

## ST LUKE'S TAKE OUT TITLE

St Luke's inflicted Centre Court Blue's only loss for the season in Tennis Geelong Section 1 on Saturday to take out the title for the first time. St Luke's who finished third following the home and away matches continued their good form against Newcomb in the preliminary final to overcome Blue in the grand final by 5 sets to 4 and by 6 games.

Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, St Luke's top player, led the way winning his 3 sets for the day with Brianna Bateup in 1<sup>st</sup> mixed doubles and partnered Grant Thompson and Jared Bromley to win both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> men's doubles. Palmer-Morgan was dominant throughout and his leadership was evident in helping St Luke's to its first Section 1 title.

St Luke's won 2<sup>nd</sup> mixed also when Vicky Stucky and Grant Thompson proved too strong for Kelly Brunger and Adam Lasky, and it took Carolyn McGann and David Hicks for Blue to stem the tide by winning 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed against Abby Walker and Jared Bromley to stop a 3 sets to love lead by St Luke's after the mixed doubles.

For Centre Court Carolyn McGann was the star of the match playing outstanding tennis throughout when she partnered Hicks to win 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed doubles and with Kelly Brunger and Stephanie Guy took out 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ladies doubles in a powerful display.

Centre Court Blue's only other set came in 3<sup>rd</sup> men's when youngsters Jordan Drew and Adam Lasky combined well to defeat Thompson and Bromley 6/3. Drew who replaced the injured Ry Davies in the line-up was very impressive with not only his ability to hit winners, but his agility and athleticism around the court.

Although only winning one set for the day Drew, with evergreen Hicks who replaced the injured Chris Baxter, were involved in the most entertaining and hard fought set of the afternoon in 2<sup>nd</sup> men's and just went down to Palmer-Morgan and Bromley 4/6.

With Blue down by only 2 games and sets even, the final set was in progress with Bateup and Abby Walker battling against Blue's Brunger and Guy. With Bateup dominating St Luke's got on top early to lead 3 love and managed to win 3 of the next five games to win the set 6/2 and the title by 5 sets 44 games to 4 sets 38 games.



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## **GEELONG LAWN WINNERS AND CHAMPIONS**

Geelong Lawn went through the season undefeated to become champions when they completely outplayed St Mary's on Saturday in Section 2 Tennis Geelong to win the flag. The Lawn team of Nicole Cooke, Melissa Mortimer, Lauren McAuley, Toby Lawrence, Mick Carlon and Trevor Priddle won 5 of the first 6 sets to open up a 16 game lead with 3 sets to play. Requiring only 3 games in 3 sets to take the title Lawn lost 2<sup>nd</sup> men's and won 3<sup>rd</sup> ladies with 3<sup>rd</sup> men's not played as a result had been reached.

For St Mary's Colleen Battye and Adrian Koorn won 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed and Peter Rodgers and Pierce Johnson won well in 2<sup>nd</sup> men's doubles, however they were outplayed and lost the final 2 sets 25 games to Geelong Lawn 6 sets 40 games.

## **HAMLYN PARK TOPS IN MEN'S SECTION**

In the top section of Men's Section 3 of Tennis Geelong, Hamlyn Park was the top side all season and capped it off with a Flag on Saturday by defeating Shell by 4 sets to 2 and by 10 games.

Jozef Horvat and Tony Lazic got Hamlyn Park away to a good start winning the opening set against Brad Edwards and Rob Frampton. Shell hit back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set with Aaron McLean and Ivan Bosnjak proving too strong for Robert Arzanovski and Martin Elliott.

The Park forged ahead from this point, winning the next 2 sets in hard fought encounters and the 5th set of the day to love to win the title. Shell's 2<sup>nd</sup> set came in the last set of the match winning in a tiebreak, however the match was lost.

The most successful clubs during the season in Senior Competition were –

Highton Tennis Club taking out premierships in Section 7 and 14 and runners up in Section 14.

Moolap winning Sections 10 and 17 and runner up in Section 4.

Hamlyn Park winning Sections 3 and 13.

Ocean Grove winning Section 11 and runners up in Sections 7 and 8.

## **BENDIGO BANK JUNIOR MASTERS**

The Barwon Region and Tennis Victoria's Bendigo Bank Junior Masters hits off this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, at Ocean Grove Tennis Club for another year of monthly tournaments for juniors aged 10 & Under to 16 & Under for both girls and boys.

There will be events for girls and boys 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under and 16 & Under in a round robin format. The tournaments will be staged at Ocean Grove Tennis Club Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Grovedale Tennis Club Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Moolap Tennis Club Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Geelong Lawn Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, Centre Court Indoor Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, Colac Indoor Centre Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Wauran Ponds Tennis Club Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and Grovedale Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

For juniors wishing to enter this Sunday's tournament at Ocean Grove, please contact Julie Golightly Phone 0418145028. Entries must be received three days prior to the tournament date. Cost of entry \$12.00.