

## **CREEK TRIUMPH IN UPSET**

Sutherland's Creek has won the Midweek Section 1 Tennis Geelong premiership upsetting the strongly fancied Centre Court to take the flag. The Creek finished 3<sup>rd</sup> after the home and away matches and played Geelong Lawn White in the knockout semi-final, winning by 4 sets 24 games to 0 sets 10 games to advance to the preliminary final. Court who finished top losing only one match won a closely fought 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final against Bellbrae by 3 games with sets even to advance to the grand final.

The Creek ladies reached the grand final by defeating Bellbrae in the preliminary final in another exciting match by 3 games.

The grand final was another strongly contested match with Centre Court's Carolyn McGann, Jenny and Jayde Glascott and Sue Mahoney taking out the opening three sets to place the team in a winning position, however, the Creek turned it all around when Sascha Bruenjes, Colleen Battye and daughter Kristen, along with Tanny Sutton won the remaining three sets to win the flag by 2 games with sets even at 3-all.

The big moment in the match was in the 5<sup>th</sup> set when Court's Carolyn McGann (who had lost only one set for the season) and Sue Mahoney lost to Bruenjes and Sutton allowing Sutherland's Creek a well-deserved flag over Centre Court by 3 sets 25 games to 3 sets 23 games.

## **JAN JUC WIN SECTION 2 FLAG**

Jan Juc who finished the home and away matches undefeated on top in Section 2 Midweek Tennis has won the premiership the hard way. They would have been champions, but they lost their semi-final against Aireys Inlet by one game only with sets even. That stung them into action with a crushing 6 sets 36 games to 0 sets 12 games win over Grovedale in the preliminary final. They faced Aireys Inlet again in the grand final, this time reversing their semi-final loss by winning the flag by 4 sets to 2. The Jan Juc team of Martina Harris, Bronwyn Molloy, Liz Scott and Julie McDonald all played strongly to see the team home.

For Aireys Bronwyn Tasker was involved in the two sets won on the day partnering Janette Dangerfield and Pam Groeger, however Jan Juc was the stronger losing only one match for the season, winning the Section 2 flag over Aireys Inlet by 4 sets 33 games to 2 sets 24 games.

## **RAIN DISRUPTS TENNIS GEELONG**

Only one match was completed in Section 1 Tennis Geelong on Saturday as rain washed out other matches in a very wet afternoon. The match played between Barwon Heads at home to Grovedale was a one-sided affair with Grovedale allowing the Heads only six games for the day. The Grove team of Michelle Henderson, Lisa Sherwell, Cameron Govan and Grant Thompson was far too strong and won the match by 6 sets 36 games to Barwon Heads 0 sets 6 games to remain 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder.

**SECTION 1 LADDER** – Newcomb Maroon 44 points, Newcomb Blue 38, Grovedale 32, Waurn Ponds 22, St Albans 20, Barwon Heads 12.

## **BLUE TOO GOOD FOR GOLD**

Clifton Springs Blue was too good for Highton Gold in the only match played in Section 2 Tennis Geelong on Saturday, winning by 5 sets to 1. Like Section 1, all other matches in this section were washed out.

Blue's Ben Dew, Nathan Batterham, Joel Wilson and Craig Duncan, although losing the opening set, won the remaining five sets and the match.

Robert Fraser and Michael Hogan won the opening set for Gold and were involved in two other closely fought sets which could have changed the result, however Clifton Springs Blue held strong to take the match by 5 sets 33 games to Highton Gold 1 set 20 games.

**SECTION 2 LADDER** – Hamlyn Park 38 points, Clifton Springs Red 37, Wandana Heights 32, Grovedale 31, Highton Blue 30, All Saints Anglican 28, Clifton Springs Blue 21, Highton Gold 8.

## **GEELONG TEAMS PERFORMING WELL IN STATE PENNANT**

Following 6 rounds of Tennis Victoria State Pennant, Geelong teams are performing well in Men's Grade Section 1 and 2, and in Women's Grade 1 and 2 also.

In Men's Grade 1 Section 1 Hepner Place Indoor No.1 led by top Victorian player Matthew Hicks is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place after 6 rounds. The team of Hicks, Mario Matejcek, John Paul McNamara and Grant O'Callaghan has fought hard in a tight Section and should hold their position in coming weeks.

In Section 2 of Grade 1 Pennant, Hepner Place Indoor No.2 is also placed in 4<sup>th</sup> after 6 rounds with Brodie Young, Jordan Drew, Adam Lasky and Nathan Mayes playing well and is a good chance to play finals.

In Men's Grade 2 Section 1 of Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant, Hepner Place Indoor No.1 with Tony and his son James Brushfield, Brent McCombe and David Kos are well positioned in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder after 6 rounds.

Geelong Lawn is in 5<sup>th</sup> place in Men's Grade 2 Section 2 with Ari Levinson, Lewis O'Brien, Nicholas Vicary and Ben Robinson playing well and could make the finals.

In Men's Grade 2 Section 3 Hepner Place Indoor No.2 with Jacob Dunn, Aaron Bosse, Dominic Tobin and Sam Wilde are struggling at this stage and the team is bottom of the ladder.

Hepner Place Indoor Women's Grade 1 Section 1 team of Brooke Starling, Carolyn McGann, Kellie Brunger and Taylah Mielczarek is finding it hard going at the moment and is currently 5<sup>th</sup> after 6 rounds.

Geelong Lawn with youngsters Nicole Mullen, Alessia Roso, Bianca Duff and veteran Fiona Walker is dominating Women's Grade 2 Section 1 of Tennis Victoria Pennant and is currently top of the ladder after 6 rounds.