

Over the Net

**All the up to date information you need on
The Australian Tennis Museum straight
from the Curator's Desk**

Successful Ken Rosewall Luncheon with Billy Sidwell & John Fitzgerald



Billy Sidwell and Ken Rosewall welcomed guests in the Australian Tennis Museum before the Luncheon.

It was a great Luncheon event this year with the wonderful Bill Sidwell as main guest speaker. The feedback was that everyone enjoyed the day and the historical perspective and humour that Bill brought to the interview. Comments like 'fantastic' and 'inspiring' were the usual—and a few comments about how he held his own with consummate interviewer Garry Wilkinson.



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William Oswald Sidwell had an amazing career as a champion tennis player and as a Slazenger employee. It was interesting to hear his accounts from both perspectives. We were privileged to also have John Fitzgerald speak and give insights into the Davis Cup, previous players and the new wave of Australian tennis players moving through the ranks today. Guests commented on how much they enjoyed his interview.

Many other tennis champions were in attendance such as Lesley Bowrey, John Cheadle, Beryl Collier, Mark Edmonson, David Hall, John Marks, Jan O'Neill, Kerry Pratt, Sandon Stolle and of course Ken Rosewall, Patron of the Australian Tennis Museum.

SAVE THE 2016 DATES!

Set aside the third Monday or Saturday (16th/21st May) now so that you can attend next year's Luncheon which will be another great opportunity to listen to champions and catch up with all things tennis. Visit our website from September to complete a survey about whether you would prefer to attend on a Monday or Saturday. Alternatively fill in the form on the back of this newsletter and post it back to the Museum.



David Hall, Ken Rosewall and John Fitzgerald share some good memories at the Ken Rosewall Luncheon 2015.

Table Talk at the Ken Rosewall Luncheon 2015



Billy Sidwell & Wilma Rosewall.



Ron Boxhall & Jack Austin.



Kerryn Pratt, Wilma & Ken Rosewall.



Ken Rosewall, David Hall & John Fitzgerald with guests.



Bill Gilmour and Ros Hill.



Fay and Bill Gilmour with guests.



Harry Beck and Beryl Collier.



Samuel, Grant and Christina Casey meet Ken Rosewall.



The Casey family, Pam Lewin, George Farkas, and guests.



Background table: Mark and Vicki Edmonson with guests.



Pat Dearnley, Linden Filer, Greg Nixon, Heather Nixon, Garth Jones, William Lewis.



Lesley Bowrey, Ron Haling, Margaret McCall, Richard Naughton, Barbara Ryan, Roy & Carol Langsford, Janice Sowter.



Michelle Howe & Margaret



Richard & John Keats, John, Amanda & Simon Cheadle, Ken & Ruth Ryan, Bill Norton and Jerry Kennedy.



Max Chesham and Albert Cerreto.



Alison Farah & Simone Bateman.



Tom Harmer and John Marks.



Eugene & Denise Gum, Stan & Joan Hicks.



Jan O'Neill & Beryl Collier.



Stephen, Betty & Cheryl Kiely, Les Dudman, Ted & Jan Pasfield.



Sally Kimpton's table.



Niall King's table.



Irene & John Stimson's table.



Billy Sidwell & Garry Wilkinson.



Garry Wilkinson & Ken Rosewall.

Membership Renewals for 2015/2016

Your 2015/2016 membership form is enclosed with this newsletter. We hope you can join us for another great year of tennis history. We also have secured the discount offer for our members for the Australian Tennis Magazine subscription. If you would like to subscribe please fill in the form and send it to the Melbourne address listed.

Recent donations to the collection

Thelma Coyne Long (1929-2015) left her extensive tennis collection to the Australian Tennis Museum. It includes items of Fred Perry clothing, tennis trophies and presented gifts plus some archival material. Thelma was a great supporter of the Museum and her treasured collection will be a fitting tribute to her incredible career and contribution to tennis, from her championship days to her days as a coach nurturing the next generation of champion players. The volunteers are busy listing the items for formal cataloguing.



Museum volunteers, David Burke and Wendy Burke, cleaning trophies from the Thelma Long donation.

Enquiries—you wanted to know what!??

The Museum deals with several enquires every week, often carried out by our honorary librarian, volunteer Bruce Ryan. The queries often require some lateral thinking or extensive research, and occasionally we cannot answer the specifics but can point people in the right direction to get the answer they seek. In the last months we have tried to solve questions such as of the first known photograph of a social game of tennis in Australia, solve the mystery of an unknown tennis player and answer the query of the percentage of players who retire from competition tennis due to injury or forfeits! Incredibly, Bruce was able to answer the latter after a search of the internet and the discovery of a research paper on that very subject!

Short Survey for 2016 Ken Rosewall Luncheon

The Ken Rosewall Luncheon has traditionally been held on a Monday. We would like your feedback on whether you would attend if it was changed to a Saturday Luncheon event. Please fill in the short survey and return to us at the address below. Circle both or either day to show preference or availability.

I would be able to attend the Ken Rosewall Luncheon on a

Monday
Saturday

I know friends who would be able to attend on a

Monday
Saturday

Comments:

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