



The Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation News

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Australia to play Slovakia in World Group Play-offs

The draw for the 2016 Davis Cup World Group play-offs has been made for the 16-18 September tie. The winners will qualify for the 2017 World Group whilst the losing nations will compete in their respective Zone Group 1 events.

Australia has drawn a home match against Slovakia with the venue to be announced by Tennis Australia shortly. The draw is a significant boost to Australia's hopes of remaining in the World Group as Slovakia has only one player, Martin Klizan in the top 100. Klizan is likely to be supported by Lukas Lacko, Andrez Martin and Jozef Kovalik.

Australia, under captain Lleyton Hewitt, hopefully will field a full-strength team led by Nick Kyrgios, Bernard Tomic, Thanasi Kokkinakis, John Millman and John Peers. These matches will be played concurrently with the World Group semi-finals. If Australia wins the tie the next match will be a World Group Rd 1 match in February/March 2017.

Details of ticketing, travel and accommodation arranged in conjunction with Bentleigh Travel will be advised to members as soon as they become available.

Great Britain on track to defend their title.

Great Britain, without Andy Murray who was there as a spectator, scored a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Serbia to clinch a spot in the Davis Cup semi-finals. They have earned a home semi-final against Argentina, to be played on Sept 16-18. The other semi-final will be played between France and Croatia.



Andy Murray and the British team celebrate their victory over Serbia.

Ian Jane appointed Director

The Board is pleased to announce that Ian Jane has been appointed to the Foundation Board to replace Graeme Cumbrae-Stewart who retired at the July meeting.

Ian has been a staunch supporter of the Foundation for many years and we welcome his valuable input into many of the areas associated with the Foundation's operation.

Graeme Cumbrae-Stewart retires

Having been appointed to the Foundation Board in June 1999 Graeme served with distinction as Honorary Secretary for 15 years, often concurrent with other significant roles as a tennis administrator. A full report on Graeme's achievements is on our website.

AO 2017 Tickets

We are awaiting advice from Tennis Australia regarding Australian Open ticketing. This usually comes in late August and members will be advised of our priority ticketing arrangements asap.

In line with our new agreement with TA, this year we anticipate tickets being available for all sessions plus members are entitled to apply for two ground passes for the event.

AO Luncheon returns to MCC for 2017

Join us to celebrate the Davis Cup victories of 1964 and 1965.

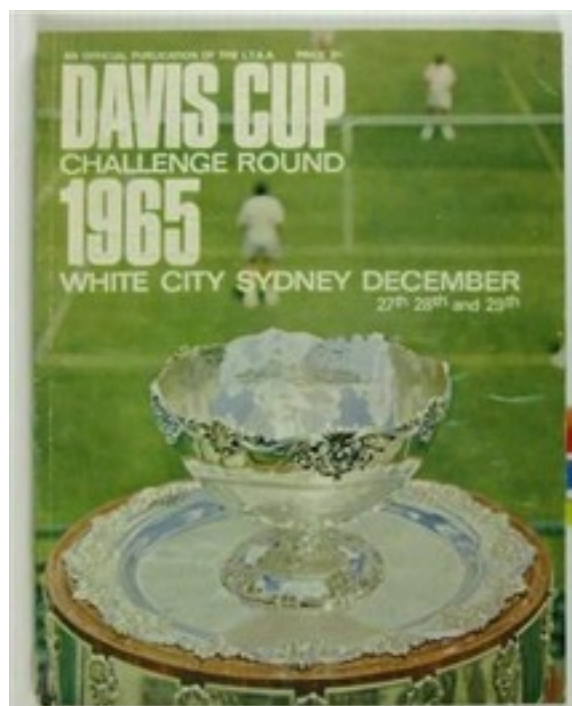
The Australian Open tournament management has indicated a need to keep Margaret Court Arena free for matches and warm-up in case of inclement weather so as a consequent this venue is not available for our AO luncheon in January as first indicated by our President Neale Fraser. As a consequence we will return to the Member's Dining Room at the MCC for our luncheon on Friday 27 January 2017.

There has been a preliminary meeting of the Organising Committee and it has been decided to recognise the achievements of Roy Emerson, Fred Stolle, Tony Roche and John Newcombe in the 1964 and 1965 Davis Cup victories in Cleveland Ohio, USA and White City Sydney, Australia.

Bookings will open with the Australian Open ticketing during August so mark this date in your diary. The members all inclusive price remains at \$140 per member and this represents value for an action packed afternoon in the company of former players and tennis dignitaries.

As usual, we are always pleased to hear from any member able to donate suitable goods and services to add to our silent and live actions.

For any enquiries please contact Judy in the office on info@adctf.org.au or (03) 9499-6228.



ATP Rankings at 23.7.16

Nick Kyrgios	18
Bernard Tomic	19
John Millman	65
Jordan Thompson	90
Sam Groth	154
Matthew Barton	188
James Duckworth	205
John-Patrick Smith	224
Luke Saville	230
Matthew Ebden	233

Cedric Mason awarded Spirit of Tennis Award

It was a special and very popular moment of the 2016 Tennis Victoria Championships dinner held in the Member's Dining Room at the MCC on Monday 27 June 2016 when Foundation Vice-President Cedric Mason was honoured with the Victorian Spirit of Tennis award.

It is a fitting tribute to Cedric's lifetime involvement in the game and recognises his significant and valuable contribution to the advancement and popularity of tennis at many levels and over a lifetime. He is especially passionate in the more recent involvement in the participation of the "young kids" in grass roots tennis, through the support of the parents, as a significant part of the vibrant Victorian tennis community.

During the presentation Cedric was interviewed by the MC Ian Cover and recounted his arrival from Hobart as a 20 year old tennis prodigy joining Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall under the tutelage of the legendary Harry Hopman. A highlight of his tennis playing career was an appearance on the grass at Wimbledon in 1955 in the singles, doubles and mixed draws and a significant victory in northern Italy over renowned Italian player Fausto Gardini.

He joins a list of tennis greats who have received this honour including Frank Sedgman, Neale Fraser, Margaret Court, Judy Dalton, Paul McNamee and Pat Cash.

We value the important role Cedric continues to play today in tennis, both as a staff member at the Kooyong Tennis Club and as a Board member of the Foundation and we congratulate him on the well-deserved recognition of his contributions and achievements in the sport over 60 plus years.



Cedric (3rd from right) with past winners of the Spirit of Tennis Award.

Alex De Minaur runner-up at Wimbledon Boys Championships



Congratulations to Australian teenager Alex De Minaur (right) who was runner-up at the Wimbledon Boys Championship after losing a tight match 4-6 6-1 6-3 to Canadian fifth seed Denis Shapovalov.

The 17-year-old acknowledged it had been an impressive week at the All England Club, where he had recorded his best result at a junior Grand Slam after reaching the semifinals at both the 2015 US Open and Australian Open 2016.

“It’s been a great week. You’ve got to take the positives out of the week,” he said after falling on Sunday. It’s just another opportunity to get out on court and get better.”

Members of the Foundation who went to the Glasgow Tie will remember Alex and the other Junior Davis Cup Team members who were sitting in front of our group and who were being inculcated into the Davis Cup experience. Tennis Australia is doing a good job supporting our future Davis Cup prospects.

ADCTF Junior Membership - New initiative

The ADCTF Board, at its meeting on 26 July, decided to introduce a Junior Membership category with the view to expanding the member base and encouraging interest in the Davis Cup.

The Junior Membership fee will be \$40 p.a. and will provide similar benefits available to full members including ground passes to the Australian Open and a free cap. Members should consider offering Junior Membership to young members of their family as a present.