably warm and sunny day at the end of July, 4 local 11&U kids represented East Gippsland in the Frank Sedgman Cup, at Bairnsdale. The format of play consisted of a mixed doubles and a singles match for each round.

The team, consisting of Paige Hosford (Heyfield), Anna Banson (Bairnsdale), Judah Levchenko (Sale) and Henry Seeber (Sale) joined 11 other teams from across Victoria to participate in this great showcase of young talent.

East Gippsland were really challenged early on, going down 5 sets to 1 against the highly fancied North Suburban Junior Tennis Association. Highlight of the tie was Paige securing a hard fought win, 6-3.

Next up was Waverley, where they were again challenged, finding themselves competing against a strong metropolitan outfit.

Towards the end of day, the team dug deep, narrowly losing to Peninsula, with Henry and Anna combining well to win their doubles 6-4. Judah also prevailed 6-4 in his singles, in a match that included many epic rallies.

Unfortunately the weather turned arctic for the second day, with single digit temperatures and icy blasts. Despite the conditions, the team was better matched to play fellow regional teams Wimmera and Central Gippsland.

The tie against Wimmera was by far the best performance, with the team winning all 6 sets. The highlight being both Anna and Paige winning 6-0 in their respective singles.

The tie against Central Gippsland saw some extremely competitive hitting, with Central Gippsland coming out on top. Overall, East Gippsland ended the tournament in tenth position.

The weekend provided the juniors with an opportunity to compete at a high standard of tennis, whilst also, importantly, beginning friendships for future competitions. Next year's event is scheduled to be played at Wodonga.

Coaches Column

While we all love the warmer weather, summer champions are made in the winter. During the colder winter months, participation tends to drop off. However, Sale Tennis Club is a different story. I guess they really do breed them tough in Sale. My coaching program's numbers are at record levels and there is a buzz around the club with Summer Pennant just around the corner. The improvement of everyone involved has been great to see. Not only has everyone improved their tennis game dramatically, but the mental and physical growth has been next level.

With Summer Pennant starting next term, we have opened registration for the 2022/2023 season. Last season was a huge success, and I am sure the upcoming season will be even better. We will be having a Season Launch Event on Friday, September 9th at 5pm. There will be a free BBQ and can of soft drink, plus a competition for fastest serve using our new radar gun. We will also be holding a raffle for a brand-new racquet so it promises to be a great event you will not want to miss.

We are also hosting a Regional Junior Playoff on Saturday, September 3rd at 10:30am for anyone interested in testing themselves against other players in the East Gippsland Region. These playoffs will be held twice per year which will qualify certain players to represent East Gippsland in Representative Cups for each age group in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing you continue progressing on the court and assisting you with all your tennis coaching needs into the future.

"Tennis is 80% mental and 20% physical. Obviously, you must work hard to develop the physical skillset, but you can't be a well-rounded player without being a positive critical thinker. You can win or lose before even stepping on to the court. Same can be said about life."

For more information, I can be contacted by SMS on 0403 082 388 or through email on jason@grandslamfitness.com.au

To your tennis, health and fitness,

Coach Jason Yap



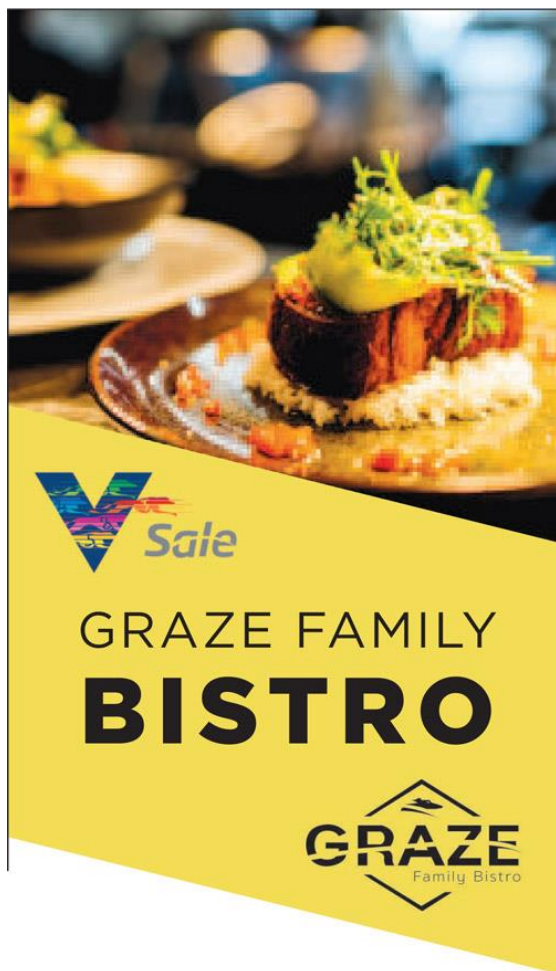
Saturday Summer Pennant – Seniors

Sale Tennis Club is now recruiting for the coming Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association summer pennant which commences on Saturday, October 1.

Sale is planning to field teams in all 3 senior WGTA sections in the coming season. With teams in every section the Club is able to offer players of every standard and ability a place in a team where they will feel welcome and competitive.

Sale Tennis Club President Robin Lowe said “WGTA pennant is a great Saturday afternoon of tennis which caters for players of all standards and features a unique social atmosphere.”

Sale Central Storage return for season 2022 / 23 as the sponsor of the **Sale Tennis Club Player** and **Team of the Year**. Get your name on the Saturday Pennant list for your chance to win the Sale Tennis Club Player and Team of the Year.



They are joined by **Graze Family Bistro** who have generously provided our 3 set winners vouchers for the past 4 years.

Team selection will commence early in September with teams to be finalised by September 12. The Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association senior season starts on Saturday October 1st.

If you wish to join the fun or have any personal requests please speak to Club Captain, Tim Dunnett. For all enquires please contact Tim on 0425 802 908.

Night Pennants – And the winners are!!!

Tuesday Night

Always topical, Tuesday night went with a COVID-19 vaccine theme. We had Pfizer, Novavax, Johnson & Johnson, Sputnik V, AstraZeneca, BioNTech and Sinovac.

While this is not a competent medical recommendation BioNTech came out on top. They were Cijo Kuriakose, Russ Heathcote, Kazz Egan and Damien Theobald, filling in for Cordell Vollemaere. The runner up vaccine was Novovax being Chris Boxall, Alex Bixall, Lorraine Crawford and Phil Todd in his comeback season.



BioNTech –
Cijo Kuriakose,
Russ Heathcote,
Kazz Egan &
Damien Theobald.
(Filling in for Cordell
Vollemaere.



Novovax –
Chris Boxall, Alex
Boxall, Lorraine
Crawford & Phil
Todd

Thursday Night

Herron, Todd White, Findex Accountants, GippsWIFI and Chris Webster Furniture made up the final 4 after 15 rounds of tennis. Herron Todd White (Gerrit Leuning, Josh Barbetti, Cordell Vollemeare and Tim Bull) and Findex Accountants (Simon Kemp, Nathan Wallace, Damien Theobald and Steve Shanahan), the two teams that finished 1 and 2, won through to the Grand Final with strong performances in the semi-finals in what felt like sub-arctic conditions.

However with excitement building toward the Grand Final sudden illness meant that one player from each team needed a fill-in. Fortunately replacements were found and “the show went on” in near perfect weather, with the coveted Sale Tennis Club towels firmly on the line. In the end Herron Todd White were victorious over Findex Accountants. Perhaps we should have always expected valuers to triumph over accountants – opinions and estimates trumps journals and calculators.



L to R:
Ben Dowsett
(filling in for
Nathan
Wallace),
Steve
Shanahan,
Josh Barbetti,
Andy Pate
(filling in for
Cordell
Vollemeare),
Damien
Theobald,
Gerrit Leuning,
Simon Kemp
and Tim Bull

If you require any further details about night pennants or to get your name on permanent player lists (or the fill-in list) please email theelms82@outlook.com or contact the following:

- Tuesday Night - Karen Deschepper
0408 517 000
- Thursday Night - Robin Lowe
0418 514 788



The Dahlsens Challenge



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Sale Tennis Club travelled to Bairnsdale on Saturday June 18 to try to defend the Dahlsens Challenge Shield. The Challenge, which is usually played annually, was disrupted in 2021 by COVID and then the proposed April 3 date was postponed with some of the worst weather imaginable.

Nearly 60 players competed in the Challenge, which involves both junior and senior players competing on behalf of their Club and town.

Like the Davis Cup, each town has a Captain, being the respective club professional coaches, Jason Yap from Sale and Gavin McCoy from Bairnsdale, who pick the overall teams and individual match ups.

On a perfect winters day the competition started with a round of singles for the juniors and doubles for the seniors. The juniors relished the chance to showcase their skills and the standard of tennis was a credit to them all. The improvement achieved over the past season has been remarkable and the tennis was captivating for those that assembled to watch.

The Sale seniors found the early doubles matches tough work against their Bairnsdale opponents who were playing some great tennis however held their own as the matches progressed with the result that at the end of Round 1 Sale finished with a convincing lead.

The next round was a doubles rubber and the Sale juniors relished the challenge, showing the benefit of the hard work they have done during the season and teaming well together to open up a decisive lead.

The final round saw Barinsdale take the court with the Dahlsens Challenge trophy firmly on the line but the deficit was too great and Sale ran out convincing winners.

The Challenge ended with the two coaches playing a singles match in front of an enthralled crowd. Gavin McCoy served first and games remained on service until the tiebreak. In the tiebreak Jason Yap took the early points but McCoy was able to claim a vital mini-break and went on to take out the match. The tennis was exceptional and the spectators, especially the children coached by the respective players, were inspired by the stroke play.

Sale Tennis Club President Robin Lowe was on hand to accept the Dahlsens Challenge Shield and to thank their hosts from Bairnsdale, the players, the coaches, the volunteers who helped with organisation and catering and especially Dahlsens for their commitment to and support of local sport.

Events such as the Dahlsens Challenge are important for the development of junior players in regional areas as they provide a rare opportunity for them to be part of a larger team representing their Club and to compete with and test themselves against their peers from other areas.

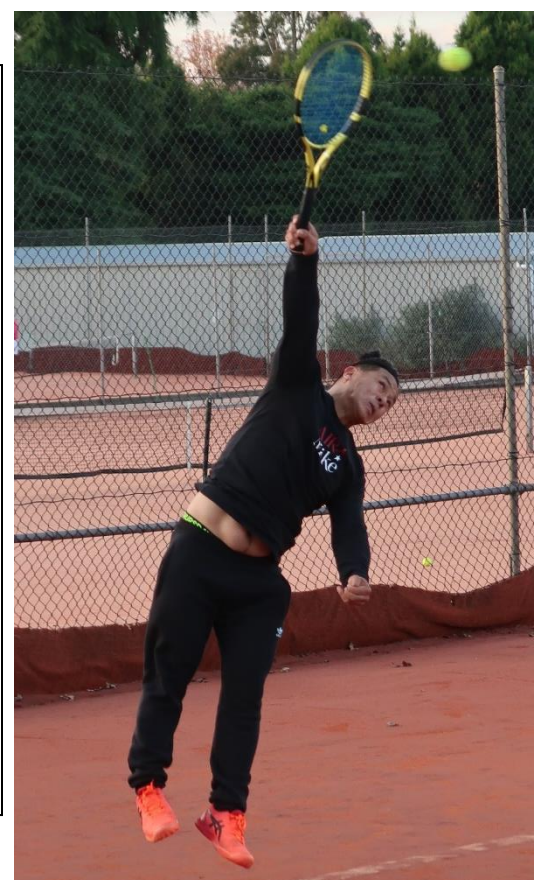
With the tally now 5 matches to 3 in Sale's favour the Dahlsens Challenge will return in 2023 with Bairnsdale making the trip to Sale to try to win back the Shield.



Above: The Sale team are all smiles before the start of play in the Dahlsens Challenge.

Left: Sale TC Coach Jason Yap holding the Dahlsens Challenge Shield with Bairnsdale TC Coach Gavin McCoy

Right: Sale TC Coach Jason Yap serves during the singles match against Bairnsdale Coach Gavin McCoy



New Sponsor – Gippsland Mortgage Solutions



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We are delighted to have a new Club sponsor, Gippsland Mortgage Solutions, our local mortgage broker in Sale, providing Home Loan advice that you can trust!

Whether you're a first home buyer or an experienced investor, Gippsland Mortgage Solutions offers simple and straight forward mortgage broking solutions to help find the right home loan to suit your needs. We work for you, not the bank, while keeping you informed every step of the way. And best of all, it doesn't cost a cent to work with us!

Gippsland Mortgage Solutions can assist with all your lending needs including:

- purchasing your first home
- upgrading to your next home
- getting into property investment
- construction or renovation loans
- business lending
- or refinancing to consolidate debt or get a better rate.

Applying for a loan can be a stressful process. Gippsland Mortgage Solutions provides the highest quality financial support and assists you through every stage of the lending process. We go the extra mile by doing all the hard work for you.

With so many different lenders and loan products in the marketplace, choosing the right loan that best suits your individual needs can be extremely challenging. Gippsland Mortgage Solutions are experts in everything mortgage related and strive to help you find the right loan from our panel of lenders to best meet your current and future financial requirements and objectives.

Our team are friendly, professional and are committed to providing you with exceptional service and a stress-free experience.

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Jo Rule in ITF World Team Championships in Portugal

Jo Rule travelled to Lisbon in Portugal to represent Australia in the 2022 ITF World Masters Teams event from Sunday the 31st of July to Friday the 5th of August.

One of the leading Sale Tennis Club players, Jo has been travelling the Tennis Masters Circuit competing in singles and doubles over the last couple of years. This hard work and success resulted in her being selected to represent Australia at the 2022 ITF World Team Championships. Jo has been playing tennis all her life and has been rewarded with her first time representing her country.

Jo was playing in the Margaret Court Cup for women aged 45+ and was the Number 1 lady for Australia. The format was both singles and doubles.

After a warm up on the clay the Official Opening brought everyone together at the start for the event. On day 1 (31 July) Jo's Aussie team played the Spaniards followed by Japan on Day 2. Next up was Sweden and finally Turkey. While the Aussie team did not have any victories their tennis improved as the event went on and Jo's final singles match was a narrow 6-3 7-6 loss.

Jo and the entire Australian contingent were grateful to the Portugal Tennis Federation for hosting such a great event.

For more of the story and some fantastic photos go to Jo's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/joanna.rule.1>

Jo was the 2018 Sale Tennis Club Women's Singles Champion.



Jo with her Aussie teammate Adriana



Jo in action in Portugal on what looks like her home courts

Come & Try Day at Sale Tennis Club

Sale Tennis Club hosted a Come & Try Day attended by 30 juniors, many for their first tennis experience, on June 30. The day was made possible with support from Uniting Gippsland through its Wellington Community Connect program. The Come & Try Day was designed to support community members, especially children, to increase their involvement in the community through sport and social activities. Participating in these activities helps people connect with the community and reduce isolation.

Uniting assisted with the cost of coaching and the equipment needed to participate including each player receiving a free tennis racquet, tennis balls and a Sale Tennis Club social membership for the next 12 months.

The day was run by Sale Tennis Club professional coach, Jason Yap, and 2 of his qualified coaching assistants, Aaron Donaldson and Sam Crouch. There was a warm up, agility training, tennis technique and a raft of fun activities during the course of the day.

Sale Tennis Club President Robin Lowe said “It was a wonderful spectacle to see so many enthusiastic children keen to participate in a new activity and sport. They were so keen to get on court and get started with their brand new tennis racquets. A huge “Thank you” goes to Jay Church and Uniting Gippsland for their Wellington Community Connect Initiative that made the whole day possible. We are excited by the prospect of many of the children becoming part of the Clubs regular programs.”



The Come & Try Day future stars with Club Coach Jason Yap and Jay Church from Uniting Gippsland.

Women Leaders in Tennis

Tennis Australia and the Sale Tennis Club would like to invite two women from our Club to participate in the upcoming Women Leaders in Tennis Program which will be held in our region.

The program aims to inspire, connect and educate current and prospective women leaders in tennis by:

- Ensuring an equal voice for women in tennis
- Building leadership knowledge, skills and confidence of current and prospective community leaders
- Creating a network of women community leaders both locally and nationally
- Increasing participation of women and girls in community leadership roles in clubs and associations
- Recruiting and retaining women community leaders

The inaugural program commenced earlier this year and has seen 24 Victorian women from a variety of tennis clubs share their challenges and highlights, experience different ways of thinking and explore opportunities for their club.

Who should apply?

Current and prospective community leaders who are in paid or volunteer roles in tennis clubs including club volunteers, community activators, program/event leaders and club committee members.

The program will be delivered over four months, with a combination of two face-to-face workshops, Sunday 27th November 2022 (Maffra) & Sun 2nd April 2023 (Warragul) three online interactive sessions (these will be recorded and may be viewed later if you are unable to attend).and self-paced learning activities

The program is fully subsidised and successful candidates will not incur any cost. (Program is valued at \$4,000).

How do you apply?

For further information on eligibility and selection requirements please go to:

[Women & Girls | The Clubhouse | Tennis Victoria](#) Applications close on Tuesday 18th October.

If you are unable to attend this program but are still interested in applying the next program will commence in June 2023, with applications opening in March 2023. Please let us know if you would like to be reminded when the next round of applications is open.

2022 Sale Tennis Club Spring Event

After an absence of over 4 years, firstly due to our court renovations then more lately due to a nasty over achieving bug named COVID-19, tournaments will return to Sale Tennis Club. From September 21 to 23 we will host a Junior Series and Open Series Tournament. These tournaments cater for juniors of all levels and aspiring seniors. The senior standard will be equivalent to the former Australian Money Tournaments with prize money and ranking points on offer. Juniors will be chasing just ranking points! Age groups for juniors will be 10 & Under through to 16 & Under. These September tournament dates cover the AFL Grand Final public holiday. We invite everyone to come and enjoy our tournament in a relaxed and friendly country environment at our brand new facility. Entries close on September 11.

We will be encouraging both local entrants and local volunteers to help run the tournament.

Full tournament details and online entry is available at: <https://tournaments.tennis.com.au>

Volunteer Feature – “Tatt” Scores 1,000

Sale Tennis Club volunteer Robert “Tatt” Tatterson looks after our lawns, our cleaning and various other jobs around the Club and has done so for the last few years. His contribution cannot be understated and we all really appreciate his enthusiasm and commitment to making our Club a better place.

However Tatt is also active in several other community groups, the most prominent of these being the LV Umpires Association, who honored Tatt for his 1,000th game on Saturday August 20 in the Morwell V’s Sale clash. Tatt was featured in the Spectator magazine that weekend where his achievements and commitment were fittingly acknowledged. Enjoy the read below on our “superstar” volunteer in his other role.

(Some might also be familiar with the expression “Gone from chocolates to boiled lollies ...” as the very next day Tatt was back at Sale Tennis Club cleaning the clubhouse after a 21st birthday party. Fame clearly has not gone to his head - yet.)

LV UMPIRES ASSOCIATION



Moving into finals is always busy for us, but none so busy as this year. Our milestones keep appearing this week, and once again, it's time for a big one!

Our premier milestone for this week will be at Morwell v Sale Seniors, when Robert Tatterson takes his place between the goals for his 1000th game.

It takes the utmost dedication, commitment and passion for the game you love to commit two thirds of your life to umpiring football, and that is just what Robert Tatterson has done. Tatto began his umpiring journey as a 20 year old with the Sale panel in 1981, chalking up over 200 games under the guidance of coach Ian Couchman. Bob Thomas advised him to drive down the highway to the Latrobe Valley Umpires who at that stage were officiating the Latrobe Valley Football League. In 1989, Tatto tag-teamed between the Sale and Valley Panels for a season and has continued the drive along the highway up to 3 times a week since. After 34 years (apart from 2003 when work took him to East Gippsland where he umpired for the season) with the LVUA, Tatto chalks up another amazing milestone in a career full of magical moments.

The early years were highly competitive with a lot of excellent umpires taking to the field and Rob held his own with the best. His mantra of 'never be afraid to blow the whistle' has stood him in good stead throughout his umpiring career earning three Mid Gippsland and one Gippsland Senior Grand Final as a field umpire with the team. Rob's commitment to country football has not stopped just because his knees have, moving on to goal umpiring and the important role of junior mentor for our up-and-coming field umpires. The constant call of 'can I run with Tatt' from our juniors shows the respect he has earned, not only as an umpire but as a person. His love of the game of football and the people associated with the clubs,

leagues and umpiring teams has been a major driver for his longevity in the sport. He has always loved talking to the country footy people with a Woodstock in one hand and the other outstretched for a hand shake. His strong work ethic installed in him by mentors Peter Box and Steve Buhagiar and the many friends he has made on the journey has kept him on track to this day. All at the LVUA thank Tatt for his amazing commitment and friendship and congratulate him on the monumental feat of 1000 games with the Latrobe Valley Umpires.



We also recognise Alec Scholes this week who will run out in the same game. Alec is celebrating his 200th game, which feels like it pales in insignificance alongside 1000, but is really a great milestone achievement of it's own. Alec will be found running the boundary today and is well-known for his camel-pack while he runs. Have a great day, Alec!



Above: The official presentation on game day – Tatt holding the match ball.

Below: Tatt in action in the goals signaling another major.



Out & About

Strategic Planning Process

Sale Tennis Club recently secured a Community Assistance Grant from Wellington Shire Council to help the club develop a Strategic Plan.

A strategic plan is a way to gain consensus – sharing and working towards a vision for the future which can develop cohesion among members. It will ensure the club can continue to operate effectively and in a consistent direction, regardless of changes to committee personnel.



The plan will outline goals and objectives with methods of achieving them, which can focus effort and volunteer time, and will be useful for a broad range of purposes, from day-to-day decision making and change management, to growth strategies and evaluating progress. The plan will also seek to ensure the club identifies ways to maximise the use of its new facilities.

GippSport has been engaged to work with the club on this process, with support from Tennis Victoria, and we would value your input.

Please complete this survey by Monday, 26 September. The survey can be accessed at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SaleTennisSurvey>

If you would like further information or have any ideas that may assist the project, please contact GippSport Senior Sports Consultant Michelle Harris on 0458 145 596 or via email at michelle@gippsport.com.au

Working Bee – Saturday September 3

We understand that everybody is busy but if you can spare an hour or two on Saturday September 3 from 10:00 am for a working bee it would be greatly appreciated. We realise that not everyone can attend at this time but we hope that as many people as possible will be there to share the tasks.



There are a lot of things that need to be done around the Club with Life Mmbers Day coming up and the WGTA pennant due to start in October. Unfortunately our membership fees do not cover anywhere near the full cost to maintain our facility and what we don't get done ourselves we have to pay someone to do for us. Arrive at any time from 10:00 am, help with some jobs and enjoy the feeling of a job well done in making a contribution to the success of your Club.

We hope to see you there.

AO 2023 Ballkids Success



Following our ballkids trials held on 29th May where we had 6 juniors trial for the AO, Louis Lazzaro, has progressed through the full trials and has been selected as an AO Ballkid for AO 2023. This is a fantastic effort given there are over 2500 applicants each year. We wish Louis all the very best as he gets to share his January at Melbourne Park with our tennis heroes. This continues a long tradition of Sale juniors as ballkids with our most recent being Aden Best, Baxter Pearce and Hunter Pearce.

Louis had his first training day at the National Tennis Centre on August 27 where he and the other 359 successful applicants were put through their first full day of ballkid drills and training.



Sale V's Warragul – November 6



V's



Warragul Tennis Club has accepted the challenge of a road trip to Sale. They will make their way down Princes Highway on **Sunday, November 6**. This is our opportunity to make our neighboring club members welcome and to test our skills against our peers from other Gippsland clubs. It would be great if this were to become a long term tradition. Please do your very best to make our visitors welcome.

All Junior and Senior Players are welcome. To make the day work we will be looking for a minimum of 16 juniors and 12 seniors, but the more the merrier. The whole day is free and a BBQ lunch is provided by the Club. Play will commence at around 11:00 am on the day.

More details will be available on TeamApp and from Coach Jason on 0403 082 388 who will be taking names and will be our "Davis Cup Captain" on the day.

Aussie World Rankings

Ranking	Name	Age	Ranking	Name	Age
20	Alex de Minaur	23	63	Ajla Tomljanovic	29
28	Nick Kyrgios	27	72	Daria Saville	28
75	Thanasi Kokkinakis	25	140	Madison Inglis	24
76	Alexei Popyrin	22	124	Astra Sharma	26
82	James Duckworth	30	140	Jamie Furlis	22
101	John Millman	32	163	Olivia Gadeki	20
106	Jordan Thompson	27	174	Pricilla Hon	24
118	Jason Kubler	29	178	Lizette Cabrera	23
122	Christopher O'Connell	27	192	Astra Sharma	26
199	Vukic Aleksander	26	230	Arina Rodionova	32

R U OK?Day – Thursday September 8

R U OK?Day is our national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask ‘Are you OK?’ and start a meaningful conversation whenever you spot the signs that someone you care about might be struggling with life.

TIPS ON HOW TO ASK



1. Ask



2. Listen



3. Encourage action



4. Check in

You don't need to be an expert to ask, “Are you OK?” And when you genuinely ask, “Are you OK?”, and are prepared to talk about how they're feeling and what's going on, you may just help someone that is struggling to feel connected and supported.

If you, or someone you know, needs help you can find it at:

Lifeline 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 beyondblue.org.au	Suicide Call Back Service 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	Mensline 1300 789 978 mensline.org.au
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Jess Board Selected in Victorian Pizzey Cup Team



Jess in action in a Junior ITF event in Vietnam

3 time Sale Tennis Club Open Women's Club Champion Jess Board has been selected in the Victorian Pizzey Cup team. The Pizzey Cup is a prestigious national schools tennis championships open to students from Year 7 through to Year 12 inclusive.

The Jack Pizzey Cup was inaugurated in 1963 with the then Queensland Minister for Education, the Rt. Hon. Jack Pizzey donating the trophy. Jack Pizzey was a secondary school teacher and became Premier of Queensland in January 1968 until his sudden and untimely death in July of that year.

Tennis Victoria and Tennis Australia support School Sport Victoria in the delivery of the National Secondary School Teams event – the Pizzey Cup – with teams competing from every State and Territory. The event provides Victorian secondary school students the opportunity to represent Victoria at the School Sport Australia Championships with the winners awarded the Pizzey Cup and players also receive important Australian Ranking points. The Victorian team is made up of 8 female and 8 male Victorian secondary students aged 18 and under.

Jess is in Year 11 at Gippsland Grammar and is the only player from Gippsland to make the team. Jess is currently 3150 in the ITF junior world rankings and over the past month she has played Junior International Tennis Federation events in Indonesia, Vietnam and has just returned from an event in Fiji.

The 2022 Pizzey Cup will be held in Perth from August 27 to September 3.

Need a Tennis ID Number?

Most Tennis Australia sanctioned tournaments require a Tennis ID Number. As a member of Sale Tennis Club you may already have your number. If you don't know your number it is as simple as phoning Tennis Australia on 1800 752 983, give them your details, mention that you are a member of Sale Tennis Club and you will get the 12 digit number over the phone.



GippSport Club Research

Sale Tennis Club was a contributor to the GippSport sports research on clubs across Gippsland and how they are facing a range of challenges, looking to try new ideas and new approaches. GippSport wanted to draw on the experience and knowledge of people at local clubs to identify the factors that help clubs successfully innovate and take on change. Factors might be things like member support for change, the number of people involved, skills and access to resources. In the process GippSport conducted meetings with experienced people who have been heavily involved with local sports clubs over a number of years and understand the changing challenges that sports clubs face. STC President Robin Lowe was a contributor to this process.

Good Sports Policy Update

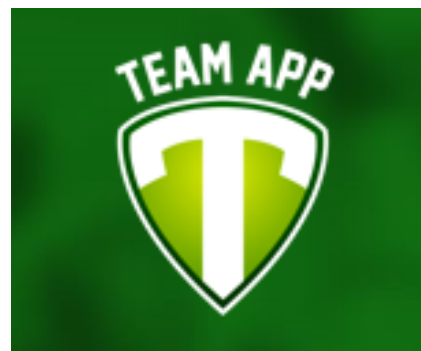


Sale Tennis Club is a Gold Good Sports Club. At our last Annual General Meeting we reaffirmed our policy and procedures for a balanced and responsible approach to the service, supply and consumption of alcohol at club games, special events, functions and other club-related activities. This represents our Club's commitment to its members, volunteers and visitors, acknowledging the role that sporting clubs play in building strong and healthy communities.

The full policy is available on our website at <https://playtennis.com.au/saletennisclub>

Sign Up to Team App

Want to be kept up to date with events at Sale Tennis Club? Download **Team App** on any iPhone or Android device and then search for Sale Tennis Club and request to join. Team App is a hub for our Club's information and communication needs, sending instant notifications to members' smartphone or tablet. Team App allows us to send news, create events, upload photos and videos, and publish newsletters and much more. All content is sent securely and privately to members and allows us to keep in touch in a non-invasive way. Sign up today and you will get confirmation of your membership and start being kept in touch.



Tennis Victoria – Club Financial Viability Series

Sale Tennis Club President, Robin Lowe, recently recorded content for an upcoming online release of a Club Viability Series. Several presenters from clubs throughout Victoria were asked to present on their special topics. Robin's topics were around financial viability, sinking funds, budgeting and governance as well as managing the Clubs relationship with local government and the club sponsorship value proposition.

To prove that it is a small world the freelance journalist commissioned to do the live interviews was former Sale Tennis Club junior Katherine Riley, daughter of Sale residents Julie and STC Life Member Mike Riley.

The Financial Viability Series will be released online in the Tennis Victoria Clubhouse resource page later this year and will hopefully benefit the wider tennis community.

Ball Machine Hire



Our ball machine is available for hire for a small fee of \$5. The money collected will pay for its maintenance and eventual replacement. The most suitable times are between 3:00 and 7:00 pm weekdays as the Clubhouse will be open. Outside of these times you will need to arrange access to the Clubhouse through a committee member via our new key safe installed outside the pro-shop.

To avoid disappointment bookings can also be made via the link on TeamApp.

We would prefer for the ball machine to be used on the **hard courts or Courts 5 – 7**, as these are the most settled. (We have been getting some unfortunate baseline damage on our newest courts due to the repetitive nature of ball machine use.)

“There’s a Chair in There”



Our outdoor chairs continue to make their way onto the en-tout-cas courts for people to watch or umpire games.

Unfortunately the chair legs are not designed for our soft red porous surface and they dig straight in and disturb the layers that are so important to the longevity of our courts.

Please therefore resist the temptation to get comfortable in a chair on the court areas and remind those around you who might not have read this.

Also if you take the chairs out to watch from outside the courts please return them to the BBQ area. We spend a lot of time retrieving chairs that have been left here, there and almost everywhere. Please bring them back and help by reminding others to do so as well.

Quote

“Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.” Warren Buffett

Calendar of Events

- September 3 Working Bee – Sale Tennis Club from 10:00 am
- September 3 Regional Teams Tryouts – From 10:30 am Sale Tennis Club
- September 8 R U OK?Day
- September 9 -11 Tennis Seniors NRT – Royal Park Tennis Club
- September 11 Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club
- September 11 Entries close for 2022 Sale Tennis Club Spring Event
- September 12 All Junior & Senior names to be submitted for WGTA Pennant
- September 21 - 23 2022 Sale TC Spring Event - Junior & Senior Tournament
- October 1 WGTA Pennant Opening Round - Seniors
- October 8 WGTA Pennant Opening Round - Juniors
- October 7 – 9 Tennis Seniors NRT – St Arnaud Tennis Club
- October 29 -30 Tennis Vic Regional Teams Judy Dalton Cup – **Sale Tennis Club**
- November 6 Sale V's Warragul Tennis Club – at Sale Tennis Club
- November 11 – 13 Tennis Seniors NRT – Bacchus Marsh LTC
- November 27 Sale Tennis Club 70th Club Championships
- December 9 – 11 Tennis Seniors NRT – Warnambool LTC
- December 3 & 4 Alicia Molik Cup – Kooyong LTC
- January 8 – 13 Seniors Teams Carnival – Swan Hill LTC
- January 15 – 20 Seniors Individual Championships – Swan Hill LTC
- February 12 – 17 Tennis Victoria Country Week – Shepparton LTC
- May 12 – 14 Tennis Seniors NRT - Sale Tennis Club
- May 17 Sale Tennis Club Annual General Meeting

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 theelms82@outlook.com or phone Robin on 0418 514 788 and remember a picture tells a thousand words so be sure to send in a photo.

Email Addresses

If you have not yet provided your email address, or have changed your email address, please advise us immediately at theelms82@outlook.com 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.)

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<https://www.facebook.com/saletennisclub>

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