# Sherriff's Tennis News

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## Introducing the
## 2011 Armidale Junior And Open Championships

The inaugural Armidale Junior and Open Tennis Championships will be held at the Armidale Tennis Club from the 4th to 6th October 2011.

It has been over 25 years since a Tennis NSW sanctioned tournament has been held in Armidale, and we are expecting over 150 players of all levels to participate.

Australian Ranking Points are on offer as it is a "white points tournament" for the 12 and under and 14 and under age groups, which will attract talented players from throughout the state.

$4000 prize money is up to be won in the events while the 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's will receive trophies and gift vouchers. Entries will close on the 23 September and you may enter up to 4 events. We have some major sponsors such as McDonalds, Precision Motors, Uphill and Schaeffer, New England Mutual , Roberts and Morrow accountants and Tony Williams Machinery.

*Armidale Tennis Club courts*

We will be celebrating the history of tennis with a demonstration match using old wooden rackets, along with novelty matches using jumbo rackets and raffle prizes. This tournament is for Juniors and adults so don't forget to enter and give it your support. See you there!

# Upcoming Tournaments

| Date | Tournament | Contact and Phone |
|---|---|---|
| 4th September | **Premier Event Team Selection** | Armidale |
| 18th September | **Junior Super Series –Coffs Harbour West side Tennis Club** | Alan Pade<br>PH: 6652 7694 |
| 24-26 September | **2011 Miami Grass Open Age tournament NIAS Bus trip** | Helen Hurley<br>0402 044 905 |
| 25 September | **Junior Super Series –Coffs Harbour Sawtell Tennis Club** | Alan Pade<br>PH: 6652 7694 |
| 1-3 October | **BHP Werris Creek Open Bronze AMT** and White ARP. | Gary Cohen<br>Ph:67474731<br>Fax: 67474939 |
| 4 -6 October | **Sherriff's Tennis Academy Open Armidale** (points tournament) | Justin Sherriff<br>Ph: 0423 915 850 |
| 7-9 October | **Taree Junior Tournament** | |
| 22-24 October | **2011 Medibank State Final**<br>Invitation only | Eliza Boyd<br>Ph 0466 745 649 |
| 6th November | **Junior Super Series –Coffs Harbour Sawtell Tennis Club** | Alan Pade<br>PH: 6652 7694 |
| 11-14 November | **31st Northern NSW Open Junior Championships** | Alan Pade<br>Ph: 0419 655 437 |
| 12-13 November | **West Tamworth Junior Series** | Malcolm Nash<br>Ph: 0408 293 602 |
| 19-20 November | **Brisbane Junior Open**<br>NIAS Bus Trip | |
| 27th November | **Junior Super Series –Coffs Harbour West side Tennis Club** | Alan Pade<br>PH: 6652 7694 |
| 2-5 December | **Lismore Open Age Tournament** | John Stoddart<br>Ph: 0404 569 759 |
| 13-16 December | **Bathurst Summer OJT** | Andrew Mitton<br>Ph: 0419 499 467 |

**You can enter most of these tournaments online at:**
**http://tournaments.tennis.com.au/**
**Or contact Justin Sherriff or Heather Apps (contacts on Page 1)**

# Cessnock Junior Open Tournament

Well done to all who competed at the Cessnock Junior Open which was held from the 12—14 August. The tournament though ranked white attracted some of the best players in the State and was extremely competitive.

A great time was had by all who travelled down on the bus with Justin and he was delighted with the performance and results that all the players achieved.

Unfortunately on the Sunday, the heavens Opened up and the rain stopped play, Most finals were decided by coin toss with some interesting results. Conor Dennehy and Kyra Carylon ( from Gunnedah) were runner up in the under 12 mixed doubles, Will Waterson and Emily Osmond (from Gunnedah) made it to the Semi-finals and Faith Dennehy and Josh Stevenson were runner up in the final of the under 14 mixed doubles.
Angus Apps and Johnny Schmalz both played great matches that went for over two hours each.

Chris O'Neil a former professional Australian female tennis player was the adjudicator She is best-remembered for her victory at the 1978 Australian Open, the last Australian female to do so. She also became the first unseeded woman to win the Australian title in the open era.[2] This feat would go unmatched until Serena Williams, , won the 2007 Australian Open. Many of our Juniors got to meet Chris personally and got her autograph at the tournament.

*Chris O'Neil at the 1978 Australian Open Final*

# Champion of Champions

Champion of Champions was held on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th August at the Inverell Tennis Courts. The North East region and the North West region met to do battle to decide who would make it to the Medibank State Tournament to be held in October at Gosford. The North West players did particularly well this year with a lot of them qualifying for State and some even winning their respective age events at Inverell.

Well done to all our players who participated and to those who fought on in spite of being quite unwell, what an effort you put in and you should be commended for it.

At the end of the tournament we have quite a few 'Sheriffs Academy" Juniors who will be competing at the State Tournament. Congratulations to Will Waterson, Kayla Wicks, Conor Dennehy, Eleanor McNaught and reserves Angus Apps ,Sahra Dennehy , Keira Walford and Duncan Chalmers.

*Eleanor Mcnaught– heading to The Medibank State Final in October*

PLAYER PROFILE

# Dane Townsend

*Dane Townsend*

**Age :** 13

**Years playing tennis?**
4 1/2 years

**What got you started in tennis?**
I felt like getting involved in a sport that I liked

**What would your ultimate achievement be in tennis?**
To go Pro or just travel around the world playing tennis

**What do you love about playing tennis?**
The excitement of each shot and point

**Who do you admire as a tennis player and why?**
Rafael Nadal because he is a good all-rounder on the court.

**If you could play any player in the world who would it be?**
Bernard Tomic because he has a different playing style to the rest of the players

**What is a good tennis tip you want to share?**
Keep positive and never doubt yourself.

## Tennis Quote

"That's when you've got to grit your teeth and hang in there and try and find a way to win when you're not playing your best tennis - that's what I can be proud of."
**Lleyton Hewitt**

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*Sponsor of the Under 10's event*
*Also Max Schaeffer is donating back the Silver trophy from the Armidale Easter Tournament which ran 25 years ago to the Winner of the Mens Open Final.*

**Here is to the start of a great tennis tournament.**
**Thank you again to all of the businesses listed for your sponsorship and support.**