



# Love the smell of finals?

## Bottle Drive

The next bottle drive is on Sunday April 14th at Anembo from 9.30am. We need people to drive around and collect bottles, and people to sort them. If you can donate some bottles that would be great – just leave them in the clubrooms at Miels or Anembo on Saturdays during the finals or bring them along on the day. The money raised will go towards our new courts and court equipment.

Hope to see you there!

## Presentation Dinner

The presentation dinner will be held on Grand Final day, Saturday, 23rd of March. Be there at 6:30pm. Fun, food, presentation (of course) plus more!

<http://goo.gl/0MBjZ> or visit the web site.

## A word from the President...

Welcome to the last newsletter for the 12/13 season. The finals are here and we have 7 senior teams, 15 junior teams and the midweek ladies team at this stage.

Finals commence on Friday 8th March for juniors and Saturday 9th March for seniors. I wish all the teams participating in finals all the best- play your best, display good sportsmanship and mostly, enjoy the opportunity to play finals.

Our AGM will be held in June, date to be finalized. We will advertise the date and venue on our website, via email and in the Courier. It would be great to see some new faces come along. We will be looking for a new Secretary as Sienna is leaving us to explore new opportunities in England. We wish her all the best and thank her for taking on this role 2 years ago. Sienna's smiley face and fun loving attitude has put a new slant on our minutes and emails!!!

You don't have to be on the committee to help- there are many small jobs which can be done without the need to be on the committee. These include garden maintenance and watering at Anembo, Fundraising activities/ Coordinator (includes Bunnings, bottle drives and chocolates), keeping Anembo blue shed clean and tidy, scores entering, sponsorship, junior coordinator, membership officer to name a few. If you would like to help out then please let me know.

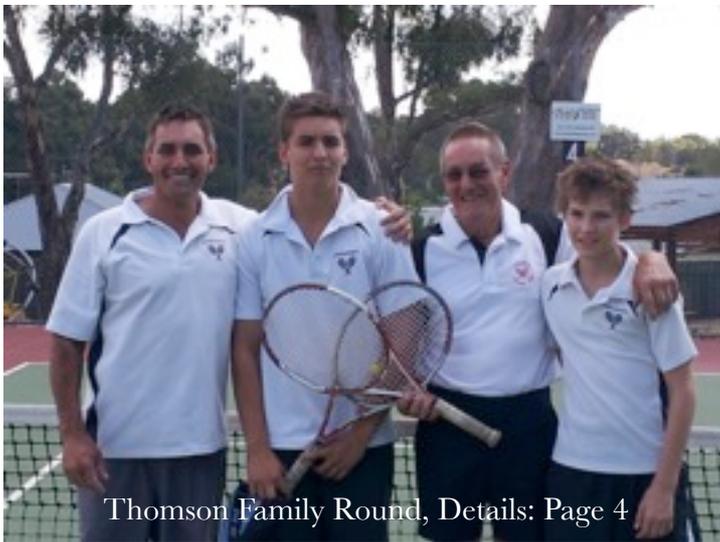
Happy Hitting!

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## Hey, is your name not up there?

Why not consider helping us out on the committee? Whether you are a first-timer or a seasoned committee member, we are looking for people with new ideas and enthusiasm to get things done for their club. If you are interested, let a current committee member know. They're all very nice!

## Exclusive Interview with Toma

Our own Cally Toma kicked butt at the Country Carnival this year, winning the singles competition.

### What's your name, what do you do, who do you play for?

My name is Cally Toma and I work at a Bakery. I play for Littlehampton Tennis Club.

### How did you learn about the Country Carnival and what did you do to sign up for that?

I learn't about the Country Carnival from my local club and from friends that had previously played. I signed up through my local club.

### How many entrants were there? Where were the others from?

There were 5 entrants, myself, 1 from Jamestown, 3 from Mt. Gambier.

### How many games did you play? How long were the games?

I played 4 matches, best of 6 games, in a round robin format. My scores were 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

### Obviously you were happy with your game. Did you do anything in preparation for this competition?

Apart from my usual match play and practice the extra preparation that I undertook was having a hit out on some grass courts the week before. I also played in the teams event the same week.

### How did you feel about winning the competition?

I didn't really know what to expect going into the day, having no idea how strong the competition would be but I am happy that I was able to be competitive and of course, very happy that I won.

### Will you be doing this again next year?

Yes, I would like to be able to do play in the Country Carnival again next year.

### Any words for your fans out there? What can we do to be more like you?

HAVE FUN Have a go, you never know what the outcome might be and don't take yourself too seriously - always a work in progress!

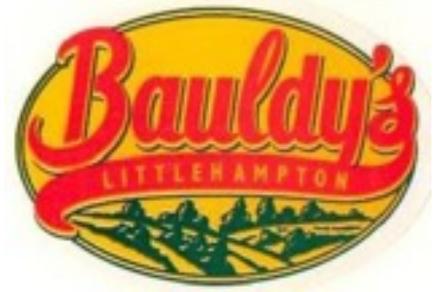
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## Juniors Coordinators Report

As the minor rounds finish this week we look like having 15 teams in the finals. We wish these teams the best of luck for the finals and hope you enjoy the opportunity to play finals. Please remember to be clear and accurate when calling the score and line calls, return balls directly to the server, be polite to your opposition and team mates and most of all have fun. Parents – please remember you can not coach at all whilst the player is on the court. You can offer encouragement when players are playing well, but must be to both sides. ie good service, great rally etc. You can not call out the score if you are behind the fence. If a player needs assistance on the court this a supervisor can be appointed and this can not be a parent of anyone on the court.

The finals start on Friday 8th march at 6.30pm for teams finishing 3 & 4 and for teams finishing 1 & 2 they start Saturday 9th march at 8.30am. There will be home courts for those teams finishing 1st & 3rd subject to court availability.

Junior Presentation will be held on Sunday 24th march at Anembo park from 11.30am to approx 2.30pm. Presentations around 1pm. BYP chairs, picnic rugs, sun shelters. The club will supply a BBQ lunch – consisting of sausages, patties, bread, sauce, onions and coleslaw. There will be soft drinks, Zooper Doopers, and chocolates for sale. Feel free to bring along anything else you may like. If anyone has a sun shelter that they would like to put up for the day please do so. We have booked the Anembo clubrooms so if the weather is wet we will be inside. Please RSVP via the website so we have an approximate idea of numbers for catering purposes.

There will also be a BBQ at Anembo after the Junior Grand Final- come back after the match and share your win or loss with the rest of the juniors playing that day. Again the club will provide the snags, bread etc and drinks will be available to purchase.

Good luck for the finals

Kate & Sue

## Thomson Family

A landmark event occurred a weekend or two ago when three generations of the Thomson family took to the court for Littlehampton Tennis Club in a match against Echunga in the Div 2 Men's Competition. Veteran Barrie Thomson, 69, started playing tennis as a junior player for Laura Tennis Club.

His son Shane – 43, began playing when he was 10, also at Laura. Shane's parents were very supportive of his tennis as he grew up – his Mum was a taxi service to various coaching clinics, tournaments, Country Carnival and the like, while his Dad built a lawn court in the backyard. He and Shane erected the court fence together when Shane was 11 – perhaps this sparked the start of Shane's building career?

Junior player Shane inspired his Mum, who had never played tennis before, to pick up a racquet for the first time when she was 40 – “If you can't beat 'em – join 'em”.

This enthusiasm and passion for the sport was obviously passed down to the third generation of Thomsons, with Jackson 18 and Nick 16 also making up the team. And what do the

boys think of Grandpa playing in their team? Nick says “It's pretty cool, because it's never happened before, because he lives up at Laura.”

Nick's pre-match advice to Grandpa:

- Drink a lot of water
- Wear a hat to avoid sunstroke
- Go for a lot of winners

And the big question – can Shane still beat the old man? Shane says he's not sure. He gave up trying about 20 years ago when dad promised him a new racquet if he could beat him. He's yet to earn that new racquet.

## Captains Reports

Time for the last round of Captain's reports for the season. One more free dinner to hand out as a prize and, as long time editor of this newsletter, it's great to finally see a Div 1 Men's report. You see, Brad? It didn't hurt a bit.

Congratulations!

Bruce Tonkin

## Div 1 Men – Blue

It's been such a successful year for past Littlehampton Junior Players, Brad Holmes, Scott Purling, Matt Dehaas and Ben Goldfinch. The four boys have performed very strongly throughout the season and are strongly suited now in making the top four. Bill Purling has been a great asset to the team since coming on board; With Matty and Benny being out of the game for nearly 7 years, the boys have been privileged to have Bill on board to assist there development. The boys have had a lot of fun playing together this season and would

Like to acknowledge the support they have received from the Littlehampton Tennis Club. They look forward to the remainder of the season and will give there all come finals time.

Brad Holmes

## Div 1 Women – Blue

Well this team has worked very hard to secure its position on the bottom of the ladder. We have been soooooo lucky to have been helped out with fillins such as Laura Fries, Sally Fisher, Amy Wilson and Francine Traeger, but it seems if you want an injury, just join our team! Ever-reliable fill in Laura is now out with a wobbly knee. We are keen to publicise the fact that TENNIS ELBOW IS ACTUALLY CONTAGIOUS – with Jo nursing hers through this season, Jayne falling in a big heap with it and now Ali getting in on the tennis-elbow action ... oh dear. Looking forward to a few drinks and a few laughs at the senior pres night. Hope all you guys that have made the finals make up for our inadequacies ... kick some butt and bring it home PLEASE!

Jo Casey

## Div 1 Women – White

Guess What? We are still undefeated! What a season for this wonderful team of talented women to be still winning every week, unbelievable.

But we need to keep check of ourselves and know that anything can happen in the up coming finals. We are thankful that Amy Wilson was available to help when Mellie

sustained a knee injury recently, requiring 5 weeks recovery time.

With Mellie on the verge of an archaeological dig in Cambodia leaving us short for the last two rounds and the finals weeks, we are very grateful to have the skilled and reliable ability of Mandy Saward joining the team in Mellie's absence. Fortunately, Abbey and Chris have both played with Mandy in the Tuesday morning midweek ladies comp so will be an easy transition for Mandy.

Wishing all the other teams success for the remainder of the season and the very best of luck for their finals matches.

Chris Geue

## Div 2 Women – White

From so far down, the darkness seems to go on forever. Yet the four gladiator ladies (Petro, Joyleen, Anette and Tracy) know that they are not alone on court, that out there, eyes are watching them closely thirsty for success. Throughout, as they hack and parry for survival in the spotlight, over their grunts and gasps and the desperate squeak of their shoes on the blue court, they can hear them chattering, murmuring, a sound like a great heartbeat drumming louder and louder...

Our team has been growing and improving with every single shot played. Currently we are 3rd on the ladder with only 5 points between us and the 2nd team. We play with passion and eagerness and afterwards we celebrate with just as much “enthusiasm”. We are great friends and tennis has become part of our Saturday routine.

Being the premier winners for Division 3 in 2012 I strongly feel that team White has proven a team to be recon with.

Happy hitting

El Capitan – Petro van Niekerk

## Div 2 Doubles

Mmmmmmm one wonders what the oldies were up to over the Christmas break as the team has yet to record a win for 2013!

And with only 2 matches to go (and a bye) it's unlikely we'll be campaigning in the finals, sitting in 5th position and a little out of reach of the top 4.

However if points were awarded for the spread we put on for our visitors we'd surely be crowned winners of “MY AFTERNOON TEA RULES”.

Many thanks to the “Geue Girls” for helping us ‘clean up’ the afternoon tea at each home games. (Awrk! Awrk!). Sure beats cold chips doesn't it girls.

The season seems to have flown and soon we'll all have to find something else to do with our Saturday arvos but know doubt we'll all don the knee braces and joint supports again in October and give it another creak, oops crack (probably both literally).

Many thanks to our wonderful committee for the time & effort they volunteer to keep our club running smoothly. Hats off to you!

Good luck to those who make the finals. We'll be the round to visit you with a cup of tea & a ‘Bex’ before we need a good lie down.

Happy knitting, ooops, I mean hitting!

Libby Timmins

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