

AUGUST 2011

Welcome to the June Edition of our newsletter, Courtside!

## Tennis Townsville celebrates 100 years!

Tennis Townsville's Centenary Celebrations were held from 5-7 August, below is how the weekend went...

### Junior Tennis Clinic

The celebrations started Friday afternoon at Tennis Townsville; a free junior tennis clinic was organized to get kids into tennis. 40 kids participated in the 2 hour clinic learning ball skills, forehand, backhand and serving techniques. Afterwards everyone was rewarded with a drink bottle from MacDonnells Law and a Dunlop Cap. Lucky prizes were given away with 5 lucky kids leaving with a special prize including merchandise from Tennis Queensland and Tennis Townsville.

### Gala Evening and Reunion

The formal event of the weekend, the Gala Evening and Reunion was held at the tennis courts on Saturday night, 6<sup>th</sup> of August. This night was a great opportunity for members, past members and people of the community to reflect on the changes in the game and learn some of the history of the club. 160 people attended the event, with some of the special guests including Tennis Legends John Fitzgerald and Ashley Cooper who both spoke about their careers in tennis. Tennis Townsville displayed some of the trophies and shields that have been collected over the past 100 years and a photographic exhibiting was displayed which had photos from as far back as 1920 through to 2011. A publication was put together to mark this special event, which was launched at the Gala Evening. "The title of the book "Play On" was about celebrating the history of 100 years of Tennis, but indicating that the club is ready for another 100 years of Tennis and will continue to play on.

Another prestigious part of the night was the presentation of 2 new Life Memberships. John King and Pauline Shield were awarded this significant membership for their involvement in Tennis Townsville. Unfortunately John King was unable to attend the Gala Evening and sent his apologies, however Pauline Shield was present to accept the membership.

As it was a 100 years celebration, the Tennis Townsville Committee thought it was necessary to have a 'Player of the Century' Award. This award went to Angus Smith; the former Mayor of Townsville was an avid tennis player at the club. He won the NQ Tennis Championships each year from 1931 to 1935 and again in 1940. Angus' son, Neville Smith accepted the award in his behalf.

The official part of the evening concluded at 9.30pm with a celebration cake being cut whilst the crowd sang Happy Birthday to Tennis Townsville.

### Vets Tennis Tournament

On Sunday morning, the day kicked off with the Veterans Tennis Tournament. Tournament Director, Pauline Shield said "It was great to see all of the vets participate in this tournament; everyone really enjoyed themselves as it was a beautiful day for tennis and the perfect way to finish off the Centenary Celebrations weekend." 26 people participated in the tournament which finished at approximately 2pm.



Add 'Tennis Townsville' as a friend

### Corporate Fun Night

The Corporate Fun Night was cancelled due to limited number. The next one will be held in early 2012, so get chatting now about who will be in your team! We hope to see you there

### Adult Group Coaching

Wednesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Sunday 7.30am-8.30am

Cost: \$12

No booking necessary

Please note that Adult Group Coaching is not held during School Holidays

### Tennis Boot Camp-

Term 4 commences Tuesday 30 August

from 5.30pm-6.30pm

Cost: \$20 casual

\$72 per term (6 weeks)

### Sunday Social

For members with social and ground member card holders, social tennis is free. For all other players, the cost is \$5

Sunday: 3.30pm

Come and see Karl and Steve who will organise tennis for the afternoon

### Vets 35+ Social Tennis

Wednesday from 6.30pm

\$10 for members

\$11 for non-members

supper provided

### Xstrata Adult Refresher Program

Get back into the sport you love!

Where: Tennis Townsville- on the blue court

## Family Fun Day

In the meantime the Family Fun Day commenced at 12pm, which had plenty of activities to keep the kids entertained. Tennis Townsville organized a jumping castle, face painting, fastest serve machine, hit the target tennis games and jumbo tennis. The fastest serve of the day was 172km/hour which was recorded by Brendan Keune, who is a regular on the tennis courts at Tennis Townsville.

## Celebrity Tennis Tournament

The Celebrity Tennis Tournament kicked off at 2pm. The celebrities that provided the crowd with some entertaining matches were Councilor Ray Gartrell, Councilor Natalie Marr, Stephen Duffie- Editor of Sport Lifestyle Magazine, Kathleen Skene- Editor of Savvy Magazine Townsville Bulletin, Todd Blanchfield and Ben Allen from the Townsville Crocodiles and CK & Blake- the breakfast announcers from 106.3FM.

The Crocs players proved they were not only good at basketball, but also skilled tennis players as they took out CK & Blake in the Celebrity Finals match.

Tennis Townsville was very proud to celebrate 100 years of Tennis and is looking forward to the next 100 years!

All photos from the weekend are available on Tennis Townsville's Facebook page.

The Publication "Play On" is \$15 and can be purchased from the bar area.

When: Sunday 21 August – Sunday 18 September

Time: 3pm (1 hour session, then join social tennis for no extra cost)

Cost: \$5

For more information, contact [tennis@tennistownsville.org](mailto:tennis@tennistownsville.org) or call 4721 5129

## School Holiday Clinic

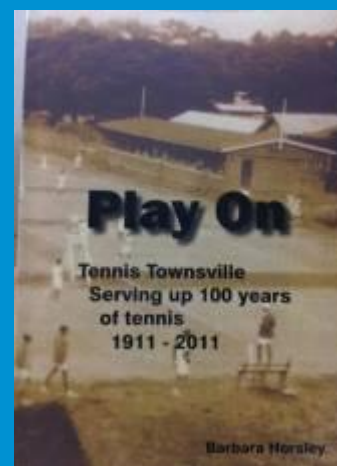
When: Wed 28 Sep- Fri 30 Sep

Time: 4pm-6pm

Cost: \$65 per child, \$130 per family  
Casual rates apply

To register, contact the office on 4721 5129

"Play On" FOR SALE- \$15



Available from the Bar Area

## Tennis Townsville Championships

The 2011 Bernie Lanigan Optometrist Tennis Townsville Championships will be held on 17 & 18 September. The tournament is open to all Tennis Townsville members  
Entry fees: Single \$15 & Double \$10 each

Entry forms are available from the club! Prizes up for grabs from Rydges, C Bar, The Brewery, Cactus Jacks, Reef HQ, Event Cinemas and more!



## Tennis Boot Camp



Want to improve your tennis and get fit? The join Tennis Boot Camp!!! The program is run by our Head Coach, Wayne Hannah and a professional Fitness Trainer, Rhonda Elliott. Wayne will teach you tennis techniques such as serving, volleys, backhands, forehands whilst Rhonda will take you through an intense circuit training set up.

### Meet Rhonda Elliott- Professional Fitness Trainer

Rhonda has a certificate III and IV in Fitness, before becoming an instructor Rhonda enjoyed participating in outdoor sports at a social and competitive level including tennis, vigoro and boot camp.

Tennis Townsville got together with Rhonda and asked some important questions about the Tennis Boot Camp

*What sort of exercise do you do during Tennis Boot Camp?*

At Tennis Boot Camp we run a variety of circuits which cater for all the body's energy

systems by combining agility, strength, conditioning and flexibility.

### *Do the exercises help you with your tennis skills?*

Yes, definitely. Tennis requires fleet of foot and good hand eye coordination. Circuits can develop these skills and stamina needed to endure the stop-start action.

### *Do you think anyone can do the Boot Camp?*

The circuit classes cater for all fitness levels and abilities. Wayne and I work together closely to make sure everyone receives a good workout as well as appropriate coaching.

Tennis Boot Camp is a 5 week program. Term 4 starts Tuesday 30 August from 5.30pm-6.30pm. Cost is \$72 for the 5 week program or \$20 per casual visit

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## **FREE Broadband for Seniors continues at Tennis Townsville**

Great News! The Australian Government has recently announced continued funding of the Broadband for Seniors Initiative. Here are what some of our current users have to say about the kiosk:



“My computer lessons have been very rewarding for me. To learn about the computer has opened up a whole new world for me! I can converse with people I've never meet , put my photos on facebook, email lots of friends & especially family, it's very interesting new technology, and also with the help of Karolien Selen I am very grateful to her, without Karolien's patience i would not have succeeded so fast to learn all these new things. Thank you and also thank you to Tennis Townsville” Margie Goodall, Pimlico.



“The Broadband for Seniors Kiosk has been extremely helpful, I walked in unable to type and now I've learned so much. I've purchased a computer through the Broadband for Seniors and I'm getting it installed this week. I've been taught how to resize photos; I've also set up my own Gmail account which means I can now send through photos to my family.” Nell Cooke, Kirwan



“I would just like to say many thanks for the excellent tuition I have received through the Broadband for Seniors program. Now I can load pictures from my camera onto the computer, then save them to a hard drive or memory stick etc. Also I can now use a spread sheet in Excel and can navigate my way around Google and Skype. The computer is now fun. Most of all I would like to thank you for your patience. The one on one training with Karolien is really great.” Marie Buckley, Rosslea.

ask which is FREE for seniors (50+ years of age) is located at Tennis Townsville, 32 Burke Street, North Ward. Information on ours, training and session bookings can be obtained from either Robyn or Karolien from Tennis Townsville on 4721 5129.

## **Juniors match it with nation's best**



Seth Siriya and Mikayla Zahirovic achieved some favourable results at the Rod Laver QLD Junior Championships recently. Siriya, who is No. 1 seed in the Under 14 Boys narrowly missed out on the championship title being beaten by No. 5 seed Cole Ingram in the final match 6-0, 6-3. A top finish also eluded Siriya in the doubles competition- he had to settle for third place with his partner from Robina, Kiwa Lang. Mikayla also narrowly missed out on a top place finish after finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 'B Group' Under 10 Girls Singles competition and the doubles competition.



The competition involved more than 600 players from across Australia converging in Brisbane July 5-9 to compete in the annual competition. The pair both finished up with the best in their age group, leaving their coach Wayne Hannah extremely proud.

### More love stories for Tennis Townsville



Congratulations to Thursday night Fixtures regulars Trish Ison and Christian O'Conner who got married in June.

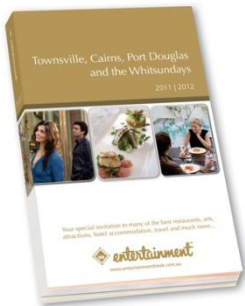
The wedding was held June 11, 2011 at St Brigid's Stuart, the church is heritage listed and is over 100yrs old- it even appeared in the movie Beneath Hill 60. Fr Joshy John preformed the wedding ceremony, originally from India it was his first Australian wedding. The reception was held at Mercure Lakes on the Decking area.

Both Trish and Christian play Thursday night Fixtures – Trish plays in Division 1B (Electrolytes) and Christian plays Division 2B (Bushrangers). The couple didn't meet at tennis, they actually met at University. Trish introduced Christian to tennis after he had some injuries at Soccer.

The newlyweds went to Bali for their honeymoon so they both couldn't play the finals - unfortunately Christian's team lost but Trish's team won the finals.

Trish is currently working together with Karolien Selen and Vic Bayer on Tennis Townsville's website. The website will receive a fresh new look and will hopefully be launched end of August/ early September.

### Entertainment Book



Entertainment Books for sale at Tennis Townsville! The Entertainment Books are filled with hundreds of valuable offers from the best restaurants, attractions, cinemas, sports, hotel accommodation and much more....receive 50% off, 25% off and 2-for-1 offers!

Choose what you want to do, and when you want to do it. **Purchase the new Book for just \$50 and you'll receive over \$10,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1st June, 2012.**

The Books are sold exclusively by fund-raising organisations, \$10 of each book goes to Tennis Townsville so when you purchase a Book, you'll be helping community fund-raising!

### Around the Club



Junior Tennis Clinic



## Gala Evening and Reunion



Vets Tennis Tournament



Celebrity Tennis Tournament



Family Fun Day

### Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations to Julie and Sally Hannah. Julie and Sally did a great job helping set up for the Gala Evening and Reunion.

They receive a double movie pass for Event Cinemas.



If you think someone deserves the Volunteer of the Month award, please contact [tennis@tennistownsville.org](mailto:tennis@tennistownsville.org). We're keen to find out your thoughts and suggestions!

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