

# It's Time

## IT'S TIME TO LODGE YOUR FIXTURE ENTRIES.

If you haven't lodged an entry form for the 2004(1) Season of Fixtures, you need to do so right now.

A nomination form to play for UQ in the Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association (BHTA) and Brisbane Night Tennis Association (BNTA) Fixtures is enclosed with this newsletter. This nomination form also covers the Club's popular Monday & Thursday Night Internal Fixtures.

The nomination form can also be downloaded as a PDF file from the Club's Website ([www.uqtc.org.au](http://www.uqtc.org.au)).

### NOMINATIONS MUST BE LODGED BY THE RELEVANT CLOSING DATE.

Players will not be included in UQ teams unless they have lodged a Club Fixture nomination form and paid all fees by the specified deadline. *Requests to play together must be mutual requests, otherwise such requests will be ignored.*

The Fixture closing dates are:

**3 March** BNTA Monday  
BNTA Wednesday Threes  
BNTA Thursday  
BNTA Saturday Threes

**9 March** BNTA Tuesday Special  
BNTA Wednesday Pairs  
BHTA Saturday Pairs  
UQTC Monday  
UQTC Thursday

*Please note: If you have been sent a team registration form by the BNTA or BHTA, ignore it unless you are submitting your own team based at another centre in Brisbane (i.e. you do not want to play for UQ). If you want to play for UQ, you lodge the UQ Tennis Club 2004 Membership & First Season Fixture Application Form enclosed with this newsletter.*



**CAMERON LIGGETT**  
UQ and Queensland's No. 1 ranked player in action at the 2003 University Open

## Qld Rankings

Tennis Queensland has released the Final Queensland Singles Rankings for 2003. The No. 1 players in each division were:

<i>Open</i>	Cameron Liggett	Victoria Pullar
<i>18/U</i>	Robert Smeets	Tiffany Welford
<i>16/U</i>	Myles Blake	Julianne Welford
<i>14/U</i>	Alex Bothe	Shayna McDowell

Queensland's highest ranked players on the International Circuits at the end of 2003 were:

Nicole Pratt	WTA No. 48	Aust No. 2
Scott Draper	ATP No. 103	Aust No. 3



## Comment

One minute its Christmas and, before you can blink, its almost the start of First Semester.

Not that the Club has been inactive over the vacation period. BNTA Summer Fixtures resumed on 5-7 January with 38 teams playing for UQ.

Social Tennis started again on 11 January after a short Christmas/New Year break. Despite the high temperature and humidity, 48 players turned up on the first day. To celebrate the Australian Open Final, Social Tennis on 1 February had an 'Australian' theme with damper and caramello koalas.

The Club took a significant step forward on 18 January. At a Special General Meeting held during the afternoon, members unanimously adopted the special resolutions to apply for incorporation and to approve the proposed new constitution. The application for the Club to incorporate was lodged with the Office of Fair Trading on 21 January.

Also on 18 January, we made our first attempt to use the new ITN On-Court Assessment procedure. It all seemed to go quite well with a number of our Committee members now proficient at carrying out ITN Assessments.

If you intend to play for UQ in 2004, you need to lodge your Fixture nominations now if you haven't already done so. The first deadline for entries is 3 March.

I look forward to seeing you playing Fixtures, Tournaments and Social Tennis with the Club during 2004.

Doug Bergman  
President

## 'Down the Line' Now On-Line

Players with internet access can now receive Tennis Queensland's free bi-monthly newsletter *Down the Line* by e-mail.

To sign up, go to the Tennis Queensland Website ([www.tennisqueensland.com.au](http://www.tennisqueensland.com.au)), click on the "Subscribe to our **Newsletter**" button and complete the simple on-line application form. *Down the Line* contains up-to-date information about Queensland Tennis, including the latest on tournaments, rankings, programmes, member benefits and Tennis tips.

### THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND TENNIS CLUB

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#### Administration:

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<i>Office Location</i>	The University of Queensland Tennis Pavilion, Blair Drive, UQ St Lucia Campus
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## Sugiyama Wins Gold Coast Title

The top seed, **Ai Sugiyama** (Japan, World No. 10), came from behind in the Final to win the opening event on the 2004 WTA Tour, the **Uncle Tobys Hardcourts** (Australian Women's Hardcourt Championships), at the Gold Coast (Royal Pines, 4-10 January).

In a hard fought Final against the No. 2 seed, Russia's Nadia Petrova (World No. 12), Sugiyama won only a handful of points in the first set but recovered to win 1/6 6/1 6/4.

Sugiyama won her Title the hard way as she also took three sets to defeat

Bulgaria's Magdalena Maleeva 4/6 7/6 6/3 in the Quarter-Final and Queensland's Samantha Stosur 7/5 3/6 6/3 in the Semi-Final.

Stosur (World No. 163), who won the Junior Girls' Singles in the 1998 University Open Championships, justified the Wildcard she was given into the Main Draw by reaching the Semi-Final after defeating Meghann Shaughnessy (USA, World No. 17) 7/6 6/3, Karolina Sprem (Croatia, World No. 59) 7/5 6/4 and Magui Serna (Spain, World No. 22) 7/6 7/5 (Quarter-Final).

Queensland's top ranked player, Nicole Pratt, lost 6/2 6/2 to Petrova in the Second Round.

The Doubles Final was won by the No. 1 seeds, Svetlana Kuznetsova (Russia) & Elena Likhovtseva (Russia). They defeated Liezel Huber (South Africa) & Magdalena Maleeva (Bulgaria) 6/3 6/4.



#### ITN ON-COURT ASSESSMENT

Adam Spence & Ross Markwell timing Jeff Law for the Mobility Test

# Q & A

## Qld Junior Carnival

**Question:** I tore my Achilles tendon playing Summer Fixtures. Am I covered by Tennis Queensland's Player Injury Insurance?

**Answer:** It depends when you paid your Club Membership Fee and when you were injured. Tennis Queensland Registration and Tennis Qld's Player Injury Insurance run from January to December. Club fees only cover Tennis Queensland Registration (& hence insurance) for the year of Membership. If you were a Club Member in 2003 and paid your 2004 Membership when nominating for Summer Fixtures, you would be covered irrespective of when the injury occurred. If you were a Member in 2003 but opted not to pay your 2004 Membership with your Summer nomination, your insurance cover ceased at 31 December 2003. If you are a new member who only paid a 2004 Membership, your insurance cover started on 1 January 2004. Because Summer Fixtures run from December 2003 to February 2004, the need to pay both the 2003 and 2004 Membership to have cover for the whole Summer season was explained on the Summer Fixtures nomination form.



360 children from all over Queensland and Northern NSW descended on Brisbane from 17 December to 21 December for the **2003 Queensland Junior Teams Carnival**.

Teams competed using a Round-Robin format in 11 & Under, 13 & Under, 15 & Under and 17 & Under age divisions. The matches were played at the University of Queensland Tennis Centre (17/U & 15/U), Coops Racquet Sports (13/U) and Nudgee College (11/U).

The winning teams in each age division were:

**17/U Metro North A** (Emily Arkell, Lucy Easton, Caitlin Lavin, Craig Dunne, John Tomkins & John Warner)

**15/U A NSW A** (Brad Clews, Luke Edwards, Keith Meagher, Emlyn Starr & Emily Wilson)

**15/U B NSW B** (John Bailey, Cassie Burness, Luke Devlin, Rosie Ellis, Andrew George & Jade Zoric)

**13/U A NSW A** (Daniel Emms, Karissa Knox, Nic Larkin, Rosie McWilliam, Shannyn Ricketts & Mick Sherry)

**13/U B Metro North B** (Steven De Waard, Sam Gibbs, Rick Harold, Lucinda Morley, Claire Morris & Jamie-Lee Paterson)

**11/U A Metro North A** (Hannah Bertwistle, Shawnee-Ann Brelsford, Grant Hitzman, Sean Keen, Jason Kubler & Ashling Sumner)

**11/U B Metro North B** (Ella McCarter, Andrew McLeod, Dylan Nash, David Stinson, Dane Vorster & Hayley Watts)

The Overall Region Winners were **Metropolitan North A**.

The Best Individual Averages were obtained by:

- 17/U John Millman (Metro South)
- 15/U Keith Meagher (NSW A)
- 13/U Sam Gibbs (Metro North A)
- 11/U Dean Ormsby (Sunshine Coast).

The Best Leadership & Sportsmanship Awards went to:

- 17/U Lauren Dawson (Central B)
- 15/U Trent Beggs (South B)
- 13/U Jeffrey Nissen (Central A)
- 11/U Sean Brazel (Sunshine Coast A), Sam Jensen (Central A) & N. Galvez (wildcard).

## National 14/U Win

Queensland's **John Millman** won the Boys' Singles Title in the Uncle Tobys 14 & Under Australian Hardcourt Championships which were played at the University of Queensland Tennis Centre (5-11 January).

Millman, the No. 5 seed, defeated Jason Lee (VIC, No. 2 seed) 6/1 6/3 in the Final. Millman reached the Final by defeating Andrew Rabinovich (VIC) 6/2 6/2, Christopher Schade (TAS) 6/0 6/0, Clifford Marsland (WA) 6/4 6/0, Stephen Donald (VIC, No. 1 seed) 6/3 6/1 (Q/F) and Brydan Klein (WA) 3/6 6/4 7/5 (S/F).

In the Final of the Girls' Singles, Emma Cioffi (VIC, No. 2 seed) defeated Bridget Healy (VIC, No. 9 seed) 6/3 1/6 6/4.

The winners of the Doubles events were Jason Lee (VIC) & Troy Smith (NSW) and Alison Bai (ACT) & Megan Price (NSW).

The Australian 14/U Teams Championships, played at UQ from 31 December to 4 January, were won by New Zealand (Girls, Mary Hawton Trophy) and Victoria (Boys, Sproule/Stephens Trophy).

The Qld Boys Team (Jared Easton, Matheson Klein & John Millman) finished Second And the Qld Girls Team (Rachelle Ferrara, Jessica Perry-Edgerton & Prue Teitzel) finished Sixth.

# SOCIAL TENNIS

## SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

at the UQ Tennis Club

**\$6 for Club members**

(\$8 for non-members)

Balls and afternoon tea provided

All standards welcome

Table Tennis and Snooker are also available

N.B. There will be no Social Tennis on 15 February (UQ Junior Tournament); 11 April (Easter); 11, 18 & 25 July (University Open Championships); and 19 September (Men's Satellite Tournament Qualifying Rounds)

**On 4 April, Social Tennis will change to 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

(Social Tennis uses the 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. timeslot from April to September and the 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. timeslot from October to March)



# Tennis Centre Briefs

**Adult Group Coaching:** One of the most economical ways of getting coaching is through the Adult Group Coaching classes. These classes consist of 1 hour of group coaching for 5 weeks. Groups contain a maximum of 8 players and are available at Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced levels. *The deadline for enrolments is Friday 5 March* with classes commencing in the week beginning 8 March.

**Pro Shop Corner:** The Pro Shop stocks a full range of racquets, footwear and clothing to suit any budget.

For more information, contact us by phone (3365 6933) or e-mail (tennis@uqsport.uq.edu.au).

SEE YOU SOON

Troy McGrath  
(Tennis Centre  
Coordinator)



UQ SPORT

## Wimbledon Tickets

Tennis Queensland will be conducting a ballot for registered players to purchase tickets to Wimbledon 2004.

Applications for the ballot close on 23 February. Application forms and more information are available from the Club Office (and Tennis Queensland, Ph 3871 8555).

## Fastennis Tournament

The Club's first tournament for the year will be the **Fastennis Singles Challenge** to be played on Sunday 4 April.

An entry form is enclosed with this newsletter. **Entries close on Wednesday 24 March.**

Entry in the Fastennis tournament is restricted to current financial members of the UQ Tennis Club and the Brisbane Hardcourt Tennis Association.

In Fastennis, a set is won by the player who is first to win 21 points. A consolation format (such as the Continuous Play Draw, Feed-In Championship or Compass Draw) will be used in this tournament to ensure that all players get plenty of Tennis.

A novel feature of this tournament is that all players (good, average, not-so-good; male and female) will go into a single draw. Under the consolation draws to be used, a medium level player may be outclassed in the first few rounds but will eventually meet players of a similar standard.

There will be lots of small prizes for the best performed player in designated levels (based on Fixture grades and ITNs).

In addition, all participants on the day will go into a draw for Dunlop/Slazenger products.

The tournament will be followed by a free Pizza Feast for competitors.

## Reid Cup Victory

The Queensland Team (Jessica Hoath & Maria Sorbello) has won the 16 & Under Australian Teams Championship for Girls (Wayne Reid Cup for Girls) for the first time in 15 years.

The Final against NSW was a marathon with Hoath defeating Jessica Engels 7/6 3/6 7/6 and Sorbello defeating Michelle Brycki 6/2 4/6 6/2 to give Queensland an unbeatable 2-0 lead.

The 16 & Under Teams Championships for Boys & Girls were played in Perth from 5 to 9 December.

The Boys competition was won by Victoria. The Queensland Team (Guy Belcher, Kyle Carpenter & Michael Look) finished Third.

In the 16 & Under Australian Hardcourt Championships were played in Gosford (31 December to 6 January), Although they didn't win any events, Queensland players did very well, reaching three Finals.

The Finals results were:

16BS: Steven Goh (NSW) d Michael Look (QLD) 6/4 7/5

16GS: Tyra Calderwood (NSW) d Bianca Smith (NSW) 4/6 7/5 6/0

16BD: Steven Goh (NSW) & Kenneth Prajoga (VIC) d Michael Lookj (QLD) & Alex Bothe (QLD) 6/2 3/6 10-5

16GD: Tyra Calderwood (NSW) & Jenny Swift (NSW) d Jessica Hoath (QLD) & Jenna Rayner (QLD) 7/5 6/3

## TQ Awards

Tennis Queensland's 2003 Awards Night was held on Friday 12 December at the Noosa Convention & Exhibition Centre (Australis Noosa Lakes Resort, Noosaville).

The Awards Night is held annually to honour Queensland's outstanding Tennis players, coaches, facilities, volunteers and parents.

Special guests were former Rugby League star Glenn Lazarus, Tennis legends Geoff Masters & Ashley Cooper and rising Tennis stars TJ Welford & JP Smith. The MC was Chris Bombolas.

Award recipients were:

*Geoffrey E. Griffith Order of Merit*  
Evelyn Plath

*Head Junior of the Year*  
Michael Look

*De Bortoli Veteran of the Year*  
Max Bates

*Total Sports Administrator of the Year*  
Peter Hurwood

*Colourscan Facility of the Year*  
Beenleigh Tennis Club

*Heineken Tournament of the Year*  
Bruce Lynton BMW Rosebowl

*TCA Coach of the Year*  
Mark Handley

*Cherish the Children Parents of the Year*  
"Roslie" & Anita Roslie

## Metropolitan Calendar .....

14-15,21-22 Feb  
**23 February**  
28-29 February,  
6-7 March  
**1 March**

13-14 March  
4,11 April  
10-15 April  
16-18 April  
24-26 April  
1-3 May  
1-3 May  
8-9,15-16 May  
15-16 May  
29-30 May  
12-14 June  
**14 June**  
26 June-2 July

3-6 July  
9-11 July  
**10-11,17-18,  
24-25 July**

**26 July**

7-8 August  
14-15 August  
28-29 August

UQ Junior Challenge  
**UQ Orientation begins**  
Queensland Close  
Championships  
**UQ First Semester begins**

Geebung J.M. (B Circuit)  
Frawley Junior  
Brisbane Age  
Logan Junior Masters  
Lifetime Junior  
Beenleigh Age  
Coops Junior Masters  
Ipswich Open  
Everton J.M. (B Circuit)  
Sunnybank Age  
Chandler Junior Masters  
**UQ Examinations begin**  
Rod Laver Queensland  
Junior Championships  
TCA Little Masters  
Ipswich Junior Masters  
**Queensland Open &  
University Open  
Championships**  
**UQ Second Semester begins**

Nudgee Open  
Ambiwerra J.M. (B Circuit)  
Beenleigh Open