

BTA NEWSLETTER



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Strathdale Park Stingers and Spring Gully shake hands after a doubles match (left), SPTC'S Jordan Hicks and Jayd Davis celebrate winning a point (centre), Gully's Rebecca Tweed serving (right).

BTA PENNANT 22/23- ALL WRAPPED UP

The Bendigo Tennis Association's annual Pennant competition came to a close on March 24 & 25 as all Junior and Senior Grand Finals took place at the Bendigo Regional Tennis Centre, with amazing tennis on display from those involved that gave the spectators a spectacle to watch in some enthralling and close contests.

Thank you to Fosterville Gold for sponsoring the 2022/23 BTA Pennant season, without their continued contribution and support to tennis in Bendigo, we wouldn't be able to do what we do here at the BTA and BRTC. We would like to thank Natasha from Fosterville Gold, for attending our B & C Grade Junior presentations to hand out awards, it was great to have you and Fosterville Gold involved.

Thank you to all our affiliated clubs and their coaches who organised their teams, it has been nothing short of a wonderful season, and we had every affiliated club (who entered teams) represented in a grand final, a tremendous effort. We would also like to thank our volunteers on the Junior Match Committee and Senior Match Committee for their work behind the scenes.

Congratulations to all of our Pennant Premiers for 2022/23, a lot of hard work and commitment has been put into this season from teams and players, it's great to be rewarded for that.

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- Monday**
8.00am - 1.00pm
- Tuesday**
8.00am - 3.00pm
- Wednesday**
8.00am - 8.00pm
- Thursday**
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- Friday**
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- Saturday**
8.00am - 6.00pm
- Sunday**
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BTA FOSTERVILLE GOLD 22/23 PENNANT GRAND FINALS

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SENIOR PENNANT - RESULTS

A Grade

Strathdale Park (83 games 8 sets) defeated Spring Gully (55 games 3 set)

B Grade

BTC Deucebags (39 games 1 sets) defeated by BTC Heat (51 games 6 sets)

C Grade

Strathdale Park Stingers (47 games 4 sets) defeated Spring Gully (46 games 3 sets)

JUNIOR PENNANT - RESULTS

A Open

Castlemaine Predator (36 games 3 sets) defeated Castlemaine Alcaraz (31 games 3 set)

A Girls

BTC/Ironbark (30 games 4 sets) defeated Maiden Gully (25 games 2 sets)

A Boys

Ironbark (27 games 3 sets) defeated SG Backspin Bandits (27 games 3 sets)
via deciding tiebreak (8-6)

B Girls

SB Stick Tennis (48 games 8 sets) defeated SB Chess (21 games 0 sets)

B Boys

Strathfieldsaye Aces (39 games 4 sets) defeated SB Pull The Pin (37 games 4 sets)

C Grade

BTC 2 (31 games 3 sets) defeated SG Causing A Racket (29 games 3 sets)

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BTA FOSTERVILLE GOLD 22/23 PENNANT PREMIERS

A Grade Premiers: Strathdale Park



*Top: Bradley Slingo, Jordan Hicks, Chloe Davis, Brett Marchant, Stuart Johansen & Jayd Davis (C)
Bottom: Jamie Windust & Kyra Davis*

B Grade Premiers: BTC Heat



Oscar Morris, Sean Penno, Sommerville Monotti (C) & Aaron Stewart

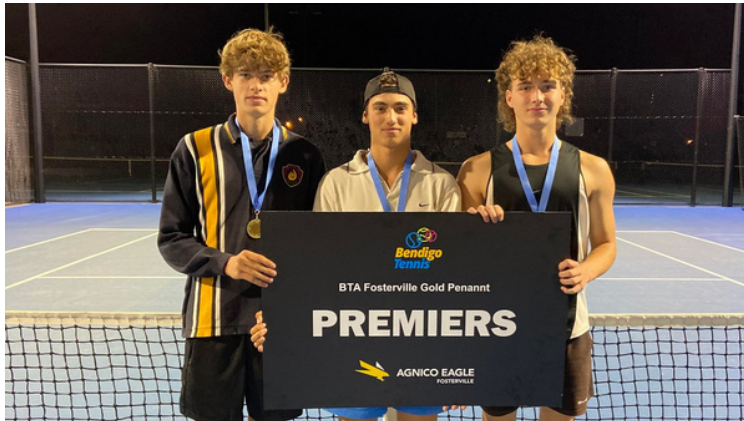
C Grade Premiers: Strathdale Park Stingers



*Leanne Tuckerman (C) & Riley Burn.
Absent: Rory O'Hea, Clare Berto, Luci Tanashevich, David Beer & Lewis McNamara*

BTA FOSTERVILLE GOLD 22/23 PENNANT PREMIERS

A Open Premiers: Castlemaine Predator



Silan van Tigglan, Cielo Demaria O'Sullivan & Ruben Christie

A Girls Premiers: BTC/Ironbark



Isabella Monotti, Shanali Wickramasinghe & Bella Bowles

A Boys Premiers: Ironbark



*Joseph Artavilla, Ben Bowles & Daniel Artavilla
Marcus O'Brien (Absent)*

B Girls Premiers: SB Stick Tennis



Mackenzie Davis, Emerson Slingo, Sarah Cooney & Mia Dart

B Boys Premiers: Strathfieldsaye Aces



*Jacob Frigerio, Josh Giffard, Sam Gibson,
Bentley Eddy & Oliver Crowle*

C Mixed Premiers: BTC 2



Ethan Schoder, Carter Hanna, Grace Beattie & Finn Beattie

BTA FOSTERVILLE GOLD 22/23 PENNANT AWARDS

The Bendigo Tennis Association gave out awards for each senior pennant grade for the 2022/23 season. Each grade had a Player of the Season, Young Player of the Season and also a Team of the Season.

The Team of the Season was selected on the primary position/number players mostly play each match, eg if you always play as a number 1 you weren't eligible to be selected as a number 2, 3 or 4, you can only be selected as number 1. We took into consideration ability, matches played, consistency, win percentage in singles and doubles, and a few other factors.

A Grade - Senior Pennant

Player of the Season - Jayd Davis (Strathdale Park)

Young Player of the Season - Lewis Murray (Castlemaine A)

Team of the Season:

1. Jordan Hicks (Strathdale Park)
2. Brett Marchant (Strathdale Park)
3. Jayd Davis (Strathdale Park)
4. Rebecca Tweed (Spring Gully)
5. Nathan Mitchell (Spring Gully)
6. Bronwyn Osborne (BTC Raiders)

B Grade - Senior Pennant

Player of the Season - Peter Somerville (BTC Deucebags)

Young Player of the Season - Jamie Windust (Strathdale Park)

Team of the Season:

1. Peter Somerville (BTC Deucebags)
2. Steve Christensen (BTC Deucebags)
3. Aaron Stewart (BTC Heat)
4. Grant Rule (BTC Deucebags)

C Grade - Senior Pennant

Player of the Season - Denzel Cooper (BTC New Team)

Young Player of the Season - Edward Phillips (Spring Gully)

Team of the Season:

1. Denzel Cooper (BTC New Team)
2. Tom Stone (Spring Gully)
3. Margaret McKinley (BTC Greatest Hits)
4. Leanne Tuckerman (Strathdale Park Stinger)



Jayd Davis - Strathdale Park



Lewis Murray - Castlemaine A



Peter Somerville - BTC Deucebags



Edward Phillips - Spring Gully

TENNIS VICTORIA COUNTRY WEEK

Tennis Victoria's Country Week held in Yarrawonga from Feb 13 to 17, was a fantastic week on and off the tennis court consisting of fun, laughs and good times catching up with old friends.

Congratulations to Tandara for winning the A Grade Womens, doing it undefeated and claiming their 16th title win at the prestigious annual tournament. The team consisting of Danielle Bowles, Bronwyn Osborne, Jessica Millar, Michelle Balic & Ruby Rothman. They beat Mutton and Lamb two sets and 25 games to one set, 16 games in the final to be declared champions.

Congratulations to Hannah O'Brien and her team, GTown Girls, who won the B1 Womens. Hannah, hailing from Numurkah, is a member of the Bendigo Academy of Sports tennis squad.

Also congratulations to BTC Beyond Reasonable Doubt who finished Runners-Up in the Mens Special B2, BTC Beyond Reasonable Doubt went down to Kiama two sets, 24 games to one set, 17 games in the final. The team comprised Damien Saunder, Sean Penno, Simon Baker, Paul Flynn, Adam Doyle and Leon Nixon.

Bendigo Besties came all so close to winning the women's special B2 event after finishing top of the ladder following the group matches. The team of Nicole Vagg, Narelle Smyth, Kim Summerill, Debbie Bish and Lynley Strachan was beaten one set, 22 games to two sets, 26 games in the final by BFM's.



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2023 AUSTRALIAN CLAYCOURT CHAMPIONSHIPS: WILLOW KELLY & RIELLE ARMSTRONG

In amazing news for tennis in the Bendigo region, two local stars will be part of a field of the best 32 girls from across the country in the 12 & under age group at the 2023 Australian Claycourt Championships!

Willow Kelly was one of 23 direct acceptances nationally for the event thanks to her high national age group ranking. Willow has already competed at the 2023 Australian Grasscourt Championships held in January at Wodonga, finishing in 14th place. During 2022, Willow won both the 2022 Bendigo Strategem Junior & Open Zone Series Event (July) and the Bendigo September Junior & Open Zone Series, in the 14 & under girls events. Willow also competed for Team Vic at the national Bruce Cup team championships.

Another local, Rielle Armstrong, has now joined Willow in the acceptance list for the claycourt championships by winning the Victorian Qualifying event on the weekend of 25-26 March at Dingley Tennis Club. In a high pressure elimination format, Rielle was one of 16 girls playing off for just one available qualifying position, having to win four matches in a row. Unseeded, and the only country girl in the event, Rielle's dramatic success included saving a match point in round 1 before prevailing against the number one seed, and then saving four more match points in the final before winning it 2-6 7-6 6-3.

The 2023 Australian Claycourt Championships will be held in Canberra from 18-24 April. It is an exciting opportunity for both local 12 year olds. Willow and Rielle competed as teammates for SG Miss Hits in the 2022-23 BTA A Grade Open Junior Pennant. When in Canberra, as well as each vying for the title of national singles champion, the two friends will be able to take their local partnership to the national stage by playing together for the title of Australian claycourt doubles champions!

Congratulations Willow and Rielle, and best of luck to you both!



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PAT CASH CUP - TEAM EVENT

On the weekend of 25-26 February, 16 juniors (including 10 BTA Pennant players), travelled to the grass courts of Horsham Lawn Tennis Club to represent the Loddon Campaspe Region at the 2023 Pat Cash Cup.

In each round, each player played one singles set and one mixed doubles set. In round 1, Loddon Campaspe started strongly with a win against Mornington Peninsula, 14 sets to 10. Highlights of this round included Georgia's wins in singles and doubles (with Silas), and Keira's singles win, which were all against higher rated opponents.

Round 2 saw our team face a powerful outfit from Melbourne's Eastern Region (the eventual runners-up). We competed very strongly but went down 22-2. Rielle and Eli came up with our two wins. Rielle was undefeated in singles across the event, and the Eli/Rielle doubles pairing were also undefeated across their four matches. Cielo and Bronte fought hard to take their Eastern Region doubles opponents to a tiebreak.

Round 3, delayed until Sunday morning, completed the round robin stage against the locals, Wimmera region. Loddon overcame Wimmera 14-10, which secured second position in our group. Cielo's fighting tiebreak win was a highlight, as was the close 18/u clash between Silas and Wimmera's best junior player.

In the playoff round, Loddon was pitted against Goulburn region, a mixed team that included 10 players from Melbourne. Matilda and Bronte pulled off upset wins against top metro players, and there were some very tight losses in others. However, Loddon ended up going down 14-10.

The weekend was finished off with a round of friendly, same gender doubles matches against Mornington Peninsula. This was agreed to be played instead of an official 7th/8th place playoff, with the exhibition-style format bringing out a few new tactics, including a few underarm serves from both teams!

Loddon's finished equal 7th (of 13 teams), which was the highest of the five country-only teams. Congratulations to all players on outstanding play, sportsmanship and support over the whole weekend.

Thank you to Steve Armstrong, the Loddon Campaspe team manager, for the report.

Players representing Loddon Campaspe were:

Lewis Murray (Castlemaine)

Joaquin Demaria O'Sullivan (Castlemaine)

Ciana Armstrong (Spring Gully)

Willow Kelly (Spring Gully)

Rielle Armstrong (Spring Gully)

Keira Simpson

Kade Starling

Eli Kingma

Ben Greenall (South Bendigo)

Georgia McKellar (South Bendigo)

Mikayla Hill (South Bendigo)

Jacob Juriansz (Castlemaine)

Cielo Demaria O'Sullivan (Castlemaine)

Silas Kingma

Matilda Cameron

Bronte McGregor



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Summer Season Wrap Up

Congratulations to all of our players and their support crews on their efforts throughout the 2022-23 season! Special congratulations to the 3 teams shown here who reached the Grand Final, and Stick Tennis on their B-Grade Girls Premiership win!

Thank you to those families who joined our End-of-Season Break Up! We had lots of fun with an Adult/Child Doubles Tournament, BBQ and Presentations.

Ayva Ryan and Carlo Gamboa were deserving winners of this year's Vin Fitz memorial award for the Junior Players of the Year. Well done team! #gosouthbendigo



While our pennant play comes to a halt over winter, Social tennis continues on a Thursday evening at the club and GIANT Tennis maintains their Coaching Program throughout the week during the school term, including Cardio Tennis @ 9.30am each Monday & Friday. New players always welcome!!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPTC

A big congratulations to our sparkies who competed in the Australia Day Charlton tournament and the Labour Day Donald Tournament. We are very proud of everyone who attended.

Strathdale Park TC would like to invite you to attend our cub championships that will be held on Saturday the 29th of April and Sunday the 30th of April. Get in touch if you would like to play.



Congratulations to our Strathdale Park pennant tennis teams. Nearly all of our teams made finals. We are celebrating the tennis season on Saturday the 25th of March at the Kennington Tavern, 6:30 until late. We can't wait to see you all there!

We are currently in the process of organising a club trivia night. Stay posted for more information on this.

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