



Stephen Tomkins & Jack Bassett (Left Photo), Jake Bucek, Archie Frost, Jack Bassett & Jeremy O'Brien (Middle Photo), and Ella Fitcher & Minami Tan (Right Photo)

## APRIL 03K J125 BENDIGO APRIL EVENT

The 2023 O3K J125 Bendigo April Open & Junior event showcased around 150 players from all over the state with those playing in the Open section competing for prize money, while those in the Junior section were vying for critical ranking points with Tennis Australia's newly implemented Australia Junior Tour ranking system.

Stephen Tomkins defeated Jack Bassett 6-4 6-4 to claim the Men's Open Singles title. Jack Bassett and Jeremy O'Brien claimed the Men's Open Doubles title after a 6-1, 7-5 win over Archie Frost and Jake Bucek.

In the Women's final, Ella Fitcher defeated Minami Tan 6-4 7-6 to claim the Singles title. Ella also was victorious in the Women's Doubles title with her sister, Maggie Fitcher, with the sisters claiming a 6-2, 2-6, 10-3 victory over Tan and her partner Sophie Brooks-Gay.

Castlemaine's Cielo Demaria O'Sullivan was victorious in the Under 16 Boys Singles event, with Castlemaine's Joaquin Demaria O'Sullivan and his doubles partner Easton Dowker finishing runners-up in the Under 14 Boys Doubles. Castlemaine's Lewis Murray finished Runner-up in the Men's Open Matchplay event.

Bendigo Tennis Club's Ethan Schoder was Runners-up in the Under 10 Boys Singles event. South Bendigo's Amra Fleming and Henry Greaves both finishing Runners-up in their respective Under 12 Matchplay Singles events.

Thanks to John Vanston our Sports Trainer for the tournament, and also our referees/court supervisors.



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### BRTC OPENING HOURS

- Monday**  
8.00am - 1.00pm
- Tuesday**  
8.00am - 3.00pm
- Wednesday**  
8.00am - 8.00pm
- Thursday**  
8.00am - 9.00pm
- Friday**  
8.00am - 7.00pm
- Saturday**  
8.00am - 6.00pm
- Sunday**  
Event Dependent

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# TENNIS VICTORIA STATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tennis Victoria held the 2023 State League Championships in April at Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club and Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club. The BTA Pennant A Grade Premiers, Strathdale Park, claimed Runners-up in Section 2, the second highest division at the championships.

Matches consisted of 4 sets of doubles, no singles, and were played on red porous (en tout cas) or clay courts unlike the hard courts Bendigo players are familiar with. With teams separated into different sections based on the overall average rating of team members. In Strathdale Park's first match they defeated Oakleigh, from the Waverly District Tennis Association, 3 sets 28 games to 1 set 20 games with key players Jordan Hicks and Brett Marchant impressing early. Then they went on to beat Wellington TC from the Waverly District Tennis Association, 2 sets 28 games to 2 sets 18 games. In the third and final round robin matchup against Beaumaris LTC White, hailing from the Bayside Regional Tennis Association, Strathdale Park showed their dominance with a convincing 4 sets 32 games to 0 sets 14 games victory to finish top of their side of the group.

In the final, Strathdale Park were up against Bruce Park from the Peninsula Tennis Association. Bruce Park proved too good for Strathdale Park claiming the Section 2 title with a 4 sets 32 games to 0 sets 13 games victory in the final.

The Strathdale Park team consisted of Jayd Davis (Captain), Jordan Hicks, Brett Marchant, Brad Slingo, Jamie Windust & Chloe Davis.

The BTA Pennant B Grade premiers, BTC Heat, played in Section 5 of the championships finishing third in their pool after suffering losses to Shepparton North (Shepparton & District Tennis Association) and Cambridge (Western Region Tennis Association), but walked away with a victory over Kyneton (Macedon Ranges Tennis Association).

The BTC Heat consisted of Sommerville Monotti (Captain), Oscar Morris, Sean Penno & Aaron Stewart.

Other teams from Bendigo were also playing, Benny G's Backhanded Battalion just missed out on a spot in the Section 6 final, they were one of BRTC's Thursday Open champions in 2022. The Stingers, who were one of the 2022 champions of the BRTC's Wednesday Mixed competition, didn't have any luck in Section 7 failing to secure a victory. In Section 8 we had one of our Thursday Ladies champions, team Federer, who unfortunately finished bottom of their pool.

The Tennis Victoria State League Championships is an opportunity for teams that win their open-age association premiership to advance to the State Championships, and after a successful 2023 event it will become a distinguished permanent addition to the tennis calendar.







# 2023 AUSTRALIAN CLAYCOURT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2023 Australian Claycourt Championships was held in Canberra from April 18 to 24 and two young Bendigo locals, Willow Kelly & Rielle Armstrong competed in the 12 & Under Girls event.

Willow Kelly was one of 23 direct acceptances nationally for the event thanks to her high national age group ranking.

Rielle Armstrong qualified for the championships by winning the Victorian Qualifying event in March at Dingley Tennis Club, beating off 15 other players competing for 1 qualifying spot..

Only 32 players were either invited, qualified or received a wildcard for the Australian Claycourt Championships in each age group. So for two girls from the Bendigo area to be playing in Canberra is huge achievement for those girls as well as tennis in Bendigo.

Willow and Rielle both unfortunately lost their first round singles matches in the 32 player draw. Willow lost to the 4th seed Angel Warang 6-2, 6-2. Rielle took her match to 3 sets but unfortunately lost 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 to Ava Garner.

The girls teamed up in doubles, which saw them lose in the first round to Aurelie Kostova & Eleni Makantasis 6-2, 6-3.

Although results didn't go in favour of the local girls, they can walk away with their heads held high. To even be invited/qualify to play at a National Championships at their age is huge achievement and shows the high potential both these girls possess, and we are very proud of both Willow & Rielle.

Well done girls!





# AUSTRALIAN OPEN BALLKID TRIALS

In May we hosted two Australian Open Ballkids Level 1 Trials. From the group of trialists, 11 have been invited to Level 2 Trials in July. Please check your emails if you did trial, as you may be one of those 11 lucky trialists and the details for the next stage will be included.

We wish those 11 all the best for the Level 2 Trials, and thank all who did the Level 1 Trials here at the BRTC.

We hope to see you at the Australia Open in 2024!



## AO Ballkids Trials

11 kids who trialed here at the BRTC are through to the Level 2 Trial in July!

We wish them all the best!





# GIANT TENNIS / BTA UTR TOURNAMENT

In conjunction Giant Tennis and the Bendigo Tennis Association ran a UTR tournament to provide match play opportunity for players in the region in the quieter months of the year when it comes to tennis.

Congratulations to the winners of each section:

- A - Riley Roberts
- B - Casey Frankl
- C - Henry Greaves
- D - Ella Forde



# WINNERS







# BENDIGO JULY TOURNAMENT

## 03K J125



Prize Money for Open Events  
Points for Juniors Events



Open: Men's & Womens  
Juniors: U10, U12, U14 & U16



Singles & Doubles Events  
2 Sets w/Match Tiebreak



Tuesday - Friday  
July 4th to 7th



Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre



Entries Close June 24 (Midnight)



# Monday Vets Tennis

\$8 for Tennis  
\$10 for Tennis + Coffee  
From 8:30am



**Just Turn Up!**

**Term 3 Tennis**



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# Tuesday Social Tennis

\$8 Each  
From 5:30pm

K. HILL	1981	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2018	P. HENDRICKS	T. BULLOCK
K. HILL	1982	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2019	P. HENDRICKS	M. BULLOCK
K. HILL	1983	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2020	P. HENDRICKS	A. THOMPSON
K. HILL	1984	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2021	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES
K. HILL	1985	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2022	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES
K. HILL	1986	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2023	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES
K. HILL	1987	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2024	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES
K. HILL	1988	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2025	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES
K. HILL	1989	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2026	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES
K. HILL	1990	M. HARRISON	J. CLANCY	2027	P. HENDRICKS	J. BONES



**Register Online**

**Term 3 Tennis**

# Wednesday Mixed

\$12 Each  
Teams of 4 - Play 3 Doubles Sets  
6:30pm Start



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**Term 3 Tennis**

# Thursday Open

\$12 Each  
Teams of 4 - Play 3 Doubles Sets  
6:00pm Start



**Register Online**

# Friday Juniors

\$10 Each  
Teams of 2 - 1 Singles + 1 Doubles  
4:30pm Start





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# GAME. SET. PLAY.

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YOU HAVE A SPOT IN A TEAM!**

