

## **HEAT THEN RAIN FOR FINALS**

Tennis Geelong competition finals upset by rain last Saturday following cancellation of the final round matches due to heat the week before, has forced the Association to alter the format for further finals.

A number of finals were played, however many sections did not start causing major problems for the Association to complete the summer season of tennis before school holidays commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

All junior sections completed their matches on Saturday morning and therefore will complete finals as programmed with Grand Finals on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Four sections of seniors will now become knock-out semi-finals with 1<sup>st</sup> v 4<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> v 3<sup>rd</sup> in lieu of a preliminary final in order to play Grand Finals on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

All other sections, which started, will complete unfinished finals before Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> in order to play preliminary finals.

Section 1 semi-finals listed for St Mary's and Grovedale agreed to go indoors to play and completed their finals at Centre Court Indoor on Saturday.

## **CENTRE COURT BLUE INTO GRAND FINAL**

Centre Court Blue has moved into the grand final following a crushing 8 sets to 1 victory over St Luke's Highton Uniting on Saturday in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final of Section 1 Tennis Geelong. Centre Court's Carolyn McGann, Kelly Brunger, Stephanie Guy and Jordan Drew were in outstanding form winning all their sets and losing only a handful of games in the process. These players were ably backed up by Ry Davies who won two sets for the afternoon.

For St Luke's, Jeremy Palmer-Morgan and Grant Thompson won St Luke's only set for the day in a dismal showing which left them completely outplayed, losing the match 1 set 25 games to Court 8 sets 50 games. St Luke's will now meet Geelong Lawn in the preliminary final on March 17<sup>th</sup> and will need to lift or their season will be over.

## **GEELONG LAWN THROUGH TO PRELIMINARY FINAL**

In the first semi-final of Section 1 Geelong Lawn knocked Newcomb out with a thumping 7 sets to 1 victory and will now meet St Luke's in the preliminary final in 2 weeks. Lawn's Anneliese and Phillipa Tepper won all their sets with Mathew Holschier and Lewis O'Brien doing likewise along with Ari Levinson chipping in with 2 sets, the match was never in doubt.

Joanne Puckett and Peter Cullen won Newcomb's only set for the day, 3<sup>rd</sup> mixed, in a one-sided match with Geelong Lawn recording an easy 7 sets 45 games to 1 set 25 games victory.

There will be no play this coming long weekend.

Finals in all sections of Senior and Junior competitions will resume on March 17<sup>th</sup> with Grand Finals to be played on March 24<sup>th</sup>.