

Salter Wins Ninth Title

Jay Salter has turned in another brilliant performance to take out his ninth Club Championship title and cement his place in the Club's history while Lisa D'Amelio used her experience to win her first women's title.

With record entries and the weather doing the right thing by the event, Kooyong's grass courts were in full flight for two weekends as the Club's tennis faithful battled for glory.

From the Open events right through to the under 14 events there were huge entries and it was another fantastic advertisement for the strength of tennis at the Club.

We saw several familiar faces winning events and some very new faces staking their claims for pennant spots as the event unfolded.

Salter's form was amazing as he again outlined his class on the grass courts here at Kooyong by winning the singles against Paul Arber 6/2 6/2 and he had earlier won the doubles title with David Bidmeade 6/4 6/4 against Arber and Stephen Gay.

It was a similar tale in the women's events as Lisa D'Amelio fought off several challenges from some of the up and coming players at the Club to win her first Open title when she defeated Sophie Vickers in the final 6/1 6/3 and then followed it up by winning the doubles with Laura Rabinovich 6/2 6/2 against Stephanie Hughes and Grace Primikyridis.

The Mixed Doubles title was won by Matthew Carroll and Sandy Vo who defeated David Bidmeade and Ashleigh Capannolo 6/3 6/4 to win their first title at the Club.

In the battle for the Pat Cash Cup in the boy's under 21 singles it was Mitch Burman who outlasted John Bertram in a high quality final.

Both players will be huge assets for the Club in Grade 1 for the upcoming season and they played their hearts out before Burman won 7/6 6/3.

And in the girl's under 21 singles Sophie Vickers won her second straight title by winning the Kerry Melville Cup 6/1 6/0 against Sabrina Hoare.

It was another fantastic event and hopefully we can crack the magical 500 mark for entries in 2011.



From left: Jay Salter, Paul Arber, Ian Hill and Lisa D'Amelio