

## **TENNIS GEELONG AT HALF WAY MARK**

Tennis Geelong, along with most other sports, was washed out last Saturday in both senior and junior competition which was a disappointing end to the first half of the season. After seven rounds and having played at least four matches top side Geelong in Section 1 has Matthew Holschier and Lewis O'Brien leading the way, winning 11 sets and losing only 1 for the season thus far, and with Ari Levinson 9-3 are proving a handful.

Ry Davies is Centre Court Blue's leading player this season winning 11 sets and losing 6, along with State Grader Carolyn McGann with 16 sets won and only one loss. Blue's Stehanie Guy 10-2 and Kelly Brunger 14-4 have also performed well to have Blue in 2<sup>nd</sup> place only one point behind Geelong Lawn.

3<sup>rd</sup> placed St Luke's has Jeremy Palmer-Morgan 8-6 along with his wife Raelee 10-1, Abbie Walker 16-2, and Brianna Bateup 11-4 in outstanding form.

Newcomb in 4<sup>th</sup> is relying heavily on Greg Steele 8-7 and Sascha Bruenjes 5-7 being the regular players with a changed line-up almost every week.

Of the teams outside the four Shane Wiffen from St Mary's has been performing well with 9 sets won and 3 losses along with team mate Matthew Fisher 8-6 and Centre Court Red's State Grader Matthew Hicks 9-3, Natalie Mann 8-4 and Romano Mataruga 8-4.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Geelong Lawn 56.5 points, Centre Court Blue 55.5, St Luke's Highton Uniting 53.5, Newcomb 39.5, Centre Court Red 32.5, St Mary's 32.5, Ocean Grove 21.5, Grovedale 16.5.

In Section 2, top side Gheringhap has Anthony Leigh in outstanding form winning 14 sets and losing only one, along with Andrew McInerney 10-5 and wife Nicola 8-4, and Kathryn Reitter 12-0 in great form also. 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Sutherland's Creek has Peter Rogers 9-3, Reece Johnson 6-3, Adrian Koorn 9-6, Susan Bissett 10-2 and Colleen Battye 9-3 in good form with a settled team.

Ben Meeke and Nick Zyppel both on 8-7 have held 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Waurn Ponds together in the men's department with star youngster Nicole Mullen dominating in ladies with an 11-4 record so far this season, along with Rachel Lolait 10-2.

Grovedale in 4<sup>th</sup> has Troy Mikelsons 8-5, Lisa Graham 8-4 and Kate D'Altera 7-6 in fine form.

Of the teams outside the four, Lara has Jennie Prince in great form winning 9 sets without a loss and Stephen Vicary from Ocean Grove 7-2 and team mate Jarryd Proctor 8-4 could help the Grove into 4<sup>th</sup> come finals.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Gheringhap 55 points, Sutherland's Creek 47, Waurn Ponds 45, Grovedale 38, Lara 35, Ocean Grove 33, Geelong Lawn 33, Western Heights Uniting 22.