

## Apia International Sydney 2013

This year the tournament was bigger and better than ever, with crowd attendances reaching a new record for the week.

Kid's Day attracted over 1500 registrations with various activities that the kids could take part in throughout the day; this included the Kids Interactive Zone, the very popular MLC Tennis Hot Shots courts, Spongebob Squarepants live shows and player appearances.

Throughout the tournament selected MLC Tennis Hot Shots groups took part in on court show cases before the matches were due to start. Kids would have a hit on the mini courts set up and then form a guard of honor for the players about to take to the court.

This year, Cardio Tennis made its debut at the Apia International. You may have noticed these sessions being run on Centre Court and show courts during the tournament. Participants involved were lucky enough to win the free trial by entering an online competition at the Tennis NSW website and Facebook page.

Special guests who participated during these sessions included world number 10 Caroline Wozniacki, Olympic silver medallist Nina Curtis and players from the Sydney Wanderers Football team.

Australia's Bernard Tomic won his first ATP career title in Australia at the Apia International Sydney after defeating Kevin Anderson 63 67(2) 63 in the final.

World No. 4 and tournaments number 1 seed Agnieszka Radwanska won the woman's singles title with a convincing 60 60 win over Dominika Cibulkova.



## 2013 Apia Wheelchair International Sydney

This year the GIO Sydney International Wheelchair Open has been integrated into the Apia International Sydney.

This was the first time the wheelchair event has been included as part of the ATP/WTA event. It was great to expose many of our tournament patrons to the impressive quality tennis displayed by the best wheelchair players in the world!

Thanks to the SOPTC team, led by Mark Wilton, who have joined forces with Wheelchair Sports NSW and the tournament to deliver this.

### **Results:**

Men's Singles Final: Number 2 seed Shingo Kunieda defeated Maikel Scheffers 76(2) 62

Women's Singles Final: Jiske Griffioen defeated the number 1 seed Aniek Van Koot 61 60.



## Service to Tennis Awards

It has become customary during the annual Apia International Sydney tennis tournament for Tennis NSW to recognise the efforts of outstanding volunteers and coaches in each of the six country regions and the metropolitan Sydney region.

In 2012, more hard-working and well respected men and women received such recognition. Congratulations to the following recipients of 'Service to Tennis' Awards for 2012 –

- Margaret Guilder (Forster Tennis Club)
- Maureen Rowe (Gosford Tennis Club)
- Michael Watts (Tennis Central Belmont)
- Jodie Colburn (Tuross Heads)
- Mike Swinden (Bundanoon Tennis Club)
- Neil Renaud (Nepean District Tennis Association)
- Paul Burgess (Canterbury-Bankstown Tennis Association)



## The Asia Pacific Tennis League ATL – Finals

The Liston Seagulls and Flagstaff Freighters were crowned the inaugural Asia-Pacific Tennis League (ATL) Champions which was played during the Australian Open at Melbourne Park.

In what many consider the strongest club league seen in Australia, the Seagulls defeating Sydney 4-2 and the Freighters defeating the Steelers 3-1.

The number one match in the women's final proved to be the most entertaining match with Monique Adamczak defeating Bojana Bobosic 4-3 in the decisive set, once again proving the competitive environment that the ATL format has been able to facilitate.



### ATL Grand Final Results

#### Men

#### **Liston Seagulls (Vic) 4-10-46 def ATP Sydney (NSW) 2-5-41**

Sam Groth	def	Adam Feeney 4-2 4-3 (3)
Matt Reid	def	Greg Jones 4-2 0-4 4-3 (3)
Rubin Statham	Lost to	Matt Barton 4-3 (4) 2-4 4-3 (4)
James Lemke	def	Nick Lindahl 4-3 (1) 4-3 (4)
Reid / Groth	Lost to	Jones / Barton 4-1 1-4 6-10
Statham / Lemke	def	Feeney / Henry 4-2 4-3



#### Women

#### **Flagstaff Freighters (SA) 3-7-32 def Asia-Pacific Institute Steelers 1-2-22**

Bojana Bobosic	Lost to	Monique Adamczak 1-4 4-2 3-4 (4)
Viktorija Rajcic	def	Stephanie Bengson 4-3 (2) 4-2
Karolina Wlodarczak	def	Julia Moriarty 4-1 4-1
Brooke Rischbieth	def	Angee Svinos 4-3 (0) 4-2

## MLC Tennis Hot Shots Update

If you are playing MLC Tennis Hot Shots at a registered venue then you qualify for some amazing gifts and money-can't-buy opportunities! All you have to do to claim your gifts is complete the online claim form at [hotshots.tennis.com.au/](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/) (offer ends 30 June 2013).

As well as receiving the new MLC Tennis Hot Shots T-shirt, registered participants will be eligible to enter exclusive competitions such as:

- MLC Tennis Hot Shot of the Year where you have the chance to win \$5000 thanks to MLC and a trip to Australian Open 2013
- Receive a free gift from MLC
- Be eligible to play in MLC Tennis Hot Shots Tournaments
- Receive monthly video tips from MLC Tennis Hot Shots Ambassador Alicia Molik.
- For a limited time, receive a free MLC Tennis Hot Shots SpongeBob backpack!

### Tennis in Schools

The MLC Tennis Hot Shots in Schools program can provide primary school students with their first experience of tennis. Regardless of age, gender or skill level, tennis is a sport that can be enjoyed by all. Tennis helps develop students fundamental motor skills and is fun for both the teacher and students. The MLC Tennis Hot Shots in Schools program consists of the three following components:

- National School Partnership program (NSPP)
- National Tennis in Schools program
- National Teacher Ambassador program

### Community Play

The MLC Tennis Hot Shots Community Play program will be conducted in clubs and centres across the nation by tennis coaches and club volunteers. The program will provide an opportunity for children to play tennis in a fun, supportive environment.

The focus will be on enjoying playing the game with friends and being a good sport. Parents (or guardians) will have an opportunity to be involved by assisting on-court with scoring and reinforcing the "Be a good sport" messages.

If your club does not have a registered MLCTHS coach, Club volunteers will be responsible for conducting the program.

Further information will be mail out to clubs this week.



## Cardio Tennis Update

Cardio Tennis is a fun, social, group fitness program for people of all ages and abilities.

You don't have to be Rafael Nadal or Sam Stosur to enjoy the energising workout that is Cardio Tennis! Constant movement is the focus as a Tennis Australia qualified coach guides you through a series of fun and heart-pumping drills that cater for all abilities and fitness levels.

Participants wear heart rate monitors, exercise to music, use low-compression balls and a variety of equipment, including agility ladders. And, at the end of your session, you can check your stats on the heart-rate monitor to find out just how hard you worked!

During January you would have noticed various demonstrations at the Apia International Sydney and Australian Open for the general public to see.

Check out the Cardio Tennis website [www.cardiotennis.com.au](http://www.cardiotennis.com.au) and join us on Facebook.



## Up and Coming Events in 2013

1 February	<b>Macquarie Uni. AMT</b> Venue: Vince Barclay Tennis
8 February	<b>HEAD Twilight Series #1</b> Venue: Tennis NSW - Sydney Olympic Park
16 February	<b>2013 Raymond Terrace Silver ATM</b> Venue: Raymond Terrace and District Tennis Club
17 February	<b>Tennis Northern Beaches Medibank JDS</b> Venue: Wakehurst Couvert Tennis Centre
17 February	<b>Southend Medibank JDS</b> Venue: Southend Tennis Centre
19 February	<b>Sydney Olympic Park MJDS 10/U &amp; 14/U</b> Venue: Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre
23 February	<b>Men's ATP Challenger Sydney</b> Venue: Tennis NSW - Sydney Olympic Park
24 February	<b>Sydney Women's Pro Tour</b> Venue: Tennis NSW - Sydney Olympic Park

Check us out at [www.tennis.com.au/metronsw](http://www.tennis.com.au/metronsw)