

SQUASH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 2010

The Club Championships have been played again for another year. The tournament attracted a recent record entry level of 51 participants over 9 events. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The Men's Open final was won again by Mark Ikin who defeated Josh Cardwell in four hard fought sets. It was a privilege for anyone that saw this match, which was highlighted by many long rallies. It is a credit to both players that such a high standard was maintained over the duration of the match.

In the Women's Final, Sarah Fitz-Gerald was too strong for Melody Francis, defeating her in three sets. Sarah is a true champion and her steely demeanour is complemented by her wonderful sportsmanship and temperament always prevalent when she is playing.

Melody is close to breaking into the top 50 in world squash and we wish her well this year. We are all hoping she will be selected for Commonwealth Games duties later in the year.

It is also worth mentioning that Melody and Sarah Cardwell played an unbelievable semi-final, resulting in a tight four set win to Melody. Bert Armstrong, Squash President later described this match as "the best women's squash match ever played at Kooyong".

Sarah just sits outside the Top 100 in women's squash and will likely break through this year. The Cardwell name has been iconic in squash for many years and Kooyong is fortunate to have Vicki and Ian Cardwell involved at the Club.

Congratulations to all our winners, runners up and participants. The next major tournament at Kooyong will be the Handicap Calcutta in June or July of this year. Standby for the dates.

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<u>EVENT</u>	<u>WINNER</u>	<u>RUNNER UP</u>
Open Men's	Mark Ikin	Josh Cardwell
Open Women's	Sarah Fitz-Gerald	Melody Francis
Junior Boys	Amiel Raniga	Robby Friend
Junior Girls	Sarah Cardwell	Selena Shaikh
A Grade	Robby Templeton	Melody Francis
B Grade	Ben Armstrong	Nikhil Raniga
C Grade	Chris Purbrick	Barry Barnes
D Grade	Richard Bowman	Amiel Raniga
E Grade	Hamish Tadgell	Ian Sloan