

GROVEDALE BLACK BACK IN SECOND

Grovedale Black hosted St Mary's in the match of the day in Section 1 Tennis Geelong Competition on Saturday in a match to decide 2nd place and came out on top, disposing of the more fancied St Mary's with an excellent 4 sets to 2 victory.

Although the mixed doubles were split 2 sets all, the ladies' and men's doubles were won decisively by Grovedale with the Grove's ladies Sara Earls and Lisa Sherwell winning well and Stephen Muratori and Alex Olney taking out the men's doubles to score an outstanding victory for the Grove team. St Mary's struggled without their top player Peppe Scorpo who should be available next week.

In the remaining game in Section 1, St Albans was at home to Grovedale Yellow in the battle for the wooden spoon. They had met twice this season for a win each. Grovedale started the day well winning the opening two mixed doubles and looked set for a win. The ladies' doubles was a tight affair with St Albans' Clare Burns and Angela Oldham getting home 7/5. St Albans consolidated from this point to power away winning the last 3 sets and the match 4 sets 31 games to 2 sets 23 games.

SECTION 1 LADDER WITH 4 ROUNDS TO GO

Newcomb 52 points, Grovedale Black 40.5, St Mary's 38, St Albans 24, Grovedale Yellow 21.5.

BANNOCKBURN CAUSES UPSET

In Section 2 Tennis Geelong, Bannockburn caused an upset by defeating Ocean Grove 3rd. The Burn won 5 sets in succession, 3 of which were tight tiebreak sets with their ladies Sarah Round, Ida Durran and Kim Humphrey in great form completely mastering their younger Ocean Grove opponents. Overall the Burn too strong in a good win to hold on to 4th place.

Lara, 2nd, was expected to comfortably win over Grovedale, however there was plenty of fight from the Grove team in a toughly fought match which went Lara's way by a mere 3 games.

In the match between lowly teams Torquay and Geelong East Uniting another close match was witnessed. In their prior encounter this season Torquay triumphed, but this time East got home by 3 games with all sets being closely contested.

In the final match in Section 2 top side Waurm Ponds was at home to bottom side Western Heights Uniting and continued on it's merry way with a crushing win. Waurm Ponds has extended its lead over 2nd placed Lara to 15 points and will be very difficult to beat in the finals.

SECTION 2 LADDER WITH 3 ROUNDS TO GO

Waurm Ponds 101 points, Lara 85.5, Ocean Grove 68, Bannockburn 62, Grovedale 56, Torquay 44.5, Geelong East Uniting 44, Western Heights Uniting 23.

CREEK TAKES OUT TITLE

The Sutherlands Creek ladies' team won the Section 1 Premiership in midweek ladies' competition of the Bellarine Tennis Association recently. The grand final was delayed as the preliminary final had been washed out two weeks prior, when Sutherlands Creek played Bellbrae. The grand final played at Portarlington in very difficult, windy conditions saw the Creek take the title over Wandana Heights by 4 sets to 2 and by 10 games. After the win the team celebrated at a local winery. There was much to celebrate as Karen Best, Ann Johnson and Colleen Battye had returned to midweek at Sutherlands Creek after a ten-year break. They were delighted to recall many happy memories from earlier playing days, and share this recent one with their new team member Susan Bissett and emergencies Steph Guy and Kristen Battye.

PHOTO LEFT TO RIGHT – Susan Bissett, Ann Johnson, Steph Guy, Colleen Battye, Karen Best.



BARWON REGION NEWS

Leading players in the Bendigo Bank Junior Series for 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under and 16 & Under for both boys and girls with two tournaments remaining in 2011 are as follows -

Girls 10 & Under – Alana Mullen on 300 points followed by Kinga Ostowski and Makenzie Mie on 75 points.

Girls 12 & Under – Victoria Herring 325 points from Indiah Preston and Eliza Walker both on 225 points.

Girls 14 & Under – Maddison Siederis 350 points from Laura Cocks 125 points and Nicole Mullen 100 points.

Girls 16 & Under – Tayla Smith 250 points from Emma Nixon and Emily Rankin on 100 points.

Boys 10 & Under – Oliver Lock 325 points from Chae Goldsworthy 300 points and Josh McPhee 275 points.

Boys 12 & Under – Nicholas Siederis 350 points from Sanden Breust 235 points and Bradley Hay 200 points.

Boys 14 & Under – Broderick Gist and Alex Beardsell on 300 points from Kim Lizmore 250 points.

Boys 16 & Under – Brody Solomon and Brodie Hape on 250 points share the lead, with four other players on 100 points.

The final two tournaments will be staged at Colac Indoor Centre on October 7th and Grovedale Tennis Club on October 23rd.