

ASSOCIATION & REGIONAL CHALLENGE

2017

Wodonga

With an 8am kick off on Saturday morning, all families trekked up the highway at some stage on Friday.

We had a couple of new players representing NEJTA for the first time, some in their second event and a few seasoned veterans!

Whilst some families know each other, with such a large age spread, most really don't know each other that well on day 1, but by Sunday evening, our group of parents were all having a ball and getting along really well. A special mention has to go to Richard – father of Eliza Wood, who bought up BBQ equipment and cooked everyone bacon, eggs and hash browns on Sunday morning! We are the envy of all the other teams when that is going on and it really helps team morale! Even though this was Eliza's last event as she is 18, I think we should keep inviting Richard as our team chef!!!

Andy Noblett, who played in this event last year as an 18yr old, came up as my assistant and did a fantastic job taking down all the scores and putting matches on.

The new uniforms looked great and we received lots of positive comments about how good our team looked!

Day 1 saw us play 3 matches commencing at 9am. The team performed really well and beat one of our usual rivals - Eastern Region - quite comfortably. With the last match against them finishing in the dark at 8.15pm. Over 11 hours of continuous play in the heat was draining on everyone, but we finished on top of our pool which was our aim!

Day 2 commenced at 8.30 and we won our semi comfortably against the Goulburn Valley team.

The final was a close battle against Waverley, which unfortunately saw us finish in second position. All players competed extremely well and should be really proud of finishing second – 1 place better than last year!

Many new friendships were formed and the kids and parents were all great representatives of the NEJTA!

Players

Belinda Carlyon (STCTC), Eliza Wood (Eltham), Ivana Savic (St Lukes), Brooke McCormack (St Lukes), Tim Butterworth (Egglemont), Maxim Trentin (SJCTC), Jake Cvejic (Keon Park), Nathan Robolas (UCTC), Jason Lindeman (NEJTA Coach)

Andrew Noblett (Asst. Coach), Nicola Taylor (Eltham), Sianne Filipovska (SJCTC), Nicholas Miloi (Egglemont), Bridget Heczey (Plenty), Isabella Markovski (Norris Bank), Flynn Caruana (UCTC), Andrew Caruana (UCTC), Jasper Collins (Rosanna)



2016

Warrnambool

Each team was required to have 2 boys and 2 girls in the 12 & Under, 14 & Under, 16 & under and 18 & under age groups - 16 players in total.

With a late withdrawal due to illness, we luckily managed to recruit Belinda Carlyon's younger brother James - who tried out for the team - to fill in.

Whilst a bus had been offered to players, all families except those of the boys 18s, decided to make a weekend of the event. Our awesome president Theo drove the two oldest boys, Nathan and coach Jason, which made for an entertaining 3 hr drive late on Friday evening! 2 of our older team members, Eliza and Andrew, conducted dynamic warm-ups each morning at the event for the girls and boys teams respectively, and were supportive to the younger kids in our squad. It was great to see them both embrace this responsibility and our team all warming up together, which really seemed to assist team camaraderie!

Warm-up began at 8am on Saturday with play commencing at 9am. We were drawn in a pool of 5 teams - the other pool only had 4 teams, and each match consisted of a singles, doubles and mixed for each player. That meant 32 matches per round!

12 hours later and with every player having played 12 matches, we finished our pool in second place - narrowly losing to the team from Waverley 17 sets to 15!

Unfortunately, there were no Semi Finals this year and the winner of pool A would just play the winner of pool B for positions 1 and 2 etc.

Our team played really well in the play-off on Sunday to finish 3rd quite comfortably, whilst Waverly beat Eastern Region convincingly in the final.

Team morale was fantastic across the weekend with all players and parents supporting each other, and the kids all had a ball.

Players

Ivana Savic (St Lukes), Belinda Carlyon (SJCTC), Jake Cvejic (Keon Park), Andrew Noblett (Rosanna), James Carlyon (View Bank), Justin Hall (Rosanna), Mitchel Ayton (Norris Bank), Eliza Wood (Eltham), Blake Watson (Norris Bank), Kate Ensor (Eltham), Nathan Robolas (Diamond Creek), Sianne Filipovska (STCTC), Daniel Zverev (Keon Park), Jason Lindeman (NEJTA Coach)

Brittany Middleton (Greensborough), Laura Liptakova (Cranross), Gemma Carbis (Eaglemont).



2015

Bendigo

The 2014 Association & Regional Challenge was held at Bendigo on March 28th/April 1st. Our team was represented by:

Connor Cochran (Eaglemont), Justin Hall (Rosanna), Jasper Collins (Rosanna), Nathan Robolas (Diamond Creek), Andrew Caruana (UCTC), Ryan O'Meara (Norris Bank), Kaleb Hussein (St Lukes), Justin Butera (East Coburg), Olivia Hussein (St Lukes), Isabelle Fletcher (View Bank), Dayna Giannopoulos (Rosanna), Ivana Savic (St Lukes), Ellie Mastos (Eaglemont), Sianne Filipovska (UCTC), Belinda Carlyon (STCTC), Shania Peric (Eltham).



2014

The 2014 Association & Regional Challenge was held at Shepparton Lawn TC on March 29th/30th. Our team was represented by **Cooper White (Eaglemont), Jasper Collins (Rosanna), Jemma Carbis (Eaglemont), Laura Liptakova (Bundoora), Connor Di Marco (St Lukes), Justin Butera (East Coburg), Belinda Carlyon (Viewbank), Ivana Savic (St Lukes), Ted Williams (East Coburg), Lirim Mustafovski, Veronica Petrovski (Mill Park) and Eliza Wood (Eltham)**. Our team was sensational in finishing in 1st place which made it back to back for this title.

