

Tennis Tasmania

2007/08 Annual Report

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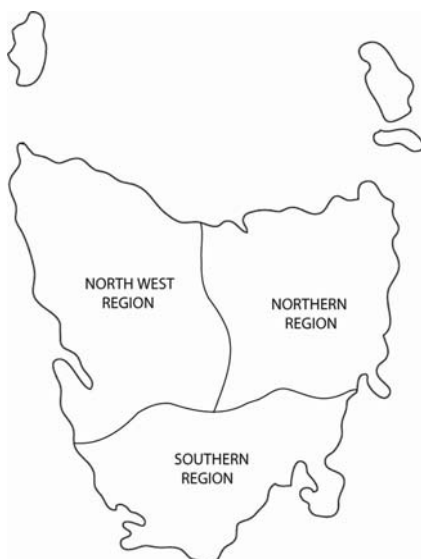
Launceston Indoor Sports Arena

Level 1, 23 Racecourse Cres
Launceston

Domain Tennis Centre

Level 2, 2 Davies Ave
Hobart

There are three (3) regional associations within Tennis Tasmania. These bodies are responsible for the co-ordination of tournaments, pennant competitions, club development & workshops, and to act as a representative for the region in the conduct of tennis in Tasmania.



SOUTHERN REGION

- Cygnet Tennis Club
- Domain Tennis Club
- Dunalley Tennis Club
- Geilston Bay Tennis Club
- Glenorchy Tennis Club
- Kingston Tennis Club
- Lindisfarne Tennis Club
- New Norfolk Tennis Club
- New Town Tennis Club
- Richmond Tennis Club
- Rosny Park Tennis Club
- Sorell Tennis Club
- St. Therese Tennis Club
- Sunshine Tennis Club
- Taroona Tennis Club

NORTHERN REGION

- 7LA Tennis Club
- AIC Tennis Club
- Beaconsfield Tennis Club
- Bicheno Tennis Club
- Binalong Bay Tennis
- Evandale Tennis Club
- George Town Tennis Club
- Hart St. Tennis Club
- Launceston Tennis Club
- Legana Tennis Club
- LISA Tennis Club
- Longford Tennis Club
- Norwood Tennis Club
- Perth Tennis Club
- Ringarooma Tennis Club
- Riverside Tennis Club
- Scottsdale Tennis Club
- St Marys Tennis Club
- St. Helens Tennis Club
- Sunny Hill Tennis Club
- Trevallyn Tennis Club
- Westbury Tennis Club
- Whitmore Tennis Club

NORTH WEST REGION

- Burnie Tennis Club
- Deloraine Tennis Club
- Devonport Tennis Club
- East Devonport Tennis Club
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- Sorell Tennis Club Inc.
- Rosebery Tennis Club
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- Smithton Tennis Club
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- Turners Beach Tennis Club
- Ulverstone Tennis Club
- Wynyard Somerset Tennis Club



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Presented at the Annual General Meeting on 21st September 2008.

It is with much pleasure that I present the annual report on behalf of the Tennis Tasmania board for the year ending June 2008. I will start by noting that tennis now ranks as the nation's most popular sport based on attendance, television and radio audiences and reading in various print media (Sweeney Sports Report 2007/08).

Year highlights

It has been an exciting year for tennis in Tasmania with many highlights. In player development our state coach Simon Youl has invested a great deal of his time in the new Talent Search program. He has identified some promising athletes and has introduced them to the great game of tennis. This program will continue to grow and hopefully we will see the next crop of champion Tasmanian players emerging through this program.

It was also great to see Anna Wishink achieve solid results on the WTA Tour in her first year as a full-time tennis player. Anna travelled to New Zealand, the United States, England and Germany. She has had some encouraging results which have seen her ranking rise to be inside the top 600 in the world. Anna received a huge boost with the establishment of the Emerging Tennis Professional Fund that was started by Paul Lovell and representatives from other Tasmanian food companies. The fund provided financial assistance to Anna to assist with her travel expenses.



Anna Wishink has risen inside the top 600 in the world

Andrew Roberts has continued to combine international tournaments with acting as a hitting partner for top 10 ranked Anna Chakvetadze. Andrew maintained his ranking of around 800 in the world. Two other Tasmanian players, Edward Bouchier (Penn State) and Marcus Dornauf (University of Texas Pan America), ventured off to the United States to begin college tennis scholarships. Both players have achieved solid results in their first year on the college circuit and I wish them the best of luck in their development for next year. Hobart College student Joshua Christian was selected in a 3 person team to represent Australia at the Junior World Team Wheelchair event in Italy.

Our State Teams have represented Tasmania with a great deal of pride and determination. Tasmania was fortunate to host the 2007 Bruce Cup at the Burnie and Devonport Tennis Clubs. This was a great opportunity for junior players of these

clubs to see the best young juniors from around Australia participating. Our thanks to both clubs for the excellent job they did in hosting these events.

Moorilla Hobart International

For the 15th year the Domain Tennis Club hosted the Moorilla Hobart International. I would like to thank Moorilla Estate for supporting the event as naming rights sponsor and look forward to continuing their support of next year. Congratulations to singles winner Eleni Daniilidou (GRE) and doubles winners Anabel Medina Garrigues (ESP) and Virginia Ruano Pascual (ESP).

Special appreciation must also go to the Tournament Director Michael Roberts, the Domain Tennis Centre led by President Anthony Kelsall and the Tournament Manager, Graeme Bailey. The event continues to be an outstanding success thanks to the Domain Tennis Centre staff and the large group of tireless volunteers.

Planning for the January 2009 event is well under way and a proposal for court resurfacing to Plexi-cushion is nearing completion. This project involves a partnership between the Tasmanian Government (Department of Sport & Recreation), the Hobart City Council, Tennis Australia, Tennis Tasmania and the Domain Tennis Centre.

As to the event's future, Tennis Tasmania with support from the Tasmanian Government has commissioned an assessment of the economic and social benefits of the tournament. This study will be used to present a business case to the Tasmanian Government and Australian Government for funding of a stadium upgrade needed to ensure the future of an international tournament beyond 2009.

We are indeed hopeful that a commitment is made to this upgrade so that we can continue to hold a lead in event to the Australian Open in Hobart. The event has had a wonderful 15 year history and is a major part of the state's sporting calendar.

ATP Men's Challenger Burnie

The second major tournament for the year occurred for the fifth consecutive year at the Burnie Tennis Club, with another successful McDonald's ATP Men's Challenger event. Australian Alun Jones had a fantastic week as top seed. In a one-sided final he overcame fellow Australia Rameez Junaid in straight sets. In the doubles, a combination of old and young won through. 33 year old Joseph Sirianni combined with talented youngster Sam Groth to claim the title.

The Burnie Tennis Club, superbly led again by President, Danny Clark did another tremendous job. The hard-working committee at the Burnie Tennis Club should be congratulated for their efforts for securing this marvellous event in Tasmania and for making the McDonald's ATP Burnie Challenger one of the best tennis tournaments in Australia.

The Launceston Regional Tennis Centre

The Regional Tennis Centre Project continues to move forward, albeit at a slower rate than expected. We have now managed to secure commitment for all of the funding and have begun the process of advertising for a facility operator. It is envisaged construction of the courts will begin in August 2009 and be completed by December 2009.

Board & Staff

I would like to thank 'retiring' directors Frances Hudson, Doug Robinson, Phil Welch, Anthony Kelsall, and Paul Daniels for their services to the Tennis Tasmania Board over many years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the hard-working staff of Tennis Tasmania. It has been a busy and challenging year for all staff. Particular thanks to General Manager Michael Roberts who has done a fantastic job managing a tight budget whilst ensuring that all aspects of Tennis Tasmania activities are conducted at a high standard, including his work as Tournament Director of the Moorilla Hobart International.

State Coach Simon Youl, Administration Assistant Julie Tripp and Community Tennis Coordinator Cate Parsons have worked tirelessly throughout the year to ensure tennis in Tasmania continues to grow in all fields. I would like to welcome back Alex Jago to the office. Alex returns in the role of Community Tennis Coordinator after a year in the United States. I thank you all for your support and know that you too are looking forward with great anticipation to the coming year of tennis in Tasmania.

I thank all Board members who have served our great game so well in the past year. In particular I would like to thank Vice President Phil Bowden and Graeme Holloway, for their work on the Constitution and Treasurer Frances Hudson, for her sterling work on our finances.

Finally, thank you to the Tasmanian Government through Sport and Recreation Tasmania for its great support and advice, to the major Councils who are contributing so well to our major projects, to Tennis Australia for its ongoing commitment and to the tennis community for your support of tennis.

Peter Armstrong

President
Tennis Tasmania



TENNIS TASMANIA Sponsors



The Community Tennis area of Tennis Tasmania aims to assist affiliate clubs, associations, volunteers and members in a number of areas within the tennis business, both on and off the court. Through Community Tennis, we are able to offer affiliated clubs a number of benefits and resources, including comprehensive insurance cover and resources and advice to grow their club and ensure they remain healthy and viable.

One such program, Tennis Australia's grassroots initiative Aviva Tennis Hot Shots, was modified to reflect a more exciting game based approach to participation. With the use of modified balls and court dimensions, players can progress through the various developmental levels. Tasmanian coaches were slow to adopt the program with only a handful of them implementing the program at their club's. State coach Simon Youl used the program to develop the skills of talented juniors and hopefully the program will continue to grow throughout the State.



Players at the Domain enjoy the Aviva Tennis Hot Shots Program

One of the most pleasing trends is the increased number of clubs taking advantage of the Sport & Recreation Tasmania grants. By ensuring affiliated clubs have up to date business plans, we are assisting them by making their applications more professional. During the financial year a total of \$207,000 was awarded to clubs and associations to improve tennis facilities or purchase equipment for tennis related programs. Two of the main recipients were the Sunshine Tennis Club, who built a sixth court with lighting and security and the Wynyard-Somerset Club who began work to resurface their courts to a more usable hardcourt surface and improve the surrounding fencing. This trend in court upgrading comes as Tennis Australia continue to offer affiliated clubs the Court Rebate Scheme. The scheme offers clubs a rebate for the resurfacing or building of courts that are of the approved Tennis Australia surfaces. There are a number of projects around the State that are looking at applying through the scheme in the future. Tennis Tasmania continue to offer great support when it comes to clubs undertaking large projects to improve the facilities and programs it offers their members.

It is pleasing to see clubs are still running fun days and trial days to increase members at clubs and to promote the game of tennis, and we will always help with the promotion or the provision of equipment to ensure that these days are a success.

With support from Tennis Australia through the Federal Government, Tennis Tasmania continues to offer tailored programs and a development pathway for players with a disability. We continue to see integration into able bodied pennant in both the North and South of the State. This regular pennant, along with special disability events at major tournaments around the state ensure our players have plenty of opportunities to improve their tennis. The wheelchair program continues to be successful with Josh Potts and Josh Christian continuing their work with coach Marty Nidorfer. The highlight of the year no doubt was Josh Christian's selection in the Australian team to compete at the Junior World Team Cup held in Italy. Both Josh's competed in the annual Tasmanian Wheelchair Classic. The event continues to be well supported by wheelies from around Australia with 20 players participating this year. The event was taken out by Anthony Bonaccorso from Victoria in the men's and Marny Cringle from NSW in the women's.



Wheelchair player Josh Christian was selected to represent Australia

In partnership with the Tasmanian State Government we undertook a successful Indigenous tennis program. The program offered approximately 15-20 indigenous children the opportunity to work with a coach to learn the sport. The participants were taught basic strokes, scoring and double's play. Special thanks must go to coach Rob Easter and Garry Maynard from Sport and Recreation Tasmania.

The coaches continue to be the lifeblood of our clubs and our sport. In the past 2 years we have seen 15 new coaches introduced to the State through the Junior development Coaching Course. 47 Tasmanian coaches were members of Tennis Australia's coach membership program. The program offers a great range of benefits from insurance through to signage and professional development opportunities.



Cate Parsons did a terrific job, working closely with the clubs and assisting them with all of their needs. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours. We welcome back Alex Jago into the Community Tennis role and have no doubt Alex will bring a new enthusiasm to the role.

Tennis Tasmania - Facility Development

At the national level Tennis Australia has adopted the blue plexicushion surface as our “national surface” for the Australian Open. Tennis Australia has also introduced a court rebate system in the form of a subsidy to encourage clubs to upgrade their courts. Details are available on the Tennis Australia website. The website also contains vital information to assist clubs with all aspects of tennis club management including risk assessment and maintenance.

Facilities have been recognised by Tennis Australia as a key ingredient to ensure that their goals, visions and missions are met. They have recognised that there is one common denominator in all facets of the game, which is critical to success and that is the facility.

At the state level I am pleased to report that the Launceston Regional Tennis Centre will be built at the Elphin precinct. All three levels of government and Tennis Australia have committed to various levels of funding so the project now goes into the planning stages. Tennis Tasmania general manger Michael Roberts, Board member Andrew Youl and myself are representatives on the steering committee. Our current project delivery date is December 2009.

The Domain Tennis Centre is planning a major resurfacing program. Five of the existing Rebound Ace courts are likely to be replaced with the new Plexicushion surface thus assuring the venue will be eligible for international standard events including the Moorilla.



Sunshine Tennis Club's new court and lighting.

Hobart's Sunshine Tennis Club and Wynyard/Somerset were both successful with applications to the state government through the department of Sports and Recreation for funding to upgrade their facilities. Clubs should seek information at the Tennis Tasmania office on how to apply for grants.



The past year has seen an increase in use of the Facility Development service offered by Tennis Tasmania including being actively involved with clubs in the process of planning, design and project management.

With the emphasis on better facilities several clubs have or begun the process of planning an upgrade.

Tennis Tasmania has and will assist with all aspects of club development and management of your facilities including maintenance.

I am again grateful for and appreciate the effort and assistance given by Michael Roberts and Julie Tripp in the Tennis Tasmania Office.

Philip Bowden

Technical Services/Facility Development

Tennis 35+ Seniors Tasmania Annual Report 2007/08



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Tennis Manager and Committee member: Bruce Osborne

Australian 35+ Seniors Tennis Championships

The Australian Championships were held in Wodonga in January. We had one team competing in the Men's 55 and over 1st Division. They finished third after losing a very close match against the No 2 team for the right to play off in the final.

Congratulations to Richard Wynwood who made the semi-final of the 35+ singles where he had to forfeit due to injury after winning the first set 6/2.

Also to Max Byrne who made the semi-final of the 75+ singles and the final of the 75+ doubles and 150 combined age doubles.

Also to Hardy Fehlandt who made the semi-final of the 65+ mixed doubles.

The 2009 event is in Adelaide and we encourage you to go along to this wonderful national event. If we can not get a team together in your age group we will talk to other states to form a combined team.

The 2010 event was to be in Hobart but because of a possible clash with Moorilla and possible court difficulties it has been suggested to TSA that we can not be sure at this stage if we can hold the event on their expected dates. As consultation with other states towards holding the event needs to happen immediately so they have time to prepare it was decided to suggest we do not hold in 2010 which has been accepted.

Tasmanian 35+ Seniors Championships

There were low entries for the March date due to its proximity to Easter resulting in a clash with 2 other events. The championships have been postponed to the weekend of 11th and 12th October 2008

35+ Seniors Tennis Days

These days have once again been very successful with reasonable numbers. They are held around the state usually on the second Sunday of the month and I would like to thank all those clubs who have supported us by holding these days especially Trevallyn for successfully holding their first 35+ seniors day this year.

Membership

After a down turn in membership over the last few years we are happy to say that we had an increase in the 07/08 year. It is important that members bring friends along from their clubs to our enjoyable 35+ Seniors days so that they can be encouraged to join our association.

Tennis 35+ Seniors Australia

The new national committee has been working on developing a closer relationship with Tennis Australia and the next few years should show the benefit of this with new marketing initiatives and member advantages.

Conclusion

This year has been a difficult year for Tennis 35+ Seniors Tasmania. We commenced work towards holding the Australian 35+ Seniors championships in Hobart for 2010 and after an 11 page submission to Events Tasmania gained funding of \$20,000 to assist us. We then received notification in January that Adelaide were hoping to hold the event 2 years in a row as part of the new Adelaide International teams event – they had sponsors who were only prepared to come on board if this was to happen – we put our planning on hold but eventually were notified in May that the states had knocked this back and we were to continue planning. As a result we had lost 5 months and also our coordinator Ric Fletcher decided he could not continue. We tried to reform the committee and thanks to those people who came forward. It was decided to negotiate with 2 of our members who were prepared to run the event as a business proposition with the guidance of the committee but unfortunately Tennis Seniors Australia would not allow this to continue and also said that our dates did not suit. The dates proposed by Tennis Australia and Tennis Seniors Australia clashed with the proposed Moorilla dates. We then looked at the onerous proposition of holding the event at the same time using other courts around the state but the new centre in Launceston, and Burnie and Cygnet upgrades, could not all be guaranteed to be ready for 2010.

We are a small association compared to the other states which means it is even more important that our members pull together and make themselves available for important committees such as the Australian 35+ Seniors championship committee. As Tasmanians we want to welcome players from all around Australia to come and enjoy playing at these championships in our great state but we have to have more people come forward to put the hard work in if this is to happen.

Our state championships were postponed until October due to low entries in March as a result of a clash of timing with other events caused by an early Easter.

Our Treasurer Garry Hulme resigned as he has moved to Canberra. I thank him for the work he had done and Jon Aufder Heide for taking on the role until our elections.



I would like to thank all those who have helped to make it an enjoyable year at least on the court and especially Ann Pusta for her capable and continual work as Secretary and the other members of your Tennis 35+ Seniors Tasmania committee.

Graeme Holloway
President

The year 2007 –08 has been a challenging year in Player Development. The last 12 months has seen further restructuring of the National Academies under the leadership of Craig Tiley and Craig Morris. Our state squad system has continued to focus on giving the most outstanding athletes the best possible support and access to available opportunities and resources.

The following outlines programs, competition and training pathways, squads, player performances, highlights, and new initiatives throughout the 2007-08 financial year.

Tasmania State Training Pathway 2008:	
Level 1	Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS)
Level 2	State High Performance Academy (SHPA)
Level 3	Regional High Performance Dev Squad
Level 4A Level 4B	12's State Squad 12's State Dev Squad
Level 5	10's Little Futures Program
Level 6	Talent Search
Tasmania Competitions Pathway 2008	
Aust Money Tournaments (TBA)	
State Open Tournaments	
Optus Junior Tour State Tournaments	
Club Tournaments/Pennants & School Programs	
Aviva Tennis Hot Shots	
Teams Events	Pizzey Cup, 14's & 12's State Teams Event, Bruce Cup

For further information and selection criteria relating to the above training pathways please visit the Tennis Tasmania website home page and click on the Player Development icon

www.tennis.com.au (click on states then Tasmania)

Also to download the 2008 tournament calendar go into the Events icon.

National Training Pathway
Davis & Fed Cup Teams, Olympic Teams
AIS Tour Program
National High Performance Academies (Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide)
State Player Dev Program
Club/School Programs
National Competitions Pathway
Grand Slams, WTA Tour, ATP Tour, Davis Cup, Fed Cup
Australian Pro Circuits
Australian Money Tournaments
National Open Tournaments
Optus Junior Tour
Junior Development Series
Club/School Programs

Tennis Tasmania Player Development Objective

“To support and develop nationally successful tennis players”

As State Coach this has been one of my main goals and challenges. With limited numbers of players emerging into the national ranks this has been a tough objective to accomplish. Success at the elite junior level is still measured by playing standard, Aust Ranking and National Results. At this stage there is much work to be done in this area. Increased focus on participation, Talent Search, and competition opportunities at the beginner level is the answer. With these areas pumping, Player Development can be fuelled with future players.

Our current Player Development program consists of 3 training Terms (36 weeks) and continues to provide players with an opportunity to train in a group environment with quality coaches. Coaches use a holistic approach towards the weekly running of the squad program, with a focus on 4 areas technical, tactical, physical and mental, taking into account social aspects relating to the group. Training goals are based around players developing their game, developing a gamestyle, developing weapons and ultimately becoming the best competitor they can be given all of their abilities. Most importantly I want players to love their tennis and keep challenging themselves. The Tasmanian training philosophy of no matter who you are hitting with you can always work on something is a message I keep repeating. Our weekly on court specifics have been based around utilising the National Academy core drills and other appropriate activities that relate to the groups standard of play. Venues used for training have included Sunny Hill TC, LISA (Launceston Indoor Sports Arena) and Domain TC. The future redevelopment of LISA will give a major boost in the North to the weekly squad structure. More access to quality courts will enhance playing, competition and training opportunities for all involved.



TIS Elite Development Squad



The Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) has once again given great support in providing Sports Science services towards our elite athletes within our Player Development Program. Players holding Elite Development Squad scholarships in 2008 are **Anna Wishink, Ella Bouchier, Alyssa Hibberd and Nina Khoury**. Athletes have continued to improve their Aust Senior Rankings. **Anna Wishink**

has now made the transition from juniors to senior women's tennis and is currently competing on the WTA Tour. Anna's mid year ranking is rising towards the Top 500 which is a notable achievement considering the limited support while travelling and only 6 months on tour. TIS athletes have continued to be physically tested at appropriate times during the year. This testing has covered the following areas: Skinfolks, 20 m beep test, 5, 10. 20 m sprints, 505 agility test, vertical jump, medicine ball throw, hexagon test and service speed. Sean Murphy has continued working closely with athletes during a weekly group strength session at Bellerive Oval. We have been very fortunate to access the Bellerive gym facilities under the guidance of Sean.

Thanks again go to Geoff Masters, Carl Saunder, John Gregory, Diana Dickenson Peter Culhane and Sean Murphy for their fantastic support. We look forward to our continued involvement with the TIS in 2009 and further Tasmanian players reaching criteria to achieve scholarship status.

State High Performance Academy (SHPA Tasmania)

The SHPA continues to operate at the Domain Tennis Centre, Hobart.

Selection for the Academy is based on the following areas:
ABILITY: (Physical/Mental/Technical/Tactical), POTENTIAL,
WORK ETHIC & ATTITUDE, COMMITMENT, FITNESS,
PERFORMANCE / RESULTS & RANKINGS



To view selection criteria this can be found on the Tennis Tasmania website under Player Development.

Our weekly training program has been very much based around the National Academy core drills plus various other drills and activities applicable to developing player's games and game styles. Three group sessions per week have been offered to Academy members plus private sessions. Monday session: Drilling, Wednesday session: Point play, Friday session: Match Play. Each session has structured activities within the nightly themes. Players are also making very good use of the Lobster Ball machine that we use regularly for response, recovery and movement training. A day off in between each of these sessions allows the players to play pennant competition or be involved in something else that they organise themselves building their self direction and independence, instead of relying on a structured system to cater for their 7 days of tennis needs.

Members of the SHPA during the 2007 - 2008 year were

- **Andrew Roberts (Guest),**
- **Edward Bouchier**
- **James Roberts Thompson**
- **Jack Derrick**
- **Brandon Rodgers**
- **Anna Wishink**
- **Ella Bouchier**
- **Alyssa Hibberd**
- **Nina Khoury**
- **Ingrid Nielsen**
- **Ben Osborne**
- **Rory De Boer**
- **Alex Clements.**



Special thanks once again go to **Paul Valentine** who has given his great assistance towards the Academy.

State High Performance Academy Fitness

Special thanks go again to Brett Andrews for his committed support toward the SHPA group fitness sessions. Brett has continued to support the Academy with his fitness knowledge and has also gone out of his way in other areas as a hitting partner for many players

Regional High Performance Dev Squad

This squad has been operating as a stepping stone in the pathway to the Academy. Players that have not transitioned from the 12's State Squad to the Academy, but

have achieved certain criteria are given the opportunity to work within this squad environment aiming to improve areas that may propel them towards Academy status. Players selected for this squad have been Stuart Armstrong, **Jack Derrick, Josh Youl, Jonothan Chapman, Tom Wigan, Alex Clements, Tim Heames, Harry Bouchier, Brandon Rodgers, Jack McMenimen, Bruno Almeida, Jay Tanase, Annie Francis, Chantel Jamieson, Molly Coulson, Caitlin Smith, Rosa Bishop, Brittney Macrostie and Elanor Watt.** Thanks go to Anthony Whitehead, Lou Mitchell and Paul Valentine for their support in coaching the HP Dev Squads.

12's State Squad

This program is for player's 12 years and under. The main aim of this squad is to encourage and foster skill development within a group training environment. Players are working on establishing confidence to execute effective & efficient technique under match type conditions. Players are also learning how to work within a squad structure, build work ethic and commitment. There has been a continued focus on



developing a player's technical and tactical fundamentals. Player's for the 12's State Squad are selected from a combination of Talent Identification, 10's Little Futures, 12's State Development Squads, Bruce Cup Trials, potential and general tournament play. Consideration will also be given to talent identified by State Coach and private coaches throughout the State program. Players have been offered 2 supervised training sessions per week. During the week further match play sessions and pennant play is encouraged amongst this group of players, as this will be an important building block in their

development. This age group of players are also encouraged to participate in other sports to further enhance their overall skills & development.

Players selected for the 12's State squad in 2007 -08 were:

James De Boer, Sam Clements, Sebastian Guy Von Stieglitz, Ross Marzetti, Tom Gardner, Massi Mohammad, Connor Mullins, Joe Lester, Brandon Geard, Katherine Handley, Megan de

Boer, Brittney Macrostie, Victoria Geale, Evie Francis, Ellie Macrostie, Josh Watts, Alex wolf, Janaya Smith, William Cui, Lucy Clark, Ellie Chesterman, Eloise Wilson Mayne, Alex Garrett and Patrick Schwaiger.

Special thanks go to 12's State squad coaches Peter Leary, Jeff Speer, James Bolzonello and Alex Jago.

12's State Development Squad

This squad is for players 12 years and under who have not moved directly into the state squad and are still working on developing their games and achieving state/national results that will propel them towards the next level. Players in this program have been working on the same developmental areas as the state squad. There have been some younger players in this group that are being prepared for future state squad selection due to their overall abilities and potential. Players selected for the 12's State Dev squad in the last year were:

Nick Fader, Tom Cornish, Connor Jimmieson, Tom Youl, Daniel Groom, Tom Crossland, Nick Naden, Edward Keach, Hamish Youl, Elliot Sloane, Alec Smith, Robbie Douglas, Charlie Eastoe, James Booth and Laughlin Palmer.

Special thanks go to Ken Hiskins for his coaching of the Northern Squad.

10's Little Futures Program

This squad continues to be the Grass roots entry point into our state squad program. The objective here is to provide these 10 and under players with 1 session a week so as they can get a feel for our sport in an enjoyable non threatening group environment. Players will be focusing on developing their technical and tactical fundamentals. This includes working on overall swing shapes, ability to keep the ball in play for rallying and targeting. Players are encouraged to enter the junior pennant and state tournament competitions for valuable match play experience. The environment will be based around players developing a love and passion for the game with focus on their fundamental motor skills. Selection is based around results from local tournaments, Talent Search and talent identified by the State & private coaches. Thanks go to coaches Ken Hiskins, Shane Fone, Tim Johnston & assistant Jeremy Court for their support in this area.



Talent Search



Already playing tennis or thinking about trying your hand at this great game for the first time? This new and exciting national program is a joint initiative between Tennis Australia and Tennis Tasmania. The Talent Search

program is designed to identify young and exciting athletes aged between 6 and 11 years old who have the passion and potential to play and excel in the sport of tennis. The Talent Search program caters for athletes from tennis and non-tennis backgrounds and different Talent Search days have been set up to allow a wide range of children from all parts of the community to participate. Selection for Talent Search is purely based on anyone can register.

Information about up coming days is published on the Tennis Tasmania website. Go to www.tennistasmania.com.au and click on Talent Search then follow the prompts.

Participation is at no cost. During the last financial year Tennis Tasmania conducted 4 Talent Search Days, two in Launceston and two in Hobart. Approximately 165 kids from around the State participated in these Talent Search Days. Kids that took part in the day were put through a series of skill descriptors involving the following: serve, forehand, backhand, rallying, targeting, agility sprint, 20 metre sprint, single arm throw, ball machine challenge and various ball games. We aim to deliver 4 Talent Search Days in 2008-09. The proposed dates and locations are Sunshine TC Howrah 28/9/08 (Non tennis Athletes), Launceston 29/11/08 (Tennis & Non Tennis Athletes), Burnie 8/2/09 (Tennis & Non Tennis Athletes), Hobart 3/5/09 (Tennis & Non Tennis Athletes). I really look forward to the growth of Talent Search in the years to come. My 2 main objectives are to see all the up and coming kids that are already in our tennis system and also to unearth any outstanding athletes in the community towards tennis that may never have had the chance to participate in our sport before Talent Search came their way. Putting it simply there may be a future Grand Slam Champion out there and at the moment their family has no connection to the sport of tennis at all. Talent Search wants to change that and give these athletes and family a doorway to our great sport. Only then if the athlete finds a passion and love for the game can this doorway lead to greatness.

Primary Schools Talent Search program

In September of 2007 I began a pilot program for Tennis Australia with a Primary Schools Talent Search in Southern Tasmania. Firstly I made contact with many Principals of Primary Schools in Southern Tasmania explaining how Tennis Tasmania represented by myself would like to visit their school and conduct a Talent Search program with some of their outstanding athletes. Some of these athletes were then to be awarded a tennis scholarship in Term 1 2008. As we progressed and schools got involved we set up Talent Search Ambassadors at the various schools. The Talent Search ambassadors were quite often the P.E teachers. I visited the schools and conducted assessments with 8 and 9 year old school kids. Activities included dynamic warm up, racquet handling, shadowing swings, striking, rallying, targeting, throwing, attempted serving, agility test and sprinting. The environment was focused around creating a fun skills session with tennis abilities. I would like to pay special thanks to the following schools and ambassadors that kindly participated in the Pilot program during 2007-08.

Lansdowne Crescent Primary, Tarooma Primary – Ambassador Pam Roberts, Lauderdale Primary – Ambassador Allan Rees, Lindisfarne North – Ambassador Roger Garth, Mount Stuart Primary – Ambassador Christine Warne, Newtown Primary – Ambassador Danny Neal, Waimea Heights Primary – Ambassador Pauline Dobson, Mount Carmel Primary – Ambassadors Mel Sluyters & Angela Green, St Michaels Collegiate Primary – Ambassador Julie Kemp. Any Primary schools that would like to be involved in Talent search 2008 -09 please make contact with Tennis Tasmania.



60 Boys and Girls at the 2 day 12/Under State Camp, held in Launceston

Athletes receiving Schools Talent Search scholarships in 2007 -08 were;
Isaac Sealy, Oliver Fros, Georgia Naden, Ashley Steele, Tim Harmsen
Jack Stanwix, Ned Absolum, Ned Rumney, Mulugeta Smith, Sam Allwright,
Eliza Kloser, Margot Johnston, Christopher Ransom, Zachary Duretto
Greta Mawbey, Oliver Smith, Erin Farzackerley, Hugo McCullum, Jessie Mount
Catherine Krueger, Camille O'Connor, Beatrice Hetrel, Patrick EgerrupRoot
Kyle Bonny

Overall I see the Primary Schools Talent Search being a major success for the future of Australian tennis. Some of the scholarship athletes are already showing much improvement and passion for the game. I have been amazed at the progress of

some athletes during only 1 term of development which involved 1 group training session per week. Special thanks go to our Talent Search squad Coach Shane Fone who has been doing a fantastic job in developing the overall skills of our Talent Search squad members.

Player Performance Highlights

Edward Bouchier

- Scholarship to represent Penn State in USA College Tennis Division 1

Anna Wishink

- Semi Finalist VIC AMT 4 2007
- Winner Rio Tinto 18's Singles 2007
- Winner Pardey Shield 2007
- Winner Glenorchy Open 2007
- Competed in Moorilla Hobart Women's International qualifying 2008
- Winner Geraldton Easter Open AMT 2007
- Runner Up Hamilton \$10000 ITF Singles Event 2008
- Quarterfinalist Sumter South Carolina \$10000 ITF Event 2008
- Qualified for Boston MA \$50000 ITF Event 2008
- Competed in Moorilla Hobart Women's International qualifying 2008
- Currently Ranked in the 500's WTA

Ella Bouchier

- Winner ACT Junior Challenge 18's Singles 2007
- Runner up Ducats DV 18's Singles 2007
- Runner Up Margaret Court Cup 18's Singles 2007
- Quarterfinalist Canterbury NZ ITF 18's Singles 2008
- Runner up Auckland ITF 18's Doubles 2008 with A Hibberd
- Winner Clarence Open 2008
- Quarterfinalist Wilson Series AMT No. 2 2008
- Runner up Prince Tas Indoor 18's Singles 2008

Alyssa Hibberd

- Semifinalist Optus 16's Spring Nationals Doubles 2007
- Winner Rio Tinto 16's Singles 2007
- Winner Pardey Shield 2008
- Runner Up Clarence Open 2008
- Winner Tas Easter Open 2008
- Runner Up Glenorchy Open 2007
- Runner Up Auckland ITF Doubles event 2008 with Ella Bouchier
- Winner Vic Hardcourts Doubles AMT with Vicky Stuckey 2008
- Winner 16's Autumn Nationals Singles Consolation 2008
- Runner up Gallipoli Youth ITF Event Doubles 2008
- Quarter Finalist Darwin ITF 18's Singles 2008

Harry Bouchier

- Winner 12's Singles Mildura Easter open 2008
- Runner up 14's Singles Prince Tasmanian Indoor 2008
- Semi Finalist Doubles 12's Winter Nationals 2008

Molly Coulson

- Winner North draw consolation 12's Optus Aust Championships 2008
- Winner Tasmanian Junior Open 12's singles 2008
- Winner Prince Tasmanian Indoor 14's singles 2008

Janaya Smith

- Winner Tasmanian Easter 12's singles championships
- Winner Hobart Junior Age 12's singles championships
- Winner North Draw Consolation 12's Winter Nationals 2008

Rory De Boer

- Winner Pardey Shield 2008

Future Direction

Currently we need more kids playing competition state wide. Overall we need more juniors competing nationally and having success at that level. This is a major challenge at the moment and I am searching for ways to implement more grass roots competition such as Aviva Tennis Hot Shots based around modified rules, equipment and courts. The idea here is to keep building our base of young players to fuel our Talent pool and state squad program. There will be much focus on Talent search over the next 12 months and increased support going towards our best 12 & under players as they prepare for Bruce Cup and National tournament experience.

Anna Wishink's transition from juniors to the WTA tour is going smoothly with a rise towards the top 500 World ranking in her first 6 months on tour. Andrew Roberts is still working hard out on the ATP Tour playing Futures and challengers.

Alyssa Hibberd has shown some very good performances of late and I believe she has the ability to be a tour player. The next 18 months will be important for Alyssa to gain some major dominance in her age group nationally and then make the transition towards professional women's tennis.

I look forward to our current crop of developing 9 to 12 year olds that are working hard within our squad program to take the next step up and deliver nationally. This will involve careful planning of tournament schedule, balancing school, increased court time, and a strong commitment to their overall development technically, tactically, physically and mentally.

Simon Youl
State Coach

Tennis Tasmania State Teams

Tasmania was represented at the following Teams Events:

Pizzey Cup- Canberra ACT

Team Members 2008:

Boys:

Ben Osborne,
Jamie Dash
Rory De Boer
Ben Tunbridge
Alex Clements
Sam Sheppard
Barton Welch
Jonathon Chapman

(Coach – Ken Hiskins)

Girls:

Alyssa Hibberd
Nina Khoury
Ingrid Nielsen
Kate Wigan
Chantel Jamieson
Annie Francis
Phoebe Davis
Elanor Watt

(Manager- Lorraine Hiskins)

Congratulations to Alyssa Hibberd, Nina Khoury and Jamie Dash who made the Australian Merit Team for Pizzey Cup performance

14's Optus National Team Event- Melbourne Park

Team Members Dec 2007:

Boys: James Roberts Thompson, Jonathon Chapman, Alex Clements (Coach- Simon Youl)

Girls: Nina Khoury, Chantel Jamieson, Annie Francis (Coach- Belinda Colaneri)

12's Optus National Team Event- Melbourne Park

Boys: Harry Bouchier, Elliot Johnstone, James de Boer (Coach–Peter Leary)

Girls: Molly Coulson, Brittney Macrostie, Janaya Smith (Coach- Olivia Troon)

Bruce Cup- Burnie Tasmania

Team Members Oct 2007:

Boys:

Harry Bouchier
Elliot Johnstone
Sebastian Guy Von Stieglitz
Sam Clements
Massey Mohammad
James De Boer
Ross Marzetti

(Coach–Simon Youl)

Girls:

Molly Coulson
Caitlin Smith
Brittney Macrostie,
Janaya Smith
Evie Francis,
Katherine Handley
Ellie Macrostie

(Manager – Jenny Clements)

It is with much pleasure that I present the Annual Report on behalf of TOA-Tasmanian Division for the year 2007-08.

The year under review has again been a busy one for both the Board and the general membership.

I will summarize the year as follows:

On the Court

We were again well represented at the 2008 Australian Open with 17 of our members selected to officiate. This was reduction of one from the previous year. However the performances were excellent and there were many increases in grades. Twelve came away with at least one A, while 13 had a B or better on Base, with 12 having a C or better on Serve. Congratulations to all.

The Moorilla Hobart International and Burnie Challenger were both very successful events, and were great lead in events to The Australian Open.

Local tournaments were well attended but not as well as in the past. The number of days we can officiate is still dropping slightly, with an emphasis on more tournaments in the North and North West compared to in the South. Thanks again go to Vicki Ambrose and Di Horne for their organisational skills.

One down side here is the number of officials who don't return their forms to Vicki, either on time or at all.



Umpires at Burnie Challenger

Off The Court

Our membership, as always continues to be a worry with numbers dropping quicker than recruitment. The Board is constantly aware of this problem and has had some definite recruitment drives but with little success. We are indebted to Louise Widdowson for her untiring efforts in this area, with her drive and initiative. This will surely eventually pay off.

We have held a General Principles Course in Launceston in February, conducted by Denis Overberg and attended by four recruits. Many thanks go to Louise for organising this course and the wonderful work she puts in her role as Membership Officer.

Membership Changes

Training is changing forever for current officials. No longer can we do the initial level one course and have just that to officiate at the pinnacle of tennis in Australia.

The level one course no longer applies to new applicants and has been replaced by a General Principles Course. This course must be completed every two years for all current officials. The initial course must be done by June 30, 2009.

Also a mandatory open book examination will have to be done by each official annually.

To achieve all this the Board has appointed a training committee which currently consists of Louise Widdowson (Chair Person), Anne Keller and Helen Vaughan.

Willy Priestley will also be on this committee on her return from Overseas.

The committee has the power to appoint other persons to it when required.

Denis Overberg will be present at today's meeting to explain the new requirements. We are hoping that all members will attend to understand the situation more.

Achievements

Congratulations are in order to the following:

Bobbie Carter for her chairs held all over Australia as well as in New Zealand.

Scott Dacy – selected for Men's singles final at the Australian Open.

Aaron Horne – selected for Davis Cup in Townsville.

Willy Priestley and Louise Widdowson - Selected to referee at Junior tournaments in Victoria.

Life Memberships

Life memberships were awarded to Anne Keller, Temuana Raggini and Russell Watson. Congratulations to all three.

Annual Awards

Just two awards were made this year

Best first year umpire: Arthur Too

Most improved: Vickie Moroney

Conclusion

I would like to thank all the members of our Board for their input and their assistance in the administration of the Division.

Our method of sharing the work-load instead of one or two people managing everything is working well.

I have already mentioned some people earlier in the report for their assistance, but I would also sincerely acknowledge the work of the Secretary, Anne Keller for her efforts and her assistance to me; Willy Priestley who undertakes our data base records and makes input to the Board on Referee matters; Helen Vaughan who is an excellent Vice President and takes care of our Constitutional matters.

Finally a thank you must go to Michael Wells for his role as Treasurer and for the Financial Reports he will be presenting today.

Dayle Snooks

President TOA - Tasmania

MOORILLA HOBART INTERNATIONAL

Singles Champion – During the history of the tournament

1994 – Mana Endo	2002 – Martina Sucha
1995 – Leila Meshki	2003 – Alicia Molik
1996 – Julie Halard	2004 – Amy Frazier
1997 – Dominique Van Roost	2005 – Jie Zheng
1998 – Patty Schnyder	2006 – Michaela Krajicek
1999 – Chanda Rubin	2007 – Anna Chakvetadze
2000 – Kim Clijsters	2008 – Eleni Daniilidou
2001 – Rita Grande	

The 2008 Moorilla Hobart International was the 15th staging of the event at the Domain Tennis Centre. The strongest field in the event's history was assembled with 18 top 50 players, these included Alona Bondarenko (21), Vera Zvonereva (22), Maria Kirilenko (25), Agnieszka Radwanska (26), Victoria Azarenka (30), Sania Mirza (31) and Julia Vakulenko (32).

The Australian contingent was lead by wildcards Casey Dellacqua, young West Australian, Jess More and Monique Adamczak. Dellacqua fared the best of the Aussies making it through to her first ever quarterfinal of a WTA event. Moore drew top seed Alona Bondarenko and lost in 2 tight sets, while Adamczak found Alla Kudryavtseva from Russia too strong in her opening round.



Australian Casey Dellacqua made her first WTA Quarter Final

Unfortunately the 2008 event will be remembered for 2 things: injuries and controversy. The controversy came in the form of Jelena Dokic. Jelena was using the event to try to regain her ranking and prove she still had the ability to be a top tennis player. She was awarded a wildcard into the qualifying and after a strong showing found herself though to the main draw, a terrific achievement. Jelena faced Martina Muller of Germany in the first round and got off to a flying start taking the first set. Martina fought back and raced through the second set to even it up at a set a piece. The third set was going to be a test for Jelena as this was her fourth tough match in

as many days. She showed tremendous poise and maturity to win the match 6-2 in the third. Dokic then faced a dilemma, if she won her next match she wouldn't be able to contest the qualifying at the Australian Open. In her second round match against Flavia Pennetta Jelena withdrew with an ankle injury after losing the first five games. It was a disappointing end to a great week for Jelena.

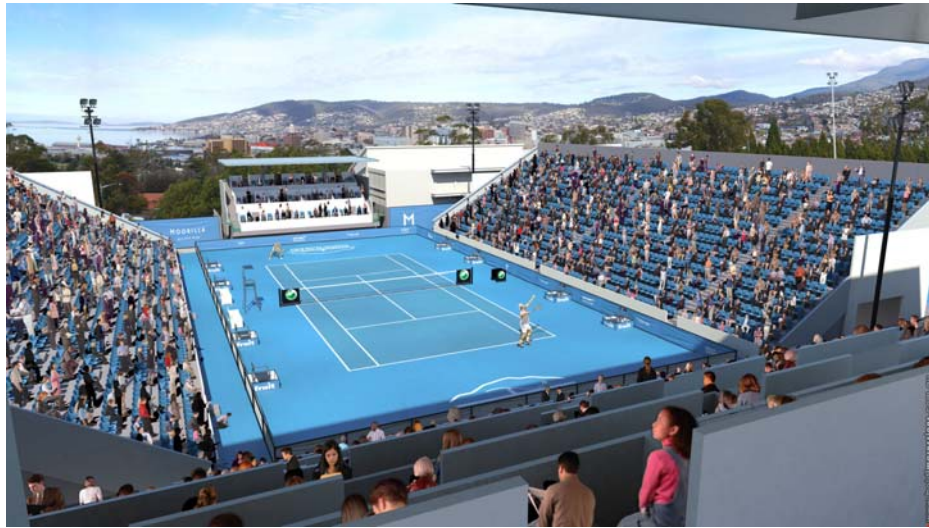
Jelena's injury wasn't the only one for the event. A staggering 6 matches were affected by players withdrawing through injury, including in the final. Eleni Daniilidou of Greece and Vera Zvonereva of Russia made it through to the final with neither player dropping a set and both looking in ominous form. However in her final practice session prior to the final, Vera twisted her ankle and was taken to hospital for x-rays. The doctors ruled her out of the match, resulting in a walkover victory to Eleni. Not exactly the most ideal way to end the event but Eleni had had a great week and was a deserving champion. She was good enough to put on an exhibition set for the crowd against Medina Garrigues as well as having a hit with some lucky children she plucked out of the crowd.



Eleni Daniilidou was crowned champion after a walkover in the final

In the doubles event we saw a first: Virginia Ruano Pascual became the first player to win a second Moorilla Hobart International doubles title. She paired with Anabel Medina Garrigues, who had been a runner up in the final twice before, to claim the title. The pair has combined well throughout the year claiming the doubles crown at the French Open.

The support of the Domain Tennis Centre is always greatly appreciated. The tournament could never be such a huge success without the hard work of President, Anthony Kelsall, General Manager, Graeme Bailey, Anita Moore (Administration) and Paul Pickering (Grounds). Thanks must also go to Angela Green (ballkids), Dale Forwood (Bar), Di Troon (Players liaison), Kirsten Palfrey (transport), Pam Roberts and Jo Lynch (Corporate Hospitality). A special mention must also go to all the additional volunteers (bar staff, ballpersons, drivers and court services) that continue to give up a week to help out.



Graphic of the proposed upgrade

The long term future of the event is still to be decided; however Tennis Tasmania is working extremely hard to ensure the event stays in Hobart well into the future. The State Government provided funding for a socio-economic impact study to determine the value of the event to Tasmania. This study, along with detailed plans of an upgraded stadium, was presented to the Government in the hope of securing funding to upgrade the centre court stadium over 3 stages. The 2009 event will definitely go ahead and we hope to see you all at the Domain in January.

Michael Roberts
Tournament Director
Moorilla Hobart International

