

Over the Net

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

With Christmas and the Apia International Sydney 2012 upon us, the Australian Tennis Museum has gone into overdrive!

We have just closed "Muscles—the Story of Ken Rosewall" which proved to be an extremely popular exhibition. After all the precious items are returned to their homes then our new exhibition "The Hopman Era: Australia on the Rise" will take centre stage and will be open for everyone to view at the Apia International Sydney in January.

I hope everyone has their tickets to the Apia!



Museum Spotlighted on Prime-time TV

Wednesday the 26th October was a big night for the Australian Tennis Museum when a dress from our collection was featured in part of channel 7's television show 'The One'.

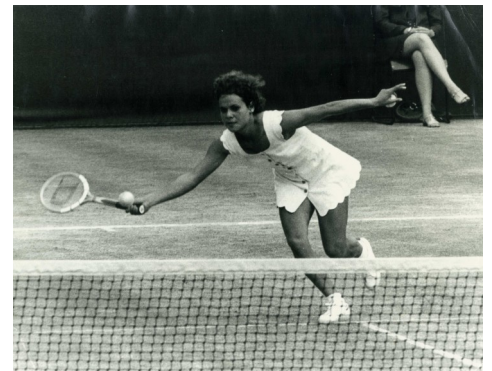


'The One' is a reality show on the hunt for Australia's most gifted psychic. Each week the psychics are presented with challenges to test their abilities, the poorest performer being eliminated, until there is only one psychic left standing.

In the show on the 26th, each psychic was assigned to an item from a great sporting legend. The challenge was to identify the person who the item belonged to and the sport they played. The psychics were blindfolded and were only allowed to place one hand on the object.

The dress we loaned was worn by Evonne Goolagong Cawley at Wimbledon in the early 1970's. It was made by the famous Ted Tinling whose designs delighted tennis

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audiences.

Psychic Debbie immediately identified that the dress was worn by a woman of indigenous background and who had represented Australia in her sport. Debbie failed to identify Evonne but she did get very close!

“The Hopman Era: Australia on the Rise” Exhibition



“The Hopman Era: Australia on the Rise” highlights an incredible period of Australian tennis history through two people who helped the Golden Age of

Australian tennis evolve.

Nell and Harry Hopman trained and managed some of Australia’s greatest tennis players—legends like John Bromwich, Margaret Smith Court, Frank Sedgman, Evonne Goolagong Cawley, Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall.

Come see the exhibition to find out how Harry led Australia to 16 Davis Cup victories and how Nell campaigned for the recognition of women’s tennis in Australia, ultimately gaining funding for women’s tours overseas and Australia’s involvement in the Federation Cup.

This exhibition opens with the Apia International Sydney 2012 on the 8th January and will close in late November 2012.

You can view the exhibition on a Tuesday or Thursday between 9am and 4pm, or by appointment. Alternatively you can book a group tour of the new exhibition (see below for details).



Group Tours of the New Exhibition

The Australian Tennis Museum offers some great Group Tours you can enjoy with your tennis club, Probus group or a collection of friends. There are 3 tours offered, with our ‘Tennis Tea Party’ tour being the most popular. This tour involves a visit to the new exhibition, a walk through the tennis centre and down the ‘Champion’s Walk’ onto Ken Rosewall Arena and finishes up with a light morning tea/lunch/afternoon tea.



To have a look at the tours we offer and to download a booking form visit our website: www.tennis.com.au/museum.

For all enquiries, or if you would like a booking form posted to you, please call (02) 9024 7607 or email museum@tennis.com.au.

Apia International Sydney 2012

In January we once again welcome the Apia International Sydney to Olympic Park. The tournament will commence on the Sunday 8th and conclude on Saturday 14th January 2012 and is sure to be packed with some great tennis!

Players who have already put their names down include Sam Stosur, Lleyton Hewitt, Li Na, Marcos Baghdatis, Ana Ivanovic and Petra Kvitova.

The museum will be open for the duration of the tournament so don't forget to visit while you are here. Our patron Ken Rosewall will be in some days to sign autographs so keep an eye out for him floating around the museum.

Museum Opening Hours during the Apia International Sydney 2012

Sunday 8th January to Tuesday 10th January

10:00am to 5:30pm

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th January

10:00am to 8:00pm

Saturday 14th January

3:00pm to 7:30pm

Golden Racquet delivered to Ken Rosewall



happy to report that the racquet did eventually arrive on Ken's doorstep and he was kind enough to bring it in to the museum for a bit of show and tell.

The racquet was a very impressive sight. It came in a lovely box with blue satin lining and a plaque in the corner read "Racchetta d'oro. 2011. Ken 'Muscles' Rosewall".

The only downside to having this gorgeous racquet however was that Ken wanted to show it off to everyone and so was quickly making his way through the golden shell. Museum volunteers dived to the rescue, covering the handle in Mylar sheeting to protect it,

allowing Ken to show it to as many people as he pleases without damaging it further.

Ken did mention though that he would only be showing it to people and would not attempt to play a game with it, much to the disappointment of the museum team.



Last issue we mentioned that Ken Rosewall was awarded the Golden Racquet, but a few weeks after arriving home to Australia, the prestigious racquet was yet to be delivered! Well I am

Tennis Trivia

Test your tennis history skills with these tough questions! (answers are at the bottom)

1. In what year did the men's Australian Championship (Open) tournament begin? When did the women's start?
2. What Nevada-born tennis star had a ball and racquet to stare at above his crib?
3. The longest match in history—Who played? Where? And for how long?
4. How many tennis players are needed for a game of Cutthroat (Canadian doubles)?
5. In what year was the Hawkeye system for line calling introduced in Australia?
6. Who was the first unseeded player to win Wimbledon and in what year?
7. 5 tennis players have won the "Grand Slam", who are they and in what year did they win?

1. 1905 for the men's and 1922 for the women's 2. Andre Agassi 3. Nicolas Pietrangeli and John Isner, Wimbledon 2010, 11 hours and 5 minutes 4. Three 5. 2007 6. Boris Becker 1985 7. Don Budge 1938, Maureen Connolly 1953, Rod Laver 1962 and 1969, Margaret Smith Court 1970, Steffi Graf 1988.

A Very Merry Christmas

The Australian Tennis Museum would like to wish all the Friends a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Thank you for all your generous support of the Australian Tennis Museum, whether you have been a Friend for one year or many. Your interest and support goes a long way in helping the museum conserve and promote Australian tennis history.



We hope you receive many tennis themed gifts from your family and are able to play a game or two of tennis with friends to work off that Christmas lunch.

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