

MAY 2011

Welcome to the May Edition of our newsletter, Courtside!

## NQ Open Tennis Championships

The 2011 North Queensland Open Tennis Championships were played at the Tennis Townsville Centre, North Ward from Saturday 30 April to Monday 2 May and we couldn't have asked for more perfect weather! Plenty of entries were received from players across the State; there were 34 participants in the Mens Open Singles, 14 participants in the Open Ladies Singles and 23 participants in the 18 Boys Singles

Number 1 seed, Mark Draper (Gold Coast) took out the Open Mens Singles Championship title cruising through the Final match; he has previously won the title 4 times and is thrilled about winning his 5<sup>th</sup> NQ Open Tennis Championships. Draper defeated number 2 seed, Travis Dragojlo (Toowoomba) 6-0, 6-1.

Number 1 seed, Harriet Sheahan (Brisbane) took out the Open Ladies Singles Championship title defeating Lizette Cabrera (Townsville) 6-4, 6-2. This was Sheahan's first tournament of the year, as she tore her carve muscle in January and was off the court for 3 months, making this a wonderful comeback! Cabrera put in a great effort, receiving much praise from the number 1 seed. Sheahan said "This was my first time playing Lizette- I've heard so much about her and she is a great competitor. She's only 13 years old, so you can only imagine the kind of future that lies ahead of her."

The full results are available from our website, [www.tennistownsville.org](http://www.tennistownsville.org)

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Thank you to Ross Smythe, Tournament Director and a big thank you to our volunteers who helped out throughout the weekend; Peter Duncan, Michael Kern, Pauline Shield, Julie Bonner, Marlene Buckingham, Maria Zahirovic, Aida Zahirovic, Sharon Rochford, Kerry Gillespie, Dianne Coker, Tina Kern, Ronnie Cabrera, Andrea Nobile, Lee Siriya, Ratana Kaess, Robyn and Vic Bayer. Thank you to our BBQ Kings Ian Roberts and Clancy Duncan.

The lucky winner of the two tickets to the Australian Open 2012, donated by Rebound Ace was Joshua Small from Cairns.



From left to right: Mikayla Zahirovic & Madison Rochford, Travis Dragojlo & Mark Draper, Harriet Sheahan



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### Junior Development Series

Junior Development Series (A) will be held at Tennis Townsville 28 + 29 May

The next series (B) will be 18 & 19 June at Charters Towers

### 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 on State of Origin nights

### Tennis Boot Camp- Enrol now!

Tuesday 5.30pm-6.30pm at Tennis Townsville

Cost: \$20 casual

: \$72 per term (6 weeks)

Term 3 commences Tuesday 5 July from 5.30pm-6.30pm

### 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

### Night Fixtures

### Ladies Fixtures- Monday Night

Semi Finals- 13 June

Finals- 20 June



From left to right: Kent Martino, Marvin Siriya and Emma Bonner

More photos are available on our Facebook page- Tennis Townsville

### Juniors excel in the Junior Development Series

The Junior Development Series, formerly known as the Junior Masters Circuit is currently being held around the Region.

A stand out in the event has been 8 year old Mikayla Zahirovic. Mikayla continues to produce great results; she started off the Series by coming 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 5 when the series were held in Home Hill. She then came 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 2 when the series were held in Townsville. Cairns (A) circuit, which was held in Innisfail proved another successful event for the young tennis player where she came 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 3. Keep in mind that this 8 year old girl is competing against girls up to 14 years of age.

Some other juniors that showed some great results when the A circuit was held at Mackay. Majella Nobile came 1<sup>st</sup> in Division 1 and Ashlee Staneke came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 2. Majella Nobile also came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 1 when the circuit was held in Home Hill. At this same tournament, Tynneal Mancinelli came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rachel Hughes came 4<sup>th</sup> in Division 1 and Ashlee Staneke came 2<sup>nd</sup> in Division 3, followed by Emma Bonner who came 4<sup>th</sup>.

All of the Junior Development Series results are available on [www.mackayjuniortennis.com.au](http://www.mackayjuniortennis.com.au)

The Junior Development Series (A) is on Saturday and Sunday 28 & 29 May to be played at Tennis Townsville.

#### Mens Fixtures- Tuesday Night

Semi Finals- 14 June  
Finals- 21 June

#### Mixed Fixtures- Thursday Night

Semi Finals- 16 June  
Finals- 23 June

#### Night Fixtures Season 2

Hit up and Team Formation- wc 11 July  
Season 2 starts wc 18 July

Don't forget to put your names down either as an individual or a team for Season 2. Forms are available from the Bar area.

#### Midweek Fixtures

Semi Finals- 15 June  
Finals- 22 June

#### Midweek Fixtures Season 2

Hit up and Team formation- 13 July  
Season 2 starts 20 July

Come and join this friendly and social morning of tennis!

#### Valleys Tennis Courts

Tennis Townsville has taken over the management of Valleys Tennis Courts!

For Court hire contact us on 4721 5129

#### Court Hire

**Day time: \$10 per hour**

Tennis Townsville relies on your honesty. Please have the correct money and place it in the slot of the office wall which is situated behind court 7.

**Night time: \$16 per hour**

8 x \$2 coins are required to operate the lights. Extra \$2 coins can be added, but must do so before the 1 hour is up as once lights go off, they have to cool down before starting again. Courts 6-9 are automatic lights.

### FREE Kids Come & Try Day- 7 May

A successful free Kids Come & Try day was held at Tennis Townsville on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> of May. The kids had a great afternoon of tennis games, face painting and the jumping castle. Some of the kids that attended are now part of our Saturday Morning MLC Hot Shots.



More photos are available on Tennis Townsville's Facebook Page

### FREE Broadband for Seniors

The FREE Broadband for Seniors Kiosks are still up and running at Tennis Townsville. If you're 50+ years and interested, contact us on 4721 5129 to book in your training session.

Some of the sessions so far have included information on Gmail Accounts, Facebook, Skype, writing letters and searching the internet.

### Lizette Cabrera qualifies to compete in Junior World Cup



Only days after coming Runner Up in the Ladies Singles Open event at the NQ Open Tennis Championships held 30 April-2 May, Lizette flew out to Kuching, Malaysia to compete in the ITF Asia/Oceania Final qualifying girls' event which was held from 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> of May. Tennis Townsville is very happy and proud to announce that the Australian Girls Team won the finals of the Qualifying and a spot in the Junior World Cup which will take place in Prostějov, Czech from 1-6 August, 2011.

Australia justified their top seeding by going through the week long competition without losing a single match to finish as top qualifier. In the final, which was played in very hot conditions, they had to endure a tough challenge from surprise finalists, sixth seeded Korea.

Lizette Cabrera had to fight back from a set down to beat Do Hee Bae (Korea) in three sets and then Naiktha Bains closed the tie for Australia beating Da Bin Kim (Korea) in a very tight two sets. Third seeds China, beaten by Australia in the semi-finals, won both singles matches against New Zealand to claim third place.

The Australian team consisted of Scott Draper (Tennis Australia National Coach), Wayne Arthurts (Manager- Melbourne NHPA), Lizette Cabrera (Townsville, QLD), Naiktha Bains (Brisbane, QLD) and Anja Dokic (Tuart Hill, WA Each child receives a participation pack from Officeworks!!!

### Tennis Townsville Local becomes College Tennis Superstar in USA



**John-Patrick Smith:** Townsville's very own John-Patrick Smith is wrapping up the final tournament of his college career over the next two weeks. JP is currently playing tennis for the University of Tennessee, USA where he's been attending the college since 2007. Since attending Tennessee, JP has been one of the best players in college tennis in the last four years. He has been ranked No. 1 in singles and has held the top doubles ranking with Boris Conkic of Serbia since March 1, 2011. In 2009 and 2010, he spent time at No. 1 with Davey Sandgren. JP played at the top of Tennessee's singles and doubles line ups

nearly his entire four-year career there and had led Tennessee to the No. 1 national team ranking earlier this year. JP is considered one of the most successful players in the history of US college tennis.

In June, he'll become Tennessee's first four-time All-American, which is the biggest national sports honour in college athletics. Not only that, he'll be the second player in the history of college tennis to earn All-America honours in both singles and doubles. Rick Leach is the only other person to have received this same honour. Tennessee plays in the South Eastern Conference, the most competitive and difficult conference in the country. Throughout the last two seasons, JP has been voted as the SEC Player of the Year by the conference coaches. The only other player to ever be named player of the year twice is John Isner.

John-Patrick Smith is really looking forward to starting his career as a Professional Tennis Player and to kick-start his career and JP will take in the Asian Tour. The ATP World Tour's Asian swing begins in Southeast Asia at the Malaysian Open, Kuala Lumpur welcoming the best men's tennis players.

### Lovers meet on the tennis court



Here's a story for all the romantics out there. Kim dos Remedios and Rob Henaway met on the tennis courts in August last year, they both play Thursday Night Mixed Fixtures (but not in the same team). After months of eyeing off each other, the pair went on a date and fell in love. A few months later Rob popped the question and Kim happily said yes. The proposal took place when Kim went away with work for 3 days, upon her arrival back in Townsville Rob took Kim to her place for the surprise of her life. Rob put 'glow in the dark' stars on her garage door that said 'Will you Marry me?' When he turned off the light the beautiful message appeared. Kim said it was a very romantic moment. The lovebirds are getting married in October and Tennis Townsville wish them all the best!

Thursday night Mixed Fixtures- a great place to meet that special someone 😊

## Tennis Townsville Championships- change of date

The Tennis Townsville Championships were originally going to be held 25 & 26 June, however there are quite a few events on the Calendar, especially with our Centenary Celebrations coming up in August that we've decided to change the date. The new date is not yet confirmed, but will be either September or October which will give you plenty more time to practice to take out the Championship title!

We hope this doesn't cause any inconvenience to anyone and hope to see you all there!!!

## HEAD RACQUET- MEMBER'S SPECIAL



Very small grip. Ideal for women and children

Head racquet RRP: \$130

**SPECIAL MEMBER'S PRICE: \$90**

Come in and see our head coach, Wayne Hannah, Robyn, Mary or Pauline to check out this amazing deal for Tennis Townsville members!

Racquets are also available from the Bar Area on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

## Tennis Townsville's Centenary Celebrations

Tennis Townsville's 100 years celebrations will be held 5-7 August, 2011. The weekend will be an opportunity for members and the community to reflect on the changes in the game and learn some of the history of the club.

**Tennis Townsville's  
Centenary Celebrations**

**PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

Date	Time	Event
Friday 5 August	3.30pm-5.30pm	Tennis Clinic
Saturday 6 August	11.00am	Jumbo Tennis Tournament
Saturday 6 August	6.30pm	Centenary Celebrations and Reunion Cocktail Dinner
Sunday 7 August	11am-4pm	Family Fun Day including Face Painting and Jumping Castle
Sunday 7 August	11am-1.30pm	Vets (50 years +) Tournament
Sunday 7 August	2.00pm-3.30pm	Celebrity Tennis Tournament

All events will be held at Tennis Townsville, 32 Burke Street, North Ward

**For more information on any of the events,  
please contact us on 4721 5129 or email  
marketing@tennistownsville.org**

The invitation for the Centenary Celebrations Cocktail dinner was emailed to all members last week. If you would like another copy, please contact [marketing@tennistownsville.org](mailto:marketing@tennistownsville.org)



Townsville





*NQ Open Weekend*



*Kids Come & Try Day*

*Midweek Ladies being SunSmart*

### **Volunteer of the Month**

Congratulations to Ratana Kaess and Lee Siriya- our Volunteers of the Month! Ratana and Lee did a wonderful job being the coordinators of the canteen during the NQ Open weekend!



They both receive a double movie pass for Birch Carroll & Coyle!

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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