

Close Calls

Welcome to the first electronic version of *Close Calls*, the official newsletter of TOA : South Australia Division! With so many of our members now having access to electronic communication and with information being regularly emailed regarding tournaments, divisional events, training courses etc, it certainly seems logical to utilise the facility which Tennis Australia and Tennis Officials Australia have placed at our disposal.

No doubt, this publication will continue to play an important role in assisting our members to keep in touch. With the passage of time, it will change and further develop to cater for the needs of and reflect the interests and talents of members present and future.

We thank all of those members who have contributed to **Close Calls** since its first appearance in 1991 through assisting with the editing, writing articles and reports or by simply reading and responding to it. We look forward to your ongoing support as we experiment with its new format!

Regards,
Michael Kulesza & Ann Langman.

Diary Dates

June 12 and June 13 - General Principles

June 24 –AGM

August 30 –Come and Try Day

Sept 4 and Sept 5 –General Principles

Sept 11 –Line Umpiring Course

Sept 18 –Line Umpiring Training

Annual General Meeting: 2009

Tennis Officials Australia – South Australia Division

Wednesday June 24th, 2009 at 7.30pm

Tennis SA, Memorial Drive.

Business to be transacted shall include

- Apologies
- Minutes of Previous AGM
- Business Arising from Previous AGM
- President's report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of officers of the Division and Members of the board
- Appointment of Auditor
- General Business
 - o Phil Read Trophy announced
 - o Determination of membership fees for 2009 / 2010

Members are reminded that

Confirmation of Membership and Membership fees are due and payable at the conclusion of the AGM. Members are reminded that they should pay their subscription within a month of the AGM.

Kirsty Marnane,
Secretary

Training Report

2008/2009 has seen a number of courses being offered so that members can gain reaccreditation before June 30th 2009, and for new members to begin their journey as tennis officials.

Two General Principles Courses have been presented by Jan Walczak, and three Course Supervisor/Referee Courses by Dennis Overberg.

Booklets –a learner's guide and an answer booklet - are provided for each course. It is just a matter of completing the booklet and sending it off to the address provided. A list of accreditation is then sent to the SA Division.

A committee was necessary to manage courses and the correspondence required. Jan Walczak, Graham Knight, Pam Bessell and Ann Langman became the committee. Pam in particular is the contact for all courses, and she will regularly update you on current and future training.

We congratulate the following for completing courses and on court training as court supervisors and referees -

- Wayne Kilpatrick
- Cassie Edwards
- Breanna Hassam
- Alex Conteh
- Neil Jenner
- David Anspach
- Kate Antosik
- Luis Labrin –court supervisor

The following members have completed courses and are waiting to complete on court training

- Shirley Lynott
- Pam Bessell
- Gavin Dallow
- Jim Goode

Tennis SA recently provided training in the new tournament planner. We thank David Hearne for his organisation of these sessions.

A reminder for current members that the last opportunity for reaccreditation is in June when a General Principles Course will be held. Members just need to attend on Saturday morning from 9 to 12.

Ann Langman

WORLD TENNIS CHALLENGE

The inaugural tournament of this name was the brainchild of four South Australians, Mark Woodforde, Roger Rasheed, Darren Cahill and Alistair McDonald (C.E.O. Tennis SA) and an American, Jim Courier. The Challenge was played from January 14th-16th 2009 at Memorial Drive in pleasant weather conditions.

After the last Australian Hardcourt was played at Memorial Drive in 2008, they got together to plan a new event along similar lines of the Rio International. The concept of World Tennis Challenge was born.

It consisted of four teams, U.S.A. (Taylor Dent and Jim Courier), Australia (Mark Phillipousis, Mark Verryth and Pat Cash), France (Gael Monfils, Fabrice Santoro and Henri Leconte) and Sweden (Joachim Johansson and Mats Wilander).

A court jester, Mansour Bahrami filled in at certain times for any team and he was amazing with his magic and the tricks he performed. He was the real star of the show, even outshining Henri Leconte! Mansour Bahrami, aged in his fifties, is originally from Iran, now lives in Paris and is a wonderful entertainer who was definitely the surprise factor of the night. He played in the French Open Doubles Championships in 1989.

Each night two ties were played on two different courts at the same time and the crowd loved it. There were crowds of between five and six thousand each night - very encouraging compared to the old Hardcourt Championship. The legends played each other in singles, followed by the current players singles matches. The doubles followed which usually resulted in much fun, with ball girls and ball boys involved in the matches and with many comedy routines showing the players' great skills.

In my opinion it was extremely well received by the public with serious tennis being combined with the antics of Bahrami and Leconte etc.

The end result was that U.S.A. was the only undefeated team after their three ties, with each of the other teams winning one match each.

It was a pleasure to make a comeback for such an enjoyable tennis event held here in Adelaide.

Neil Page

Phil Read Trophy

This annual award is presented at each year's Annual General Meeting to perpetuate the name of Phil Read, one of South Australia's most long serving and distinguished tennis officials. It acknowledges both on court performance and / or off court contributions to SA Division during the previous 12 months. Only full members are eligible for this award. Members of the TOA: SA Division Board of Management nominates possible candidates and vote by secret ballot to determine the recipient.

The very worthy winner of the Phil Read Trophy (2008) was **Brian Arnold**. A very loyal and hard working member of the Division, Brian served as a line judge at a range of tournaments over the year including the Australian Men's Hardcourt Championships (Adelaide) and the Australian Open (2008). He also served as a Court Supervisor on numerous occasions. Brian carries out all of his duties with a great degree of dedication and professionalism, thus acting as a role model – especially for younger and less experienced members of the Division. Congratulations, Brian, on your award!

The complete list of Phil Read Trophy winners is as follows:

- 1984 David Heath
- 1985 Therese Meyers
- 1986 Ian Basie
- 1987 Andrew Willoughby
- 1988 Lindsay Cox
- 1989 Craig Glennon
- 1990 Stephen foreman
- 1991 Pat Cesare
- 1992 Geof Palmer
- 1993 Andrew Scovell
- 1994 Fiona Lawrence

- 1995 Peter Bergen
- 1996 Allan Fisher
- 1997 Michael Kulesza
- 1998 Brendan White
- 1999 Greg Hutton
- 2000 Graham Knight
- 2001 David Horsley
- 2002 Deb Brodie
- 2003 Jan Walczak
- 2004 Andrew Jarvis
- 2005 Bob Cahill
- 2006 Kirsty Marnane
- 2007 David Falk
- 2008 Brian Arnold

On behalf of the board I would like to thank all members for their contribution during the past year. If you wish to nominate for the board the nomination is due to Kirsty by June 1st.

I acknowledge the tireless work that Kirsty Marnane has carried out as both secretary and treasurer. Finally I personally thank the board for their support of me as president in 2008 /2009.

Ann Langman

