

## **TENNIS GEELONG SUMMER HITS OFF**

The Tennis Geelong Summer Season of tennis hits off this Saturday with 18 sections and 882 registered players in seniors and 24 sections and 915 registered players in the junior competition.

Grovedale has entered 12 senior and 24 junior teams, up 3 teams in both senior and junior on last summer.

Geelong Lawn is up 3 senior and 2 junior teams on last summer with 27 teams entered overall.

Other main clubs are Ocean Grove 20 teams, Newcomb 19, Jan Juc 15, All Saints Anglican 12 and Waurin Ponds 11. Aireys Inlet has entered one team, a junior team, for the first time in a long time whilst Maude has entered a senior team, the first since the 2001-02 season. For the first time Jan Juc has entered a senior team.

## **A NEW LOOK SECTION 1**

Tennis Geelong Section 1 takes on a new look this summer with top players moving to other clubs. There has been an exodus of players from Centre Court Indoor moving out to other clubs such as Geelong Lawn, Teesdale, Bannockburn and St Albans.

All Saints Anglican, premiers last summer has strengthened its line-up with the inclusion of Grade 1 Melbourne Pennant players Matthew Findlay, Wes Warden and Lauren Warden.

Matthew Holschier has moved across to Geelong Lawn from All Saints Anglican and with Taylah Mielczarek and Olivia Rich (former top player) returning to Geelong, the Lawn team looks set for a good season.

St Albans could be the surprise team of the competition with Ry Davies, Adam Lasky, Karen Filippou and Alessia Roso transferring from Leopold and the inclusion of top Grade 1 Tennis Victoria Melbourne Pennant players Emma and Sam Thompson.

Jeremy Palmer-Morgan along with Abbie Walker and the Duff girls Bianca and Zoe should keep Grovedale competitive throughout.

New side in Section 1, Teesdale, boasts a formidable line-up with Jordan Drew, Nathan Mayes, Ramona Mataruga and Carolyn McGann leading the way with a strong list of young players.

Bannockburn has picked up Kelly Brunger, Kara Smith and Raquel Walter and with Justin Robinson and the LeMaitre girls Rachel and Bridget should do well.

Waurin Ponds is a young team in Section 1 with Nicole Mullen, Emily Machar and Tom Ferry the main players and although they could struggle they will gain great experience.

Sections 2 and 3 Men's involves strong teams with Hamlyn Park, St Mary's, Clifton Springs, Ocean Grove, Shell and Jan Juc in Section 2 and Geelong Lawn, Highton, Grovedale, Little River, Wandana Heights and Newcomb in Section 3. Both sections will provide a high quality of tennis as many top players have dropped out of the mixed format to play in the Men's 2 x 2 format.

The last match before the Christmas break will be December 13<sup>th</sup>. First match back following the break will be January 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 with finals commencing on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2015.