

TENNIS GEELONG HITS OFF

The Summer Season of Tennis Geelong hits off this Saturday with 550 senior and 900 junior players taking to the courts. In seniors 50 teams will be playing the 2 x 2 format, 33 teams playing the 3 x 3 format and 30 teams playing the men's 2 x 2 format. 181 teams will participate in the junior section.

In Section 1 seniors 8 teams will compete for the flag with Centre Court looking to defend its title. The Court team boasts a strong line-up led by State Graders Matthew Hicks and Carolyn McGann. These two will have strong backing from Kelly Brunger, Taylah Mielczarek, Brooke Starling, Sam Arli, Jordan Drew, Axel Hider and Nathan Mayes.

New team, in Section 1, Leopold, also has a strong line-up with players transferring from Centre Court Indoor – Adam Lasky, Ry Davies, Karen Filippou, Alessia Roso and Taylor Sobczyk head the list

All Saints Anglican will be very competitive this season with top players Mathew Holschier, Shane Wiffen, Matthew Fisher and Daniel Thomas making up the men's section and Ash Andrews (Melbourne Pennant Section 1), Jenelle Findlay, Amy Kearney and Carly McClelland for the women.

Rounding out the possible top four, ever reliable Newcomb with Chris Higgins, David Kos, Peppe Scorpo and Greg Steele head the men while Sascha Bruenjes, Ana Clifton and Bianca Duff the ladies.

Jeremy Palmer-Morgan, Brianna Bateup and Abbie Walker all from St Luke's Highton Uniting will lead the charge for new team in Section 1 – Grovedale.

Also new to Section 1 Bannockburn, after winning Section 3 last summer, have recruited top players from Centre Court Indoor namely Justin Robinson and Steph Guy and along with the LeMaitre girls Rachael and Bridget should perform well.

Another new team in Section 1, Clifton Springs, will be pinning its hopes on Craig Booley, Pater Havelberg and Melissa Mortimer.

Gheringhap makes a return to Section 1 tennis and will be relying heavily on Anthony Leigh, Tenille McNerney and Kathryn Reitter. Both the Springs and the Hap will find it difficult as the top six teams are stacked with a lot of talent.

SECTION 2 Tennis Geelong is a men's event with 8 teams to fight it out. Hamlyn Park will be defending its title and with Michael Doherty, Tony Lazic, Andrew Frost, Jozef Horvat, Tyler Dickson and Robert Arzanovski ready to go, they will be a hard team to beat.

Ocean Grove with David Franks, James Kerr, Jarryd Proctor, Nick Vicary and Brad Edwards should be thereabouts at the end of the season.

Another team to watch out for will be Shell with the Edwards boys Brad and Ray along with Ivan Bosnjak and Aaron McLean making a formidable line-up.

St Mary's will again be strong with Peter Ficca, Paul Field, Adrian Koorn, Peter Rodgers, Brendan Green and Wayne Spalding forming a strong outfit.

Highton, Clifton Springs, Wandana Heights and Grovedale make up the 8 teams in this Section 2.