



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011

2011 has been a very exciting time in the tennis coaching world.

With our two dynamic young Australians Luke Saville and Ashley Barty winning both the Junior Wimbledon Boys and Girls Singles titles respectively, the coaching world is again buzzing and has been re-energized.

Hopefully this will have a positive flow on to your businesses and inspire our students to believe that 'Anything Is possible'.

Remind your students that perceived Good Luck is actually where 'Great preparation and hard work meets Opportunity'.

The start of 2011 saw the arrival of a new CEO for Tennis Victoria in Matthew Kennedy. Matthew has met all our TCAV Board members and has recognized the valuable contribution our coaching fraternity makes to the tennis industry. We are hopeful to continue the strong bond between both our organizations.

As such, Tennis Victoria has encouraged TCAV to run an AMT in Victoria in 2012. We have currently applied for a Platinum event and are waiting to hear if we have been successful in Tennis Australia's allocation process.

The 2010 TCAV Optus Gold Junior Tournament ran smoothly again with Elizabeth French as tournament manager. Although numbers were down, all participants and parents enjoyed the earlier finishing days and the feedback was very encouraging.

We also welcomed Slazenger on board as a major sponsor of this tournament in 2010. Their cash injection and a free racquet for singles winners of the boys and girls 12's, 14's and 16's was much appreciated. We are thrilled that Slazenger have again committed to the same sponsorship of our upcoming TCAV Optus Gold Junior Tournament for 2011.

At the end of 2010, Slazenger also allocated five 12 month sponsorships to students of TCAV coaches. Each winner received in excess of \$2,000 worth of clothing and equipment and it created much excitement amongst our coaches and students alike. We sincerely thanks Slazenger for their marvelous contribution and support during 2010 and 2011.

The TCAV Board is currently in negotiations with Slazenger to hopefully be able to re offer these wonderful scholarship opportunities for 2011. Keep your eyes on our website www.tcav.com.au for further updates.

The 2010 Awards night was held this time at the prestigious Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on the 28th November last year. Over 75 guests enjoyed the amazing achievements and humour of our Award winners. Our worthy winners for 2010 were : Matt Gregory as Rising Star (for coaches 30& under) from Royal Park Tennis Club, Wes Horskins as The George Gilmour TCAV/TV Club Coach Of The Year after 24

years as Head Coach of East Malvern Tennis Club. (Wes went on to be a finalist for the Tennis Australia National Awards Night held on 3rd December 2010)
Rupert Ferdinands and Peter Murphy were the new inductees into the TCAV Hall Of Fame.

This year the TCAV Awards night will again be held at Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. Our function will run from 5 til 8pm on Sunday 20th November 2011 and we encourage all our members to come along and join in the celebrations.
Who will win our new 'Rookie Of The Year Award' for Outstanding Assistant Coach?

On 22nd May this year, TCAV and TA held a joint Graduation Presentation Night also at Kooyong LTC to recognize the successful new coaches completing their qualifications. It is envisaged that the new graduates for 2011 will be recognized at the upcoming TCAV Awards night.

A highlight of the Graduation Night was the Annual Drawing of the TCAV winner of the fabulous trip to the 2011 USTA Coaches Conference and the US Open including accommodation at the Grand Hyatt valued in total at \$3,000. Our first ever legend 'Ian Occleshaw' was our first drawn winner, but unfortunately due to ill health had to decline the offer. However, Mike Collins who was next drawn was delighted to embark upon this wonderful adventure and left for the US last Thursday. We look forward to hearing an update from Mike in the near future.

Two lucky TCAV members, Pat Wright and Lee Patrick were also drawn out as winners of 12 months Hot Shots memberships for 2011/12. These are just some of the amazing benefits of being a TCAV member. Hence our slogan 'COACHES SUPPORTING COACHES'.

The TCAV continues to have representation on the TV council and the Local advisory Group (LAG). Both these forums allow the coaches concerns to be voiced.

The TCAV would also like to acknowledge the passing of Denis Lemke in April this year. Denis was one of the original Hall Of Fame Inductees and was a true leader in our tennis profession.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank your hardworking Board members (Peter Owen, Robert Peterson, Tim Connelly, Richard Bruce-Smith, Dylan Edgely, Cynthia Doerner, Greg Gunn and Peter Jedrys) for their voluntary efforts on your behalf. Greg Gunn took up the vacancy in October 2010 and Peter Jedrys replaced Cynthia Doerner in May this year.

These are volatile but exciting times in the coaching industry, so I encourage you all to be proactive in updating your skills and those of your valuable assistants.

Yours in tennis,

Julie Fidler
President, TCAV