

Over the Net

All the up to date information you need on
The Australian Tennis Museum

Welcome to the second issue of "Over the Net" for 2010. The Australian Tennis Museum has been extremely busy organizing the annual Ken Rosewall Luncheon and holding numerous group tours of the museum and tennis centre.

Honours for "The Woodies"



"The Woodies"
during a moment of victory!

This year has proven an excellent year for the past dream team, "The Woodies" with two inductions into various Hall of Fames.

In January the boys were inducted into the Australian Tennis Hall of Fame in Melbourne and in July inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport (USA).

The partnership began in 1991 and resulted in 61 ATP World Tour doubles titles including 11 Grand Slam championships and two Olympic Medals (Gold in Atlanta 1996 and Silver in Sydney 2000). The boys won Wimbledon a record six times, were the ATP Doubles Team of the Year four times and represented Australia together in three Davis Cup finals.



"The Woodies" were an unbeatable combination.

In 2000 Woodforde retired from the game with some 67 doubles, 4 singles and 5 mixed doubles titles under his belt. Woodbridge continued to play and still holds the ATP record for the most doubles titles of 83 in Open Era history.

Congratulations boys on your many years of achievements and your recent honours.



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Mark Woodforde and Todd
Woodbridge being
inducted into the Australian
Tennis Hall of Fame
in January 2010.

Did You Know? Roland Garros - The French Open

The original French Open Championships began in 1891 when only national players were allowed to enter the tournament. It wasn't until 1925 when it truly became an international event named "Championnats Internationaux de France." In 1928 the championships were moved to their current grounds at the Roland Garros stadium. The only Grand Slam held on clay, the championships have seen some fabulous matches and crowned many revered champions over the years.



Roland Garros Stadium.

Interesting French Open Facts

Most Roland Garros Titles Won

Men:	<i>Henri Cochet (FRA)</i>	9	Women:	<i>Margaret Smith-Court (AUS)</i>	13
	(1926 to 1932)			(1962 to 1973)	
	Singles	4		Singles	5
	Doubles	3		Doubles	4
	Mixed	2		Mixed	4

Most Roland Garros Consecutive Doubles Titles by Team Won

Men:	<i>Ken McGregor - Frank Sedgman</i>	2
	(1951 to 1952)	
Women:	<i>Shirley Fry - Doris Hart</i>	4
	(1950 to 1953)	

Most Singles Won by Country

Mens:	Spain	12
	<i>Australia & United States</i>	11
	France & Sweden	10
	Czechoslovakia	7
Womens:	United States	27
	Germany	10
	<i>Australia & Great Britain</i>	8
	France	7

No male player has ever won all three titles in the same year at Roland Garros.

This information has been compiled from material donated to the Australian Tennis Museum from the Tennisium - Musée Roland Garros.



The King of Clay, Rafael Nadal.



Roger Federer after his win in 2009.



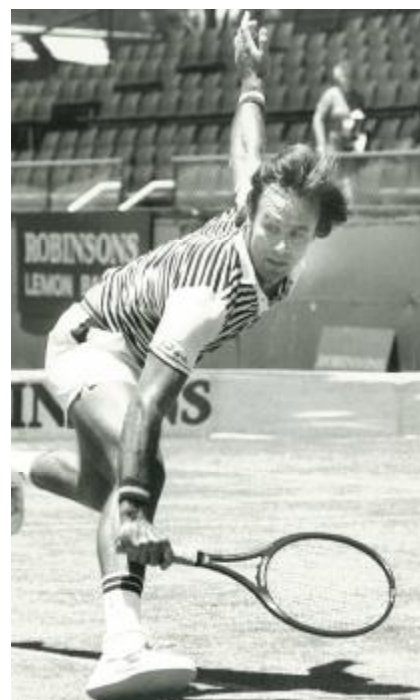
2010 Finalist, Sam Stosur.

Ken Rosewall Luncheon 2010

This year the luncheon was again held at Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre so that guests could view the current museum exhibition, "Tevolution — Australian Tennis Adaptations" before moving upstairs to enjoy the function.

Guests thoroughly enjoyed viewing the museum exhibition and socializing before the luncheon started. This year museum patron, Ken Rosewall, invited past player, John Alexander, to come and be the special guest. Along with MC Garry Wilkinson, John regaled tales of his many years in the sport paying particular attention to his recent experiences in the Australian Open commentary box.

It was fascinating to listen to John's feelings on the direction of Australian Tennis and to hear about all of his years and experience in this dynamic sport!



This years luncheon guest speaker, John Alexander OAM in action.



Special Guest, John Gilbert Alexander

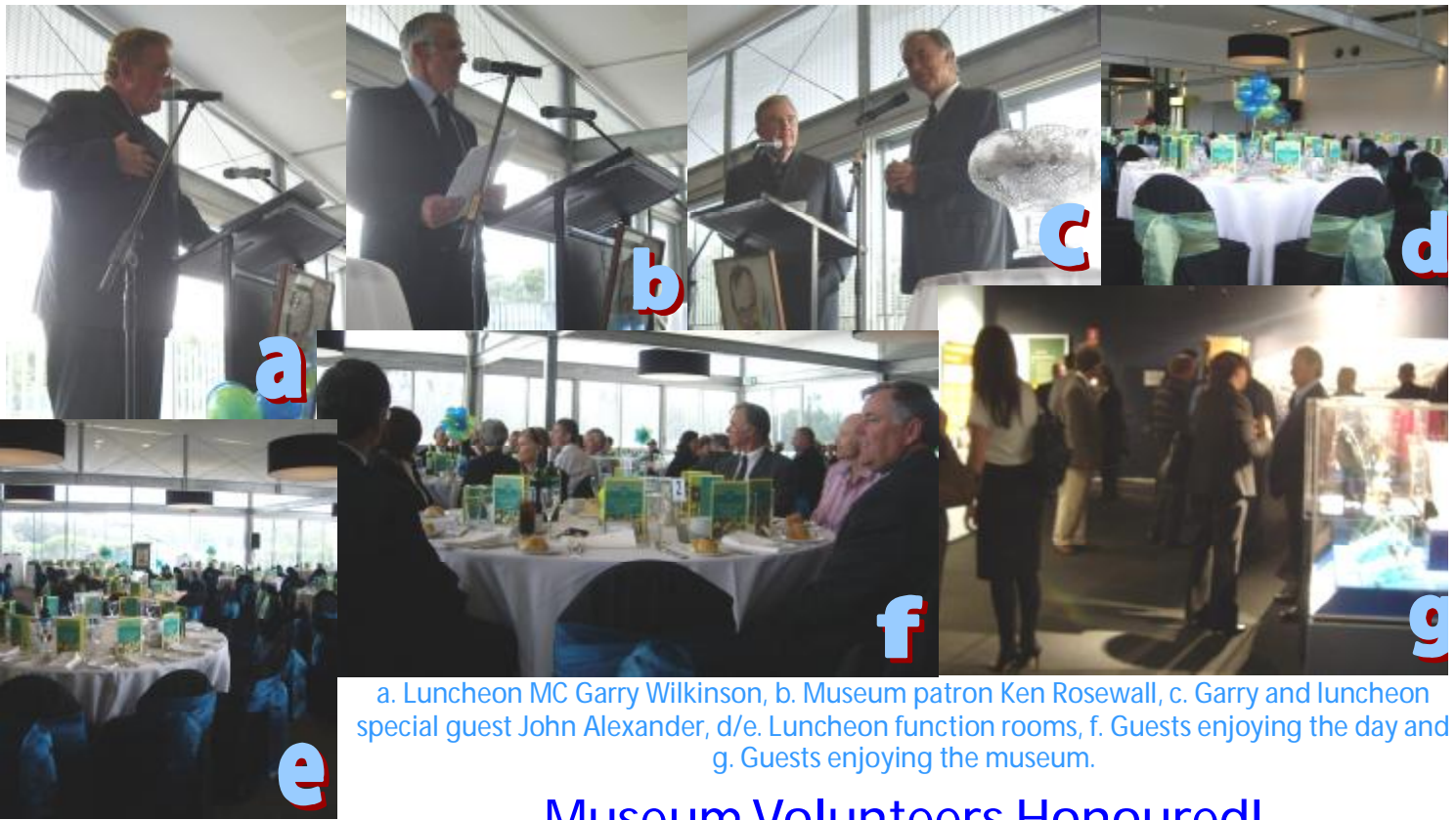
John was born in Sydney on the 4th July 1951. Son of tennis enthusiasts Gil and Thelma Alexander. John began his tennis career as a junior in the Narrabeen area. John made history in 1968 when, at the age of 17 years and 5 months, he became the youngest ever Australian player to represent his country in a Davis Cup Challenge Round.

John represented Australia in the Davis Cup from 1968 to 1980. John's highest ATP ranking was number 8 in 1975 and he was ranked number 1 in Australia in 1978 and 1979.

When John retired he continued in tennis circles by becoming a television commentator for many high profile matches. In 1994 he was appointed Chairman of the Tennis Australia Player Development Board.

Currently John has transferred his endeavours to gaining the seat of Bennelong for the Liberal Party.





a. Luncheon MC Garry Wilkinson, b. Museum patron Ken Rosewall, c. Garry and luncheon special guest John Alexander, d/e. Luncheon function rooms, f. Guests enjoying the day and g. Guests enjoying the museum.

Museum Volunteers Honoured!

This year it was decided to give recognition to the museum volunteers who have offered their time and knowledge at The Australian Tennis Museum. Congratulations Museum Volunteers!

Dora Hutchinson (10 years service)

Warren Cope (5 years service)

Barbara Worthington (10 years service)

Bruce Ryan (5 years service)

Fay Gilmour (10 years service)

Ken Ryan (5 years service)



Museum Volunteers honoured for their hard work at the museum over the years. (L-R) Bruce, Fay, Dora, Barbara, Warren and Ken.

Garnier Lucky Door Prize Winners

A special thank you to Garnier for donating eight Garnier gifts packs for the luncheon's lucky door prizes and Congratulations to the lucky winners.

- Glenice Bergman
- Warren Cope
- Rohan Draper
- Carol Langsford
- Steve Tozer
- John Ferguson
- Barbara Worthington
- Jeff Metzler



The Garnier Lucky Door Prizes

Museum Raffle

This years museum raffle was extremely popular with guests with over \$2000 being raised. Thank you to all the sponsors for the prizes and congratulations to those guests who took a prize home!

- 1st Two finals tickets to the Mens Singles Finals at the Medibank International January 2011
Won by Kylie Johnson
- 2nd Harvey Norman \$250 Gift Voucher
Won by Tony Houhlias
- 3rd Overnight stay at the Westin Hotel used for the Medibank International 2011
Won by Enid Besant-Ryan
- 4th SOPTC Pro Shop Tennis Pack
Won by Claire-Natasha Hind
- 5th Harvey Norman \$150 Gift Voucher
Won by Denise Deaves
- 6th Lindt Chocolate Basket
Won by John Whitford
- 7th Harvey Norman \$100 Gift Voucher
Won by Nick Hubble



Volunteer Spotlight!

Dora Hutchinson

aka "The Explorer"



When did you first start volunteering at the museum?	1998
Favourite Food:	Baked Dinner
Favourite Colour:	Blue
Why did you start volunteering at the museum?	A friend asked me if I'd be interested and I had been involved in tennis for most of my life so I thought it would be interesting.
What is your favourite aspect of the museum?	Everything!
What is your favourite item in the museums collection?	The Lew Hoad Trophy, probably because it is one of a kind and so unusual for a trophy.
Who is your all time favourite tennis player?	I don't have a favourite but I really admire Ken Rosewall as a player and for his contribution to tennis and the museum.
Why should people come and visit the museum?	It brings back a lot of memories to ex players and shows current players and enthusiasts some of the history of tennis.
Which Grand Slam is your favourite?	Australian Open. It's the only one I've been to and I enjoy watching the other ones on TV.
If you could meet anyone from world history who would it be?	Nelson Mandella. Because of what he has endured and stood up for his country.
One word that would best describe you?	Reliable

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