

FUTURES TENNIS ACADEMY

on the rise

The best term for coaching!

Term 4 2009

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TERM 4' 09

Fees are due

Friday 18th Sept



**Term 4 starts:
Monday 5 October**

Please read!

What an extraordinary term it has been! In the midst of the worst drought in living memory we have had a record number of classes postponed in a term due to rain. If your class does not receive its eight lessons in the term the classes outstanding roll over into Term 4 at the same time and day. There are no classes during school holidays. This will mean that some classes will have more than eight weeks of coaching in term 4. To know if your lesson is owed any classes in term four refer to the homepage of our website. **A reminder that all coaching starts for term 4 on Monday the 5th of October.** Lastly, I would like to thank the pupils who participated in our Challenge match against Victorian Tennis Academy who also managed to have a resounding win. Well done!

Wes Horskins FTA Director

MyTOUR Book

We will be starting a new and very exciting rewards program in term one of 2010 where pupils embark on a journey with our Futures Team Mascots through the different tiers of the World Tennis Tours. Each pupil will be handed their very own **MyTOUR Book** which they will keep and bring to coaching each day. Each time a pupil enrolls into a program or completes a task they win a round, eventually winning the tournament and advancing to the next tour. Each Tour win they receive a great trophy and also are offered Sponsorship to enter events for free and discounted goods. We expect this will offer great motivation for kids to be engaged by the game and will act as positive reinforcement for years to come. Apart from that they will learn a lot about how the real World Tennis Tour is run! Pupils will start at the same level they have completed when our old Grand Slam voucher system ended. Eventually as they become a Grand Slam Champion they will receive life time Legend Sponsorship from Futures.

New Rating System for use by 2010

We are in the process of standardizing all our programs [coaching/competition/rewards/tournaments] to use the same name, the same equipment, rule modifications and the same standard so that all programs are homogenized to each other. The new programs will come into fruition by term one 2010. By then we will have rated all pupils into our new coaching and competition pathways / programs starting with our:

[1] Hot Shots "Modified" Program:

- Hot Shots **Red**- 75% compression ball, 1/2 court
- Hot Shots **Orange**- 50% compression ball, 1/2 court
- Hot Shots **Green**- 25% compression balls, 3/4 court

Full Court programs [more advanced each program]

[2] Futures Program

Full size court. Championship Balls, Able to serve from baseline and play normal game of doubles.

[3] Challenger Program

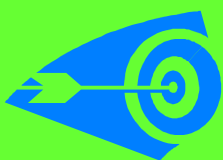
[4] Pro program

[5] Grand Slam Program

For Competition refer over-page to new comp names!

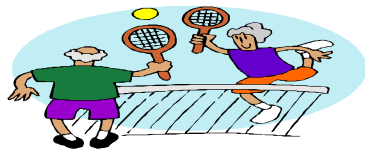
**Term 4 '09
Important Dates**

- Fees Due:
Friday 18th Sept
- All Coaching start:
Monday 5 October
- Friday Comp starts:
Friday 9 October



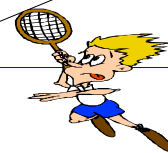
Get on target!

Friday Internal



Night Comp

on the rise



“ON THE RISE”

Carsten Ball

Carsten is the son of former touring player Syd Ball. Syd was a regular top 100 player back in Australia's Hey Day when you were considered an “also ran” if you were ranked in the top 100. Now days anybody ranked in the top 100



would be the number two in Australia ranked only behind Lleyton Hewitt! Carsten recently played doubles for Australia in Davis Cup and made the Final of an ATP event in the USA which has allowed his ranking to be high enough for direct entry to the US Open's main draw. Carsten, like his dad, has a huge serve and likes to volley. Watch out for him as he is new to the tour and was a former number 9 in world juniors.

East Malvern Junior

Inter-Club Competition

From the next summer season East Malvern Tennis Club will have some thirteen teams represented in the Waverly & District competition on a Saturday and Sunday mornings Good Luck to all those teams involved especially the three B grade teams which are very strong!

Saint Johns Tennis Club

We hope our Saint Johns pupils have noticed and enjoyed the re-surfacing of the courts which happened at the end of term 2. They have also had the lines replaced.

Due to the re-surfacing the courts were very rarely rained out over term 3 and most classes have been completed.

The Friday Night competition had remarkably avoided any cancellations this term, until last week, having had a straight run through to the final night on September 11. All the grades have been played in good spirit, with The Booster 2 Grade having exceptional attendances and very close ladders to finish the term. We have many players on our wait list who are returning from winter sports next term, so if you are re-booking but have not done so yet, it is suggested you do so as soon as possible as we believe term four will be booked out.

Congratulations to Term 3 '09 Winners:

Modified Blast Off A & B

Natasha Kendall rallied her way to dominate the A Grade on 27 pts, with **Will Cameron** showing a lot of promise scoring 21 pts to claim runner-up. The B Grade competition evolved with players joining throughout the year, **Lachlan Murray** won the comp on 18 pts with **Oliver Andren** on 16 pts runner-up

Booster Stage One A, B, C & D

Moses Russ with 39 pts in C Grade claimed the honour of being the highest point scorer in any competition when winning that Competition 5 pts clear of **Jack Solomon**. **James Cameron, Michael Koller & Alexander Selemba** were all winners of their respective grades.

Booster Stage Two A, B, C & D

A playoff is required to determine the winner of D grade, with **Lachlan Kemp & Tommy Stevens** finishing with 30 pts each, other winners were **Eddie Mizrahi, Zach Morgan & Mariah Thurman** who kept the flag flying for the girls.

Star Competition A, B & C

In the Star A comp **Ryan Fahlbusch** 35 pts defended his title holding off a late challenge from last terms Star B winner **Luke Nikolovski** who fell just short on 33pts. **Will Heath** took out the B Grade and **Sarah Kemp** made an impressive debut being a clear winner of C Grade.

New Competition Formats & Names - Term One 2010

In term one 2010 competitions names for all grades will be changing to reflect and match the new names we will be using for all our coaching programs. The Blast Off Comp will be called the **Hot Shots Tour**, Booster Stage One will be called the **Futures Tour** and the **Challenger Tour**, Booster Stage Two will be called the **Pro Tour** and the Star Comp will be called the **Grand Slam Tour**. For example pupils in the Hot Shots Coaching Program will be suitable for the Hot Shots Tour. These pupils will use the same modified equipment and rules in coaching and competition thus making both programs standardised.

SEPTEMBER 20% Racquet discount

One off Discount 20% September Voucher

We are offering all pupils a one off 20% discount on all adult size racquets purchased in the month of September only. Please cut this voucher out and hand to your qualified coach to receive the discount purchased through the office.

ON LINE - PRO SHOP www.futurestennis.com.au

Did you know that at Futures we have a full range of racquets for all ages and standards. We also sell all accessories – bags, grips, over-lays grips, socks, track-suits, shirts, shorts, skirts, runners etc.

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Players Page



FUTURES STARS



Congratulations to the below pupils who have performed creditably during the past term.

Tournaments

Jessica Gazarella

Jessica plays tournaments regularly. Earlier this year Jess won the Glen Iris Junior Tournament. She also recently won the Nestle Peters Junior Developmental Series. Jessica is part of our full time squad and trains most days of the week. Congratulations Jess!

Waverley District Junior Competition

Congratulations to Futures players' in East Malvern Teams who made **Grand Finals** last weekend. On Saturday 5 Sept **Alex Lynch, Josh Yenice & Cameron Lucas** were members of the Boys C4 Team who lost a tight final against Knox Gardens, however the Girls C1 Team including **Cate Vesely & Ioanna Stamatopoulos** came through with a narrow victory over Eildon Park. Sunday 6 Sept saw The B1 team with **Michael d'Iorio, Josh Gould, Thomas Cleeve & Josh Weberuss** come close in going down to Mayfield Park.

TCAV CHAMPIONSHIPS

The TCAV Championships are one of the biggest junior tournaments held in Victoria throughout the year and will be contested during the September school holidays. We wish good luck to the following players participating: **Leigh Phillips, Xavier Jordan, Jessica Garzarella, Joshua Yenice, Natasha Van Bommel, Cate Vesely, Gemma Seeley and Ioanna Stamatopoulos.** Both Ian and Wes will be taking time out to watch their progress and we will report their results in our next newsletter.

COACHING TIP

FOOTWORK:

Having a great swing would count for little if it wasn't for sound footwork which allows you to get into correct position to execute the shot. There are three phases of footwork for ground strokes.

PREPARATION:

As the ball leaves your opponents racquet, try to track where the ball is going and change your grip. If you need to go some distance to the ball, initially run, but as you get closer to the ball take smaller steps, turn your shoulders side on to the net and have your racquet back ready to swing. Keep your head down!



CONTACT:

When the ball bounces transfer your weight from back to front foot (closed stance) or hold your weight on your back foot (open stance), swing through the ball and hold your balance to the completion of your shot.



RECOVERY:

If you have been moved wide off the court run back towards the middle of the court while your shot is in the air, however change to side-stepping or shuffling before your shot bounces (this is facing directly towards the net and your opponent), then the process is repeated every shot commencing with the split step as your opponent makes contact with the ball again.



DAVID JONKERS

[TA CLUB COACH PROFESSIONAL]

COMING EVENTS

September Holiday Clinics

For all details of our September/October Holiday Programs dates/times etc refer over-page

HOTS SHOTS Tournament

Tennis Victoria Sanctioned

These tournaments are now a regular event in our holiday programme and are an ideal way for players to start their tournament experiences. The singles tournament is overseen by a Futures Coach and is mixed gender for kids aged 8, 10 & 12 & under. All welcome. Trophy's for winner and r/up of each event.

Venue: East Malvern Tennis Club

Time: 1-5pm

Cost: \$25

Entry form on the Back Page

Challenge Matches

Futures vs TopTenn

This is an annual invitation event and will take place at **Scotch College on Friday 2 October from 1-5pm.** Invitations will be sent out soon. Players selected will have shown their coaches enthusiasm in their lessons and competition sessions and a desire to improve their skills. If selected you will be representing Futures against Top Tenn Tennis Academy.

Futures vs VicTennis

Congratulations to all those pupils who were invited and represented Futures at our Annual July Challenge match against Vic Tennis Academy. We had a resounding home ground win 83 matches to 41 with solid victories in all divisions to make up for last years loss. A special mention to **James Bolt** who came in as a last minute replacement on the day and came up with some crucial victories.

