

## **TENNIS GEELONG HITS OFF THIS WEEK**

The Summer season of Tennis Geelong hits off this week in Senior and Junior competition. 904 senior players will take part in 15 sections made up of 6 3x3 sections, 6 2x2 sections and 3 men's sections.

In juniors, over 1000 players will be participating in 25 sections with 8 mixed sections involving 60 teams, 11 boy's sections with 84 teams and 6 girls' sections at 46 teams – in all 190 teams in junior competition.

Grovedale has entered 10 teams with Ocean Grove 8, Highton 8 and Moolap 6 being the leading clubs.

The season will break for Christmas following the December 17<sup>th</sup> match and recommence February 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 after the break. Finals will commence March 3<sup>rd</sup>; Association Tournament on March 10<sup>th</sup>; with the preliminary finals on March 17<sup>th</sup> and Grand Finals on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

In Section 1 of Tennis Geelong, current title holder St Luke's is looking strong with State Grade players Matthew Holshier, Vicky Stucky and Brianna Bateup leading the way in what could be an interesting season of summer tennis.

Centre Court Blue, runners-up last summer will again make their presence felt with State player Carolyn McGann in the line-up once again and top young guns Ry Davies and Jordan Drew.

The strong Newcomb team will also be in the running with Joanne Puckett, David Kos and Greg Steele out to avenge their shock Winter Grand Final loss to St Mary's.

The young Centre Court Red team led by State Grader Matthew Hicks has top juniors Mario Matejcek, Josh Vines, Natalie Mann, Romano Mataruga, Alessia Roso and Taylor Sobczyk in the team and could be a surprise packet this season.

St Mary's, Winter premiers, have included Jason Mooney in the team this season and with Peppe Scorpo and Peter Ficca, should perform well.

Geelong Lawn, new to Section 1 having won Section 2 last Summer, has State Grader Justin Robinson available this season and with Ari Levinson transferring from Ocean Grove and Melissa Mortimer, should make a good account of themselves.

The Grovedale team is another young side improving with every game and with Ebony DelRio, Bianca Duff, Cameron Govan and Braeden Lubcke, will be competitive in most games.

Ocean Grove make up the eight teams in Section 1 and with players like Brad Edwards, Jason Raselli, Ashleigh Cooke and Sally Hughes, should make a good account of themselves.

Section 1 draw for the opening matches –

St Luke's Highton Uniting v Geelong Lawn; Newcomb v Grovedale; Centre Court Red v Ocean Grove; Centre Court Blue v St Mary's.

In Section 2, Sutherland's Creek, Gheringhap, Waurin Ponds and Lara appear to be the top four sides in this section with Geelong Lawn, Grovedale, Ocean Grove and Western Heights Uniting making up a strong section.

Section 2 draw for Saturday –Western Heights Uniting v Geelong Lawn; Ocean Grove v Sutherland's Creek; Grovedale v Waurin Ponds; Gheringhap v Lara.

## **REGIONAL BRIEF NEWS – BENDIGO BANK JUNIOR MASTERS**

The latest tournament of the Bendigo Bank Junior Masters Series recorded a record number of entries. Results as follows:

Girls – U/10 Alana Mullen and Sophie Boreland; U/12 Mikeala Mullen runner-up Victoria Herring;

U/14 Rachael Lolait runner-up Nicole Mullen, U/16 Emily Rankin runner-up Jo Fitzgerald.

Boys – U/10 Oliver Lock runner-up Chae Goldsworthy; U/12 Nicholas Sideris and Bailey Linegard;

U/14 Jayson Tomicic runner-up Kim Lismore; U/16 Dylan Vaughan runner-up Joshua Matthews.

The next tournament will be staged at the Waurm Ponds Tennis Club on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. To enter please ring Michael Mullen on 0409 651556 by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October or contact the Barwon Regional Tennis Council.