

# COURTSIDE

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Our juniors are often doing terrific things – this is news of just 3 of the many talented young members in our club.

Our new **Club Champion** and winner of the Paul Woodley Memorial Trophy is Chris O'Connell – now the youngest to win this title. The winners' list has included several young champions including Scott Chappel, but Chris has set a new standard. Congratulations Chris.



- Last June long weekend, James Stormon, Daniel Stormon and Richard Howard travelled to Tuncurry for the Twin Towns Tennis Club Tournament. Club member Tegan Bell and other NSTA players also played in the tournament. Everyone had an enjoyable event with Daniel Stormon having the best boy's result as he won the 12 boys doubles.
- Poppy Mountjoy won the 12 girls' doubles on the June long weekend at the Twin Towers Tennis Club tournament in Tuncurry, Forster. Well done Poppy.



The October long weekend Junior tournaments suffered from the wet weather, so despite many junior members being ready to play, they were unable to do so.

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## Social Happenings.

- Ivan & Karen Koprivec were proud parents at the Masters Games Opening Ceremony as their daughter Nicole sang in the Choir and also carried the Iranian flag around the arena. Other school holiday activities like visiting Elizabeth farm at Parramatta and preparing for the November ballet concert paled in comparison.
- Dave Keogh was one club member who competed at the Masters Games. He was spotted enjoying "marching" around the Stadium in the Opening Ceremony.

- Jenny Cowan's husband Martin also competed in the volleyball for over 40s. Jenny gave us all a fright a few weeks back when she took sick at tennis with very bad headache, had to be driven home and then spent 4 days in Intensive Care. Jenny is so rarely sick it was quite a shock for her too, but she is completely well again now.
- Joye Walsh volunteered at the Masters Games, helping at the archery. Knowing nothing about that sport meant it was a totally new experience! Target, field and clout are all now fully understood!
- Renate Handel enjoyed socializing with past masters like Wally Masur and Ken Rosewell at a Masters Games tennis social function.
- Graeme & Kathie Woodley have ventured once more into South American countries – this time via Cuba and on to Peru, where they visited various places including Machu Picchu, and on to Bolivia. The altitude of the area made for some uncomfortable travelling but they still really enjoyed the experience.
- Kerry Rymer and Kit Meyers and a family group enjoyed a week taking in the tourist delights of Dorrigo.
- Joy Simpson is delighted to have a second grand-daughter Anastasia who was born 10th September at Moruya Hospital, weight 5 ½ pounds.
- Tom Bihari has been on another OS trip. This time he and his wife were able to celebrate her birthday together attending a performance of "Jersey Boys" on Broadway. They also enjoyed seeing Ray Romano in Los Vegas. Tom then travelled further for business including to China and Germany.
- Terry Warder's brother Laurie [who normally resides and coaches in Arizona, after winning 12 doubles titles in ATP events] has been given a stint during November to go to China to coach their Davis Cup and Fed Cup teams.
- A group of regular Wed night comp guys has decided to combine as a team in the Sat men's comp. Welcome to Mark Spring, Stephen Burlidge and Michael Cant who are playing with Ivan Koprivec.
- Greg and Katrina Narker are revamping their house. They are giving the inside a coat of paint before landscaping the garden. Young son Lachlan is showing great prowess with soccer ball freestyle juggling. His current best score for is 2984 bounces!



- Rob and Helen Laidlaw had a great few days visiting Alice Springs and Ayres Rock. They had a lot of fun despite not managing to have the magical sunset on the rock that is so famous!
- Jenny & Paul Clarke have had friends from England visiting so all went whale-watching 9 nautical miles off Sydney heads. They can thoroughly recommend the trip but suggest it is a good idea to take sea-sickness pills “just in case!”
- Several club members have proved they are excellent at keeping a secret! Mike Hartnell was totally surprised when he arrived at a friend’s place for “dinner” to find it was actually a party for him to celebrate a special birthday! Even his team members had not let on when playing that afternoon! Mike’s grandson Jimmy and a few friends sang a beautiful rendition of John Lennon’s “Imagine”. Mike also enjoyed meeting Layne Beachley at our Finals Day.



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### Facebook

Many members have become friends of Tennis Valley Facebook site – a great way to connect with your friends at Tennis Valley and to keep up with the news.

For existing Facebook users the Tennis Valley page can be found by typing “Tennis Valley” into the search box.

Access to information on the site is restricted to those [usually current and past members] who have been accepted as friends of Tennis Valley by the Administrator.

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### Tennis Valley Clothing

Have you seen the smart new shirts and caps being worn by club members? Thanks to Anna Cosio for organizing all the details. Orders are being taken for the next batch.

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### Christmas Party - AKA Col’s Prawn & Chicken Night December 5

Don’t forget to keep 5<sup>th</sup> December free so you can join us all in thanking Col for all his hard work and dedication during the year.

### Club Championships 2009

This year the events have been conducted in blocks and so all have been completed in the scheduled time.  
[The Junior event is still to be held]

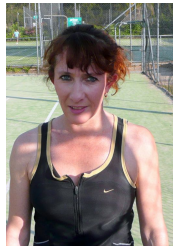
At our massive Finals Day the club took on the red/white/blue US Open theme to coincide with the finals in New York of that event. Our matches were much more sportsmanlike than certain of their matches!! Many of the players and onlookers wore red/white/blue clothing

The food was fantastic [especially the club sandwiches and the stars & stripes cupcakes], the cocktails were special and the décor was impressive! Well done everyone.

### Winners are:

#### Div 1

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| Men’s Singles   | Chris O’Connell               |
| Ladies’ Singles | Stephanie Asprey              |
| Men’s Doubles   | James Storman & Nick Johnston |
| Ladies’ Doubles | Jenny Alterre & Elise Taylor  |
| Mixed Doubles   | Jenny & Nick                  |



#### Div 2

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Men’s Singles   | Mark Walden                   |
| Men’s Doubles   | Kit Meyers & Nathan Goodchild |
| Ladies’ Singles | Rebecca Jones                 |
| Ladies’ Doubles | Renate Handel & Anne Stewart  |
| Mixed Doubles   | Joye & Don Walsh              |

#### Div 3

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| Men’s Singles   | Daniel Storman              |
| Men’s Doubles   | Paul and Jordan Staniforth  |
| Ladies’ Singles | Rebecca Jones               |
| Mixed Doubles   | Daniel Storman & Tegan Bell |

