



NEWSLETTER

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Life Members Day – October 15

Our 19th Life Members Day will be held on **Sunday, October 15**. 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 our 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 has 22 Life Members awarded over its 73 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.

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. At the end of 3 sets of entertaining tennis the 2022 joint winners were Jo Rule and first time player Kym Van Der Vloet. Can either of them go back to back?

The men on Life Members Day will play for the **Ian Flint Memorial Trophy**. In 2022 Justin Hutton saluted for the 3rd time and claimed the trophy after a wonderful day of social 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 2022 Riley Nicholas was successful in getting his name on the famous honour board.

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 text Robin on 0418 514 788.

Junior Report

WGTA Junior Results

The 2024 summer pennant season is fast approaching and many in the junior ranks are getting excited about what lies ahead. Before season 2023 is too far in the rear vision mirror though, we need to recognise the results and success of that last competition.

Section 1 - Longford/Sale Tomljanovic defeated Sale De Minaur 6-41 to 2 – 27

Section 2 - Sale Duckworth defeated Sale Inglis 6 – 41 to 2 – 28

Section 3 - Stratford Swans defeated Sale Popyrin 6 – 44 to 2 – 23

Section 4 - Sale Kubler defeated Stratford Magpies 4 – 37 to 4 – 36

Section 5 - Sale Gadecki defeated Stratford Kookaburras 3 – 31 to 3 – 24

Section 6 - Sale Vukic defeated Bairnsdale Hewitt 6 – 37 to 0 – 21

Section 7 – Bairnsdale Alcott defeated Sale Mendez

Sale Junior's featured in every section over the finals series and we brought home flags in sections 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6 – an amazing result. Our victorious teams were:

<p>S1 Sale/Longford Tomljanovic: Mia Goad Dylan Board Charlotte Board Riley Nicholas</p>	<p>S2 Sale Duckworth Judah Levchenko Andre Wassermann Jay Davies Sam Crouch</p>	<p>Section 4 Sale Kubler Oscar Callanan Angus Cleland Seb Jones Archie Wallace Noah Broughton</p>
<p>Section 5 Sale Gadecki Zac Ingram Rory Macmillan Lucas Zhang Robbie Cuts</p>		<p>Section 6 Sale Vukic Lawrence Zhang Ryder Ferrell Jack Jellis Rishit Shee</p>



Section 1 Premiers Sale/Longford Tomljanovic: Riley Egan, Charlotte Board and Dylan Board (Absent Mia Goad)

Section 1 Runners-Up De Minaur; Louis Lazzaro, Sam Binotto, Rachael Page and Aaron Donaldson (Absent Alex Boxall)



Section 2 Premiers Sale Duckworth
Judah Levchenko, Andre Wassermann, Sam Crouch



Section 2 Runners-Up Sale Inglis
Jamie Pate, Rhian Shee, Reilly Egan, Fletcher Fyfe and Max Ronchi



Section 3 Runners-Up Sale Popyrin
Oscar Miller, Jonah Ingram, Mitch Dihood, Ted Crouch and Billy Bertino



Section 4 Premiers Sale Kubler
Angus Cleland, Oscar Callanan, Seb Jones, Noah Broughton and Archie Wallace



Section 5 Premiers Sale Gadecki
Lucas Zhang, Zac Ingram, Rory Macmillan and Robert Cuts



Section 6 Premiers Sale Vukic
Jack Jellis, Ryder Ferell, Lawrence Zhang and Rishit Shee



Section 7 Runners-Up Sale Mendez
Kai Garg, Leo Armstrong and Reef Dawson

At our end of season awards we recognised the amazing development and participation of our junior crew. Key awards were presented to the following:

First Season Star

The players who have impressed in their first pennant season:

Kai Garg, Max Ronchi, Elena Lazzaro, Lawrence Zhang

Most Improved

Players who have shown the most improvement from the beginning to the end of the season:

Eden Levchenko, Ed Ronchi, Ari Garg, Ryder Ferrel

Sportsmanship

Players who are noted for their conduct both on and off court:

Lucas Zhang, Jack Jellis, Lucy Dray, Sophie Ronchi, Angus Cleland

Most Determined

Players who have shown extreme determination to play tennis, never saying no to any opportunity and seeking to improve their game:

Zach Ingram, Charlotte Biram, Alex Olijnyk, Reilly Egan

Future Club Hero

A junior at the early stage of their tennis life, who show leadership potential or qualities that will make them an asset to club life: ***Billy Bertino***

We also recognised the **Paul Egan Junior Club Member of the Year** – which was awarded jointly this year to ***Alex Boxall*** and ***Rachael Page***. Both Alex and Rachael have been members of our Club ever since they picked up a racquet almost 10 years ago and have not missed a season since. In recent years they have been active both on and off court and in coaching roles and have blossomed into strong role models for everyone in our Club. We wish them both well for their future tennis journey as they now depart the junior ranks.

Now with that season done, it is on to Season '24. Registrations are open and we are looking to have teams sorted by September 15th. The season will commence on October 7th. Contact Jason or Kurt for more information.

Kurt Best
Junior President



First Season Stars:



Most Determined:
Zach Ingram, Charlotte Biram, Alex Olijnyk, Reilly Egan (absent)



Most Improved: Eden Levchenko, Ed Ronchi, Ari Garg, Ryder Ferrel (absent)



Future Club Hero: Billy Bertino with Junior President Kurt Best



Sportsmanship: Lucas Zhang, Jack Jellis, Lucy Dray, Sophie Ronchi, Angus Cleland (absent)



Paul Egan Junior Club Members of the Year:
Left – Alex Boxall with Kaz Egan
Right – Rachael Page with Kaz Egan



Below: **Paul Egan Junior Club Members of the Year.** Alex Boxall and Rachael Page with Riley Egan, Kaz Egan and Kurt Best. Great work Alex and Rachael for a sustained ongoing contribution on court, with junior coaching and the way you have always conducted yourself off court. You have been an inspiration to a whole new group of emerging juniors.



Coaches Column

Term 3

As we are approaching the end of the winter chill, there is so much to look forward to in Term 3 and beyond. All our coaching programs are firing despite the colder weather. It is true; the Sale TC community are tough cookies!

Junior and Senior Summer Pennant is just around the corner, so it has been awesome to hear how excited everyone is to take part in another fun season of competition. We will be making teams shortly so please keep an eye out for the registration form on our Facebook page and on TeamApp.

We are still running Hotshots Games for the younger kids on Saturdays from 8:15 – 9:15am. We have also just started up Matchplay Rallying Strategy Sessions on Saturdays from 9:15 – 10:30am for all players looking to prepare themselves for the upcoming season or those interested in transitioning from coaching to competition.

School Holiday Tennis Clinic will be from September 18 – 20 from 9am – 2pm.

We will be hosting the 2023 Sale Tennis Club Open & Junior Event from September 21 – 24. This is a great opportunity for our local players to get some vital match play experience and compete in our own backyard. Online entries close on September 11 so let us know if you are interested or have any questions.

We are also participating in our inaugural Warragul Challenge, so we are looking for Sale's finest juniors to battle it out against Warragul's best juniors. This will take place on Sunday November 12. Let us know if you are keen to represent Sale TC.

Lastly, I just wanted to get a bit deep and meaningful with you all if you don't mind. As I approach the 2-year anniversary of my tenure at Sale TC, I feel blessed to be a part of this community and am equally as proud of what my amazing team of assistant coaches and I have built and will continue building. Thanks for your unwavering support and we look forward to making the next 2 years even bigger and brighter than the last.

I'll leave you with 2 awesome quotes from the 2 G.O.A.T.'s:

You have to believe in the long-term plan you have but you need the short-term goals to motivate and inspire you. **Roger Federer**

I've grown most not from victories, but setbacks. If winning is God's reward, then losing is how He teaches us. **Serena Williams**

To your tennis, health and fitness,

Coach Jason Yap

2023 Sale Tennis Open & Junior Event

After an absence of over 5 years, firstly due to our court renovations then more recently due to a nasty over achieving bug named COVID-19, tournaments will return to Sale Tennis Club. From September 21 to 24 we will host a Junior Series and Open Series Tournament. This tournament caters 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. The tournament dates are within the September school holidays.



We invite everyone to come and enjoy our tournament in a relaxed and friendly country environment at our brilliant new facility. Entries close on September 11.

We will be encouraging both local entrants and local volunteers to help run the tournament. Our canteen will operate each day and we will be seeking donations of canteen items as well as volunteers to help serve them. Parents of Sale junior players are especially requested to help deliver this important event.

To provide a genuine Gippsland road trip a similar tournament, the 2023 O3K J125 Optus Traralgon Open & Junior Event immediately follows from September 25 to 28.

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

Annual General Meeting Outcomes

Our 73rd Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 17.

Senior Committee Office bearers for the 2023 / 24 season are:

President:
Robin Lowe

Vice President:
Murray Fitzclarence

Secretary:
Sonya Stephenson

Treasurer/Membership:
Damien Theobald / Karen Deschepper

Club Captain:
Tim Dunnett

General Committee:
Di Arnot Andy Pate
Jason Yap Kurt Best
Kellie Lazzaro Mark DiPietro
Nandrie Wassermann

Ladies Committee Representative:
TBA

Junior Committee Representative:
Kurt Best



Jo Rule has resigned from General Committee to take up a more active role in coaching. We know Jo will be still helping tennis in a different way and say "Thank you" for being part of our Club.

We are delighted to have Kellie Lazzaro, Mark DiPietro and Nandrie Wassermann join our General Committee, the biggest intake in a generation. We are looking forward to the diversity of talent and experience that our new committee members will bring to their role. Our Club will be the long term beneficiary. Please congratulate them when you see them.

We thank all members of each of our 3 committees for their enthusiasm and commitment as we seek to make ours the best club it can be.

Membership fees for season 2023 / 24 were set as follows:

Membership Category	Fee
Senior	\$185
Junior/Student	\$130
Family	\$475
Pensioner	\$130
Social	\$ 60

This represents the first increase in STC fees since 2008.

It is critical that everyone understand that it is the objective of our Club to make tennis available to absolutely everyone. Therefore if our fees are causing financial hardship to any member, or potential member, we would be happy to provide an instalment program or to discuss any other means of making their membership more affordable. Club President, Robin Lowe, can be contacted for a strictly confidential chat on 0418 514 788 if fees are an issue for anyone.

Ball Kids Trials

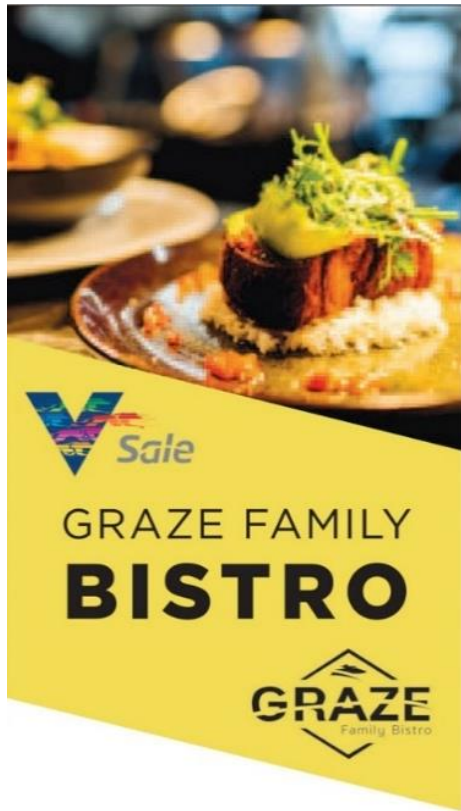
In May we had 7 young hopefuls come to the Club for the Level 1 Ballkid Trials for AO2024. This year we had a representative from Tennis Australia participate in the trials, along with our very own Jason Yap and former Ballkids Louis Lazzaro and Aden Best. Trying out were 5 of our own juniors - Sophie Ronchi, Josiah Levchenko, Andre Wassermann, Riley Nicholas and Milla Lazzaro. The bar has been set very high this year by the AO due to incredibly large numbers trying out, so at this stage we don't believe any of our new batch of Ballkids will make it to the next level. However as a returning Ballkid Louis Lazzaro is still in the running to get a coveted place in the squad for 2024.

It is a credit to our coaching staff that we continue to attract a ball kids trial each year. It is a fantastic opportunity for Gippsland children to access the program without having to go to Melbourne.



Saturday Summer Pennant – Seniors

Sale Central Storage returned for season 2022 / 23 as the sponsor of the **Sale Tennis Club Player and Team of the Year**.



SALE CENTRAL STORAGE

They are joined by **Graze Family Bistro** who have generously provided our 3 set winners vouchers for the past 5 years.

Grand Final Results were:

Section 1 – Sale John Elliman Real Estate 2 – 36 defeated Maffra Gippsland Real Estate 2 – 33

Section 2 – Stratford 7 – 67 defeated Longford 2 - 43

Section 3 - Stratford 6 – 61 defeated Maffra Stobies 3 - 50

In Section 1 Sale John Elliman Real Estate and Sale Findex made the finals but unfortunately had to play each other in the first elimination final. The estate agents triumphed over the accountants!

In Section 2 Sale Central Storage – Masami Goold, Lisa Harrison (Prue McNaughton filling in) and Nok Pate with Robin Lowe (Mick Luke filling in) Marrien Van Den Heuvel (Andy Pate filling in) and Steve Farley made the elimination final but were defeated by Longford 6 – 65 to 3 – 52.

In Section 3 Sale KFC – Debbie Iseppi, Leanne Pearce, Kaz Egan with Matt Conn, Scott Pearce and Tim Bull (Riley Egan filling in) were defeated by Briagolong 6 – 66 to 3 – 56.

Section 1 – Sale John Elliman Real Estate Section 1 Premiers

In the “battle of the estate agents” Sale Section 1 team John Elliman Real Estate won the first Section 1 pennant for Sale in nearly a decade when they toppled the much favoured ladder leaders Maffra Gippsland Real Estate by 3 games, 4 – 36 to 4 – 33. The Sale women dominated, as they have all season, led by Club Champion Jess Board and ably supported by Reggie Virgo, winning the first rubber 6-4, 6-0 against Zara Flynn and Julie Foat. The Sale men, Mark Elliman and Cal Board, were strong in support ensuring that what was gained in the Women’s set was not all lost in the Men’s. Mark and Cal returned 2-6, 4-6 against Mitch Allman and James Kenna (their best result all season against that pair) to carry a 2 game buffer into the mixed. In the mixed Reggie and Cal were strong in returning 6-3, 6-2 against Julie Foat and James Kenna. However the final was far from “in the bag” with Mark sustaining a significant wrist injury early in the final mixed against Mitch Allman and Zara Flynn. Fortunately Jess and Mark were able to hang tough to record a 4-6, 2-6 result and ensure a celebrated 3 game victory.



Section 1 Sale John Elliman Real Estate - Mark Elliman, Jess Board, Reggie Virgo and Cal Board with the Section 1 Shield and Championship Pennant.

Winners are grinners – celebrations are about to start at the Stratford venue.
Mark Elliman, Reggie Virgo, Jess Board and Cal Board



Tennis Victoria State League Championships

Having won the WGTA Section 1 Grand Final Sale John Elliman Real Estate was invited to the Tennis Victoria State League Championships at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club and Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on April 29 and 30.

This was an opportunity for teams that won their open-age association premiership to advance to the State Championships. Only players who played in the winning team during the season were invited by Tennis Victoria to form the final teams. With Mark Elliman having seriously injured his wrist in the WGTA Grand Final and Reggie Virgo having had knee surgery post the Grand Final the final team was Jess Board, Cal Board, Jo Rule, Kaylene Runciman, Eliza Dunbar and Nick Board. The Sale team was the only team in their section with women representatives. All of the other teams fielded all male players.

The Sale team played 3 high quality matches on the Saturday, winning 2 out of the 3 ties. On the Sunday morning they surprised possibly even themselves in the 4th tie with a 4 - 0 result which got them into the final by 1 point. For the grand final it was "Girls V's Boys" (with Cal as the exception of course), "Old V's Young" and "Regional V's Metro".

The grand final was close with Jess and Cal winning the first set and Jo and Kaylene just going down. In the reverse sets Jess and Jo won their match and Cal and Kaylene lost narrowly. Unfortunately the boys from Deepdene ultimately prevailed by 3 games.

It was a great weekend of tennis and definitely something for teams to strive towards next year.



Sale John Elliman Real Estate at Royal South Yarra TC:
Kaylene Runciman, Jo Rule, Cal Board & Jess Board

New Sponsors – Highgrove Bathrooms

We welcome our latest courtside sponsor, Highgrove Bathrooms, located at 302 York Street, Sale. Highgrove Bathrooms is Australia's leading supplier of high-quality and extensive design-led bathroom products. They offer a superior and diverse range of bathroom supplies including vanities, vanity tops, baths, shower glass, shower heads, shower fittings, basins, toilets, tapware, shower outlets, mirrors and bathroom accessories. They can supply everything you need for your next bathroom renovation project and everything in between, such as kitchen sinks and laundry products at affordable prices, helping you create awe-inspiring rooms where style and function come together.

Highgrove Bathrooms, 302 York Street, Sale
Ph: 03 4118 9700



Our courtside signage and other sponsors are responsible for an essential component of our annual budget, without which we could not deliver our programs or provide the quality facility that we all enjoy. In fact they provide nearly 10% of our annual gross revenue each year. We therefore wish to acknowledge and thank our sponsors for their vital support which allows us to maintain our courts and surrounds to the standard expected of our regional facility.

Tennis is a sport that can be played both socially and competitively throughout life. It is therefore as important to community development as it is to the world of competitive sport. In promoting the values of fun, fitness, health and social relationships, tennis clubs and facilities are vital parts of local communities.

Sponsorship makes much of this possible and we genuinely appreciate this support. A full list of our sponsors is on Page 1. If you have an opportunity to support them with the goods and services you purchase your support will be appreciated by them also.

Night Pennants – Grand Final Results

Tuesday Night

The theme for last season's teams was local parks. The grand finalists were McMillan Park – Joshy John, Phil Paton, Kaz Egan (filling in for Harold Johnston) and Russ Heathcote who played Victoria Park – Andrew Olijnyk, Kaz Deschepper, Kym Van Der Vloet and Cijo Kuriakose. The final was a very close match with McMillan Park finally triumphing by just 2 games. (Who would have thought that all that green grass would have triumphed over tall trees, a pond and 2 historic water towers?) A huge thanks to our Tuesday organizer Kaz Deschepper and her Number 1 support crew Damien Theobald.



Winners are gridders - Joshy John, Phil Paton, Kaz Egan (filling in for Harold Johnston) and Russ Heathcote



*Runners up:
Andrew Olijnyk,
Kaz Deschepper,
Kym Van Der Vloet and Cijo Kuriakose*

Thursday Night

The Thursday Night Grand Final saw Dahlsens (Nathan Wallace, John Meade, Tim Bull and Luke Szarek (filling in for Casey Armstrong) pitted against the young guns from GippsWIFI (Sen Goold, Mia Goold, Riley Nicholas and Louis Lazzaro). The Grand Final was a very tense affair with Dahlsens taking a two game lead into the last sets. A 6 - 3 win to Dahlsens in the first of the sets provided a 6 game margin but a 1 - 8 final set gave GippsWIFI a 2 game victory.



Left to Right: Louis Lazzaro, Riley Nicholas, Mia Goold, Sen Goold, Tim Bull, John Meade and Luke Szarek. (Absent - Nathan Wallace)

A big thank you to Bruce Carter, Andy Pate and Damien Theobald who took up the reins while long time organiser Robin Lowe was skiving off on the other side of Bass Strait.



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

Tuesday Night - Karen Deschepper 0408 517 000

Thursday Night - Robin Lowe 0418 514 788

Volunteer Feature – Steve Farley

This newsletter we acknowledge one of our quietest achievers, Steve Farley. Steve can be found on court almost every Thursday night pennant season for the past 3 decades. He even made a comeback to Saturday pennant last season and helped steer his Section 2 team into the first semi-final.



Steve with a night pennant winners prize, a much treasured Sale Tennis Club embroidered towel.

However we wish to acknowledge all of the things Steve does in the background. Almost every sponsor's sign that we see on our courtside fences have been put there by Steve. There are about 36 of them so that is a lot of steps up and down the ladder. Steve is also always on hand to do a quick repair whenever the Sale winds tear the signs loose.

In addition to putting up court signs Steve is the maker of many of our other directional signs, "Exit", "No Dogs", "No Alcohol Beyond This Point" and "No Smoking".

Our working bee attendance list has Steve's name on it every time, twice a year without fail, and he knows how to do stuff, lots and lots of stuff.

Finally, and please don't tell Melissa, at the end of the Thursday night supper when everyone has scurried home leaving the dirty dishes he rolls up his sleeves and gets them done, dried and put away.

"Thank you" Steve for everything you do for our Club. We really appreciate it.



Steve in full flight on Saturday afternoon. Look at that speed! The 'bionic hip' is working at full capacity.

2023 Seniors NRT at Sale - May 12 – 14

The Sale NRT was conducted over the weekend of May 12 to 14. There 50 players entered with 18 events played over the 3 days. Unfortunately, the ladies numbers were low once again. All players and spectators thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful weather that showcased our magnificent facilities and surrounds.

Sale players were well represented with Jo Rule and Tim Dunnett winning the 60's Mixed Doubles, Bruce Carter and Tim Dunnett winning the 60's Mens Doubles, Di Arnot and Jenny Luke winning the 50's Womens Doubles, Jo Rule and Kaylene Runciman winning the 30's Womens Doubles and Tim Dunnett the 30's singles.

We were delighted to have Greg Roberts, winner of the 1977 and 1978 Mens Open Singles Championship at our Christmas Tournament return to Sale and compete in several events. Greg reached the Mens Singles final in 1976 but was defeated by Australian champion Peter McNamara in a close final. Greg spent 47 years as a professional tennis coach. He now lives in Cairns and showed that, even in his 70's, he still has great court craft. He was full of praise for our revamped facility.



Greg with the Sale Christmas Tournament Mens Championship Trophy

Wellington Shire continue to be very supportive and we were delighted to have Mayor, Ian Bye, at the Meet and Greet on Friday night at the club and doing the trophy presentations.

Sale will host another Seniors NRT next May. Mark your diary for another fun event.



Jenny Luke and Di Arnot, runners up in the 35's Womens Doubles with winners Anna Norris and Christine Shingles.



Tim Dunnett in action in the 30's Mens Singles



Above: Kaylene Runciman and Jo Rule, winners of the 30's Womens Doubles with runners up Anna Norris and Christine Shingles.

Right: Wellington Shire Mayor Ian Bye with STC Life Member Bruce Carter, looking very comfortable at the Bruce "Curly" Carter Bar.



Clubhouse Hire

Thanks to some fantastic efforts by Sonya Stephenson our Clubhouse is now fully set up for functions. We have 4 brand new wooden topped standing tables and 24 high stools to match. Sonya sourced, polished and then assembled the standing tables in her workshop at home and they look great. Hire is open to members and the general public, with members enjoying a \$150 discount on the hire fee.

A full copy of the Clubhouse Hire Agreement and Frequently Asked Questions is available on our website.

If you have an upcoming function and are looking for a great venue give Sonya a call on 0429 934 317.



Out & About

Vale James Maher – Life Member

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of James Maher, one of our treasured Life Members.

James spent many years at Sale Tennis Club supporting his mother Moyra, and uncle and aunt Monica and Keith Best, and our coach at the time, Jan Saville. He was in charge of stocking the vending machine at a time when we had over 30 junior teams and just as many senior teams. The vending machine raised over \$15,000 in some years with James always on hand to ensure it was full. James was also responsible for mowing the Club lawns for over a decade and did a fantastic job with their upkeep. He was also always on hand to help with tournament organisation and Club Championships and played in almost every event.

James did not always enjoy the best of health but he was eternally cheerful and interested in what those around him were doing. Possibly his only character fault is that he was a passionate Collingwood supporter. Nobody's perfect!

Our thoughts are with Maureen, Trish, Bernadette, Dhelia, Gabby and the extended Maher family at this sad time.



James with a SHTA Premiership trophy



James is presented with his Life Membership by Gary Schuback, Monica Best and Keith Best

Competitive Player Profile

From September all players competing in Wellington Gippsland Tennis Association competitions will need a Competitive Player Profile. Many of our players already have a 13 digit Tennis Australia number. This just needs to be linked to ensure it relates to your UTR and your CPP is operational. For a Step-by-Step guide please go to:

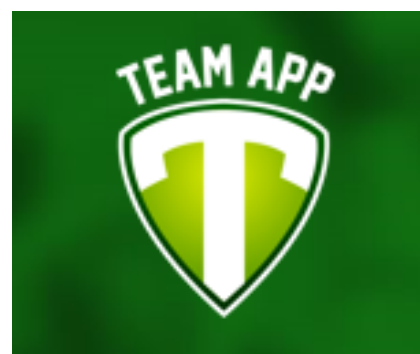


<https://www.tennis.com.au/competitiveplay/create-your-cpp>

We recommend the players get onto this early so that if there are any issues they can be sorted out before the beginning of the WGTA season.

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 up to date.



Aussie World Rankings

MEN		WOMEN	
Ranking	Name	Ranking	Name
13	Alex de Minaur	112	Kimberley Birrell
40	Alexei Popyrin	130	Ajla Tomljanovic
47	Max Purcell	139	Olivia Gadeki
50	Jordan Thompson	157	Arina Rodionova
51	Aleksander Vukic	167	Storm Hunter
68	Christopher O'Connell	187	Jamiee Furlis
77	Thanasi Kokkinakis	192	Daria Saville
86	Jason Kubler	194	Astra Sharma
111	Rinky Hijikata	207	Pricilla Hon
112	James Duckworth	210	Lizette Cabrera

Ball Machine Hire



Our ball machine is available for hire for a small fee of \$5 or unlimited use for a year for \$50. (The money collected will pay for its maintenance and eventual replacement.) The ball machine is now stored in the utilities room opposite Court 14. To get access you will need the code to the key safe which is located outside the pro-shop. This is available from any committee member.

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.)

Court Care Reminder

With the summer pennant season approaching it is opportune to remind players of the proper care of our courts. En-tout-cas courts require some essential maintenance if we are to enjoy playing on them at their best and preserve them for future generations.

- ❖ **Water** - It is vital that you water your court before the start of each set. (The only exception is if it has just been raining.) Please water the whole court all the way to the fence and avoid making large puddles. Many people only water the lined court area but you spend more time behind the baseline than on any other part of the court so be sure to water all areas. Take your time and ensure a thorough even cover. Nobody should commence any play on courts that are totally dry and dusty. This will gouge the courts resulting in potentially significant and expensive damage. All courts should have some moisture in them before play – just how much will depend on the prevailing climatic conditions.
- ❖ **Bagging** – Please bag the whole court after each set. Bag all the way to the baseline fence. Don't turn around as you reach the baseline, keep going until your nose touches the fence, then turn around.
- ❖ **Shoes** - All players should wear correct clay court tennis shoes – cross-trainers are unacceptable. Any player seen not wearing proper tennis shoes may be asked to leave the courts.
- ❖ **Nets** - If you arrive at the Club and see courts with the nets lowered, this is a sign that these courts are under repair so no play should occur on these courts. Please respect this and do not play on these courts.

With proper care our courts will last a lifetime. Please ensure you do your part.

Working Bee – Friday October 6

We understand that everybody is busy but if you can spare an hour or two on **Friday October 6 from 4:00 pm** 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 the upcoming WGTA season. Unfortunately your 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 others to do.

Arrive at any time from 4:00 pm to help with some jobs. Please make the effort to attend. We hope to see you there.

Quote

"I've always heard the old folks say that if you don't know how to enjoy good luck when it comes, you shouldn't complain if it passes you by." - Miguel de Cervantes, Don Quixote



Calendar of Events

- September 15 Junior Season Launch – From 5:00 pm
- September 13 – 17 Tennis Seniors Festival of Tennis – Barham
- September 21 – 24 2023 Sale Tennis Club Open and Junior Event
- October 7 WGTA Pennants Commence – Juniors & Seniors
- October 15 Life Members Day – Sale Tennis Club – **note revised date**
- October 29 Sale Cup – Greenwattle Racecourse
- November 12 Warragul Challenge – Warragul Tennis Club
- November 26 Sale Tennis Club 71st Championships – Sale Tennis Club
- January 14 – 19 Tennis Seniors National Teams Carnival – Hobart
- February 11 – 16 Tennis Victoria Country Week – Wodonga Tennis Centre

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.

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